Master of Science Degree in Child Development at San Diego State University

The focus of the program is on the early years and prevention with an emphasis on parent-child intergenerational relationships to enhance school readiness and prepare teachers to work with families with a focus on socio-emotional and behavior support in educational settings and homes.

**M.S. Program Features**

- Emphasis on the central issue of “Child and Family Development Interventions”
- Interdisciplinary area of study which draws on the expertise of a multidisciplinary faculty who are committed to the study of children within the context of diverse families and communities
- Focus is on the study of social emotional development as the underlying foundation for all other areas of development
- Lifespan approach with an emphasis on primary prevention
- Prepares students with hands-on experiences through community-based learning

**Admission Requirements**

- Successful completion of BA/BS Degree in Child Development or related field
- Completion of prerequisites for the program of study. If students’ undergraduate preparation is deemed insufficient, students will be required to complete specified courses (Child and Family Development 375A, 375B, 375C, and two units from Child and Family Development 378A, 378B, 378C, 378D) in addition to the minimum 31 units required for the master’s degree in child development.
- A grade point average of 3.0 in the last 60 semester units attempted
- Completion of the GRE General Test (and TOEFL if international applicant)
- International coursework documents (if international applicant)
- Completion of entire application package

University application is available at [http://www.csumentor.edu/](http://www.csumentor.edu/) (SDSU institution code 4682)
Department application is available at: [http://decisiondesk.sdsu.edu/Child_Development_MS.html](http://decisiondesk.sdsu.edu/Child_Development_MS.html)

Applications will be accepted between **October 1, 2016 March 1, 2017** for admission in Fall 2017. If you are interested in applying and the deadline has passed, please contact ashapiro@mail.sdsu.edu. Additional program information is also available at [http://coe.sdsu.edu/cfd/prospective/masters.php](http://coe.sdsu.edu/cfd/prospective/masters.php)

**For more information please contact:**
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M.S. in Child Development – Application Details

Students will be admitted to the graduate program in child development only after careful consideration of their qualifications by the Child Development Faculty Governing Board. All students must satisfy the general requirements for admission to the university with classified graduate standing as described in the SDSU Graduate Bulletin. In addition, a student applying for admission to the graduate program in child development must meet the following requirements for either Plan A (thesis or project) or Plan B (comprehensive examination).

Candidates, including those who hold the EC-TEaMH certificate, who are applying for admission must meet the following requirements:

1. A bachelor’s degree in child development or related fields or consent of the Child Development Faculty Governing Board.
2. Completion of prerequisites for the program of study. If students’ undergraduate preparation is deemed insufficient, students will be required to complete specified courses (Child and Family Development 375A, 375B, 375C, and two units from Child and Family Development 378A, 378B, 378C, 378D) in addition to the minimum 31 units required for the master’s degree in child development.
3. A grade point average of 3.0 in the last 60 semester units attempted.
4. Completion of the GRE General Test/TOEFL.
5. Completion of program application form and all supplementary documents, as outlined below.

A complete application package consists of two parts: University application and Department application. Each application may have supplementary documents required, such as official transcripts and letters of recommendation. You may be asked to complete an admissions interview. Contact ashapiro@mail.sdsu.edu for a comprehensive list of application documents required. Submitting an application does not guarantee admission to the M.S. in Child Development program.

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Additional program information is also available in the SDSU Graduate Bulletin, available at [http://arweb.sdsu.edu/es/catalog/bulletin/](http://arweb.sdsu.edu/es/catalog/bulletin/)

All applicants must submit admissions materials separately to SDSU Graduate Admissions and to the Department of Child and Family Development.

### Graduation Admissions

The following materials should be submitted as a complete package directly to:

Graduate Admissions
Enrollment Services
5500 Campanile Drive
San Diego, CA 92182-7416

1) Official transcripts (in sealed envelopes) from all postsecondary institutions attended; Note:
   - Students who attended SDSU need only submit transcripts for work completed since last attendance.
   - Students with international coursework must submit both the official transcript and proof of degree. If documents are in a language other than English, they must be accompanied by a certified English translation.

2) GRE scores ([http://www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org), SDSU institution code 4682);

3) TOEFL score, if medium of instruction was in a language other than English ([http://www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org), SDSU institution code 4682).


### Department of Child and Family Development

Applicants should submit the following materials through the online Department application:


Applicant is required to submit an application to the Department of Child and Family Development. Applications to the Department are submitted electronically. Apply at: [http://decisiondesk.sdsu.edu/Child_Development_MS.html](http://decisiondesk.sdsu.edu/Child_Development_MS.html)

**Department application package must include:**

- Completed online application
- Three letters of recommendation, at least one of which must be from an academic reference. Letters must be uploaded to online application.
- Resume
- A written personal statement (prompt is in online application)

**Choosing a Plan**

After admission into the program, students will choose to complete one of the two following educational plans in addition to required coursework (coursework not listed here)

- Plan A: Thesis or project
- Plan B: Comprehensive final exam (for EC-SEBRIS graduates only)

**EC-TEaMH STUDENTS**

Graduates of the EC-TEaMH program will need to apply for admission to the Master degree program, following the same procedures as other applicants. In addition to the courses completed for the EC-SEBRIS Certificate, students will need to complete the following courses for the MS:

**Plan A: Thesis or project**

- CFD634 Seminar in Family Processes (3 units)
- CFD660 Seminar in Current Issues in Child Development (3 units)
- CFD790 Research Methods and Program Development (3 units)
- CFD799A Thesis (3 units)
- ED690 Methods of Inquiry (3 units)
- CFD697A (optional) Reflective Supervision (3 units each semester)

Total: 15 units required

**Plan B: Comprehensive final exam.**

- CFD634 Seminar in Family Processes (3 units)
- CFD660 Seminar in Current Issues in Child Development (3 units) CFD697B
- Reflective Supervision (3 units each semester)
- CFD799C Comprehensive examination (0 units)
- ED690 Methods of Inquiry (3 units)

Total: 15 units required

Students will complete 31–32 units total to obtain the M.S. degree. Students will discuss specific course requirements with the Graduate Advisor after program admission and enrollment.