

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF CHILD AND FAMILY STUDIES
5151 State University Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90032-8190

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE MASTER'S PROGRAM

NOTE:

RETURN THIS APPLICATION AND ALL ATTACHMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILD AND FAMILY STUDIES (E&T A535) IN PERSON OR BY MAIL.

SUBMIT A COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKET. AN INCOMPLETE APPLICATION PACKET WILL RESULT IN DENIAL OF ADMISSION DUE TO MISSING INFORMATION.

ADMISSION INTO THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT GRADUATE MASTER'S OF ARTS DEGREE PROGRAM IS CONTINGENT UPON REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF YOUR APPLICATION BY THE DEPARTMENT FACULTY ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE. APPLICANTS MUST ALSO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT A SEPARATE UNIVERSITY APPLICATION TO THE UNIVERSITY OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS. APPLICANTS MUST BE ADMITTED BY THE UNIVERSITY, THE COLLEGE, AND THE CHILD AND FAMILY STUDIES DEPARTMENT TO BEGIN THE MASTER'S IN CHILD AND FAMILY STUDIES.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY.

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

Last

First

Middle

Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

Phone Number: (_____) _____

Citizenship Status () U.S. Citizen () Permanent U.S. Resident () International Student

TOEFL SCORE (if international student): _____

II. EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

Please list all institutions attended, major area, dates attended, and degree(s) awarded. List the most recent institution first.

Institution	<u>Dates Attended</u>		Major	Degree Awarded
	From mm/yr	To mm/yr		

Overall Undergraduate Grade Point Average (GPA) _____ (Submit a transcript with this application)

GPA in last 90 quarter units of undergraduate work _____

HONORS AND ACTIVITIES

Extracurricular Activities (College or Community)

Special Recognition (Offices held, organizational membership, etc.)

Scholarships/Fellowships/Awards

Scholarship

Year Received

Amount Awarded

Work or volunteer experience related to your career objectives

OPTIONAL INFORMATION

Ethnic Identity:

- Non-Hispanic White
- Non-Hispanic Black
- Mexican-American
- Mexican
- Puerto Rican
- Cuban
- Japanese
- Chinese

- Filipino
- Vietnamese
- Korean
- Pacific Islander
- Asian-Indian
- American-Indian
- Other _____
(Please Specify)

III. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Please arrange for **two** letters of recommendation, at least one of which must be from a University or College professor, who can attest to your ability to perform at the graduate level. Your application will not be processed without the letters of recommendation.

State the name, title and affiliation of those who will be submitting letters on your behalf. Please print or type.

1. _____
Name Title Affiliation

2. _____
Name Title Affiliation

Please prepare stamped and addressed envelopes for your recommenders. Recommendation forms should be sent to:

ATTENTION: GRADUATE ADMISSIONS
Department of Child and Family Studies
Engineering & Technology A535
California State University, Los Angeles
5151 State University Drive
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**RECOMMENDATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE MASTER'S PROGRAM IN
CHILD DEVELOPMENT**

Ms./Mr. _____ is applying for admission to the Master's or Arts Program in Child Development. We are interested in your personal impressions of the applicant's intellectual ability, ability in research, and/or professional skills. Please comment on his/her characteristics, quality of previous work, and potential for productive scholarship. In addition, feel free to append a personal letter attesting to the applicant's qualifications.

Please comment on the following:

Ability to write and succeed at the graduate level _____

Please rank the candidate according to the students you have known over your career.

Student Skill or Ability	Not Observed	Below Average	Good Average	Very Good (top 10%)	Exceptional (top 5%)
Ability to write and succeed at the graduate level					

Ability to think logically and critically _____

Please rank the candidate according to the students you have known over your career.

Student Skill or Ability	Not Observed	Below Average	Good Average	Very Good (top 10%)	Exceptional (top 5%)
Ability to think logically and critically					

Commitment to and understanding of Child Development _____

Please rank the candidate according to the students you have known over your career.

Student Skill or Ability	Not Observed	Below Average	Good Average	Very Good (top 10%)	Exceptional (top 5%)
Commitment to and understanding of Child Development					

Ability to do Research at the Graduate Level _____

Please rank the candidate according to the students you have known over your career.

Student Skill or Ability	Not Observed	Below Average	Good Average	Very Good (top 10%)	Exceptional (top 5%)
Ability to do research at the graduate level.					

Ability to Work with Others _____

Please rank the candidate according to the students you have known over your career.

Student Skill or Ability	Not Observed	Below Average	Good Average	Very Good (top 10%)	Exceptional (top 5%)
Ability to work with others					

 How long have you known the applicant? _____

In what capacity have you known the applicant? _____

Please indicate your overall endorsement of the applicant:

Strongly Recommend Highly Recommend Recommend Recommend with Reservations Not Recommended

Please add any additional comments on this form (on the reverse side) or attach a separate letter.
 Thank you for your cooperation.

 Name of Recommender _____

Title/Position _____ Phone Number _____

Name of Institution/Agency _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Recommender—Please Mail To:

Graduate Admissions
 Department of Child and Family Studies
 California State University, Los Angeles
 5151 State University Drive
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IV. STATEMENT OF INTENT AND GOALS

Please prepare a typewritten essay (approximately 900 words) addressing: (1) elements of your educational and/ or personal experience that have contributed to your interest in pursuing graduate study and to your motivation and determination to succeed in it, (2) your career objective(s) and the abilities and skills you possess that will enhance your chances of success, (3) your area of research interest, and (4) plans for obtaining a subsequent advanced degree, if applicable.

V. WRITING SAMPLE

Instructions:

One of the important skills of an educated individual is the ability to write clearly and coherently. In order to assess this skill, each applicant to the graduate program in Child Development is asked to respond to one of the following questions. Your response should be no more than 900 words (about 3 typewritten, double-spaced pages) and should reflect your own honest work. Please attach your writing sample to the application.

Choose one of the following questions to answer. Please note that some questions may not be relevant to your personal or professional experience. Choose a question that is relevant to your experience and interests.

1. As a person working with young children, or planning to work with young children, what will you do to help children appreciate the differences and similarities about themselves and others?
2. Analyze the following quotation. What interpretation do you have and how does the question relate to the development of the individual?

“Come to the edge,” he said.
They said, “We are afraid.”
They came
He pushed them.
And they flew.

..... Apollinaire

3. What do you think is meant by the following statement? The true test of intelligence is not how much we know what to do, but how we behave when we don't know what to do. Do you have any first-hand experiences that might illustrate this axiom?
4. What are the most pressing issues facing families with children today?

FINAL CHECKLIST TO ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE COMPLETED ALL SECTIONS OF THE APPLICATION:

Please DO NOT send this page with your application. This check-list is included for your convenience.

<u>Section</u>	<u>Completed</u>
I. Personal Information	_____
II. Educational History (Please enclose a copy of relevant transcripts)	_____
III. Two letters of Recommendation (at least one from a University Professor)	_____
IV. Statement of Intent and Goals	_____
V. Writing Sample	_____

Send your ENTIRE application packet to:

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