



Sacramento State

Master of Arts in

Child and Adolescent Development Program

Program Description

The Master of Arts in Child and Adolescent Development Program offers an opportunity for advanced study of developmental theories and their application in research and practice. Our Program emphasizes scholarly reflection on developmental issues and excellence in disciplinary forms of communication. The Program prepares students to consider the diversity of human development and to critically reflect on how to use that knowledge to work towards antiracism, equity, and inclusion in the field. Graduates of the Program will be able to apply their advanced understanding of theory and empirical research to work as agents of positive social change in a variety of settings including education, advocacy, research, policy, and/or other settings.

Program Features

- Earned Master's degree in 2.5-3 years
- 30.0 units of coursework examining developmental theory and research
- Options for full-time (9.0 units) or part-time (6.0 units) enrollment
- Courses are generally offered weekday evenings
- Small class sizes with individualized support
- [Option of completing a Thesis or Project](#) (click for list of work submitted by recent graduates)

Career Prospects

- Teaching in School Programs
- Program Administration and Direction
- Parent Education
- Assessment and Intervention
- Program Evaluation
- Advocacy Work in Community Settings
- Teaching in Higher Education
- Research/Doctoral Studies

* *Note:* Our Program does not offer professional certification or licensure for specific careers.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in Child and Adolescent/Human Development or a closely-related field
- Minimum 3.0 GPA in the last 60.0 semester (90.0 quarter) units completed
- Completion of an upper-division course in research methods (e.g., CHAD 123, CHAD 128, and/or CHAD 133, or equivalent);
- Completion of an upper-division course in human development theories (e.g., CHAD 137 and/or CHAD 138, or equivalent)

Note: Applicants with preparation and experiences different from those listed above may be admitted under a conditional status.

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Click above for detailed instructions on how to complete the online application, submit the personal statement, and request two letters of recommendation (academic or professional).

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2025

For more information visit our [Program website](#) or contact Dr. Basia Ellis, CHAD MA Graduate Coordinator, at basia.ellis@csus.edu.