

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES  
**DEPARTMENT OF CHILD AND FAMILY STUDIES**

Engineering & Technology A535  
California State University, Los Angeles  
5151 State University Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90032-8190

**APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE MASTER'S PROGRAM IN CHILD  
DEVELOPMENT**

**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 VIA [www.CalState.edu/apply](http://www.CalState.edu/apply). APPLICANTS MUST BE ADMITTED BY THE UNIVERSITY, THE COLLEGE, AND THE CHILD AND FAMILY STUDIES DEPARTMENT TO BEGIN THE MASTER'S IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY.

**I. PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

CIN (Required for Cal StateLA Students): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

Phone Number: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

TOEFL SCORE (for international applicants only): \_\_\_\_\_

**II. EDUCATIONAL HISTORY**

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

Institution	Dates Attended		Major	Degree Awarded
	From mm/yr	To mm/yr		

Overall Undergraduate Grade Point Average (GPA) \_\_\_\_\_ (Submit an unofficial transcript with this application.)

GPA in last 60 semester units of undergraduate work \_\_\_\_\_

**HONORS AND ACTIVITIES**

Extracurricular Activities (College or Community)

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Special Recognition (Offices held, membership in organizations, etc.)

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Scholarships/Fellowships/Awards

Scholarship

Year Received

Amount Awarded

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Work or volunteer experience related to your career objectives

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**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 from professionals in the child and families sector or a related field, who can attest to your ability to perform at the graduate level. At least one letter must be from a University or College professor. 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  
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## RECOMMENDATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE MASTER'S PROGRAM IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT

\_\_\_\_\_ is applying for admission to the Master's of 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

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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

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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

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Commitment to, and understanding of, Child Development					

**Ability to do research at the graduate level**

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

**Ability to work with others**

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Ability to work with others					

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How long have you known the applicant?

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In what capacity have you known the applicant?

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Please indicate your overall endorsement of the applicant by checking one box below:

Not Recommended     Recommend with Reservations     Recommend     Highly Recommend     Strongly Recommend

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

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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  
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#### IV. STATEMENT OF INTENT AND GOALS

Please prepare a typed 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 typed, 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 below quotation. What is your interpretation of the quote and how does it 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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