



Program Application Packet for:

***Masters of Arts Degree in
Child Development***

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Priority and Final Review Due Dates posted at:
<https://www.csustan.edu/MA-Child-Development/how-apply>

To apply after this date, contact Program Directors

Child Development Graduate Application Procedures

- Step 1:** Apply online to the [Graduate School at CSU Stanislaus](#). The Graduate School web page at CSU Stanislaus will take you directly to Cal State Apply to apply for **Spring 2021** at: <https://www2.calstate.edu/apply>. Be sure to select the option to apply for the **Master of Arts in Child Development at CSU Stanislaus**. You will be prompted to pay an application fee.
 - Contact all Universities and Colleges you have attended and request the schools send Official Transcripts to the Graduate School at CSU Stanislaus. If you are currently enrolled at CSU Stanislaus, you will not need to request an official transcript from our campus.
- Step 2:** Take GRE Writing Test. For information about the GRE: <http://www.ets.org/gre/> Have scores sent to both the Graduate School and the Department of Psychology and Child Development. A minimum score of 3.5 on the Writing section of the GRE is expected for admission.
- Step 3:** Complete the Child Development Graduate Application Packet and return to: Child Development Graduate Program Coordinators, Department of Psychology and Child Development, Bizzini Hall Room B231.
 - Complete Graduate Application form (required).
 - Attach a resume or curriculum vita (required).
 - Attach official course descriptions for any child development related courses that need to be evaluated (as necessary).
 - Attach a Statement of Professional Philosophy. Follow prompts on page 4 of this packet. Be sure that your name appears in the running head of the document (required).
 - Submit one professional writing sample of your own authorship. The sample should show your ability to use professional sources and to write for a professional audience; it should be well written and documented in either APA or MLA writing style. Samples might include: essays, position papers, research papers or proposals; grant proposals, newsletters and magazines, training manuals, handbooks (optional).
 - Complete the mandated reporter training online at: www.mandatedreporter.ca.com . Print and submit the certificate of completion (required).
 - Read the professional standards online and sign the agreements to abide by these professional standards of conduct on page 5 of this Program Application.
 - Contact three individuals who will write letters of recommendation for you. These should be current and specific to these application procedures. Reviewers should send or fax the Confidential Recommendation forms to the: **Department of Psychology and Child Development** at the address on the form.
- Step 4:** Submit to Financial Aid Office if desired. Complete FAFSA at <https://fafsa.ed.gov/> Institution Code: 001157.

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Graduate Application Form

California State University, Stanislaus

Applying for: Master's Degree: **Please attach Resume or Curriculum Vita**

Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home: () _____ Cell: () _____ Work: () _____

Preferred E-Mail: _____

List All Degrees: _____

General Preparation:	
Number of units of lower-division Child Development:	
Number of units of upper-division Child Development:	
GPA in last 60 units:	
GPA in all undergraduate Child Development units:	
Overall undergraduate GPA:	

List any Statistics, Research, or Developmental Research Methods Courses:

Course Title	Institution	Course Title	Institution

List all Child Development coursework completed at the upper-division level (junior or senior).

Minimum of 18 units required for a Master's Degree:

Course Title	Institution	Course Title	Institution

List related upper-division (junior or senior level) coursework to be evaluated.

Attach course descriptions:

Course Title	Institution	Course Title	Institution

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Please provide current contact information for all individuals whom you have asked to provide references for this application. Persons who serve as references may not be relatives and should be able to speak to your potential as a graduate student.

Name/Title	Agency/Address	Phone/E-Mail

I certify that the information provided in this application and all attachments is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and ability.

Signature

Date

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Statement of Professional Philosophy

Please respond to the following prompt using standard APA format, Times New Roman font #12, double-spaced with 1-inch margins. Be sure that the running head includes your name. Maximum word length for total of philosophy sections is 1,500 words.

The Statement of Professional Philosophy will include three responses. It will specify your academic preparation, interests and specializations, and career goals. It will also describe your fit for graduate study and the integration of this pursuit into your professional goals. Upon completion, this document will be reviewed by the Department of Psychology and Child Development for entrance into the MA program.

1. Please highlight your academic preparation for graduate study in the Master of Arts Degree in Child Development. Discuss previous academic coursework and research experiences and how they have prepared you for this opportunity and your life-long learning goals. You may consider the impact of academic pursuits such as coursework, professional employment, fieldwork and internships, laboratory activities, presentations, publications, teaching and research experiences.
2. Discuss your academic interests and areas of specialization. As you look forward, what would you like to learn about and why? Demonstrate what motivates further study and how new insights might further your professional objectives.
3. The Child Development Graduate program includes a hierarchy of—developmental theory, application of theory, and the integration of theory and research into a culminating independent research-inspired project, research thesis or comprehensive exam.
 - Review the MA core coursework of theory and application courses. Identify specific areas of study that you would like to pursue as part of your graduate program, why these might be of interest, and how they might further your professional goals?
 - Discuss and give a rationale for whether you are most interested in pursuing a capstone project, research thesis, or comprehensive exam at the culmination of graduate study. Then identify possible topics or research areas that you might be interested in exploring as part of a culminating capstone experience. Finally, explore how these capstone pursuits might impact your professional views, goals, and aspirations. How might these culminating experiences impact your professional worldview?

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Statements of Professional Conduct:

I have read and agree to abide by one or more of these professional standards of conduct published by my professional organization:

- American Psychological Association
<http://www.apa.org/ethics/code/index.aspx>
- National Association for the Education of Young Children, NAEYC
http://www.naeyc.org/positionstatements/ethical_conduct
- National Council for Family Relations, NCFR
https://www.ncfr.org/sites/default/files/cfle_code_of_ethics_2.pdf
- Society for Research in Child Development, SRCD
<http://www.srcd.org/about-us/ethical-standards-research>

Signature

Date
