
Certificate in Community College Instruction

(This new self-support certificate was approved by the CSULB Academic Senate on September 23, 2026 and approved by the CSULB President on September 30, 2026.)

The Certificate in Community College Instruction program prepares participants to thrive as instructors in community colleges. Designed primarily for current and future California Community College (CCC) faculty, the program's 4 courses reflect an asset-based approach to community colleges and their students, grounded in equity and social justice. The courses provide students with the practical and theoretical knowledge to design and deliver impactful learning experiences for the diverse students in the CCC, a clear grasp of community colleges and their mission, and an understanding of the structure and relevant policy environments related to CCC.

The CCC is the nation's largest and most diverse public higher education system, serving more than 2 million students each year. CCC students reflect a tapestry of racial and ethnic backgrounds, with many the first in their families to attend college. Talented, committed, and effective instructors are key to helping these students achieve their educational goals.

Students in this certificate program will take 4 required courses, delivered over a 9-to-12-month period, with a mix of synchronous and asynchronous online instruction. Courses are taught by faculty who are experts in their fields and have significant professional experience in the CCC. While we admit students from beyond California, the focus of much of the content is on the *California* community colleges.

Certificate Requirements
Candidates must meet the coursework requirement of 4 courses for the Certificate in Community College Instruction and resolve any conditions of admission before being recommended for the certificate.

Take all 4 of the following (12 units):

- EDLD 500: Introduction to the California Community Colleges (3 units)
- EDLD 501: Campus and Classroom Climate in Community Colleges (3 units)
- EDLD 502: Curriculum Design for Student Learning at the Community College (3 units)
- EDLD 503: Teaching and Learning in the Community College (3 units)

EDLD 500, 501, and 502 may be taken in any order; EDLD 503 requires completion of the 3 prerequisite courses as well as admission to the program.

Admissions Requirements
Prior to admission to the program, candidates for the Certificate in Community College Instruction must:

1. Submit an online application.
2. Hold a Bachelor's degree or higher.
3. Provide official transcripts from your highest degree earned or in progress.
4. Meet the minimum GPA required for graduate standing at CSULB.

Certificate Recommendation
To be recommended for the certificate, a student must:

- Complete all required coursework
- Resolve any remaining conditions of admission.

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College: College of Continuing and Professional Education / College of Education

Department: Educational Leadership

Delivery: Fully Online

Support: Self-Support