



## *Mission*

The primary mission of the Michael D. Eisner College of Education is to prepare teachers, counselors, administrators, and other professionals to serve the diverse education needs of the region.

To fulfill this mission, faculty: design, deliver, and continually improve highly effective programs for pre-professional levels; promote and are influenced by the reciprocal relationship between scholarship and practice; collaborate with colleagues across the campus and in other professional and community settings as partners in the mission; and provide leadership in teaching, learning, assessment, and professional development for diverse communities within and outside the University.

In all of these endeavors, creativity and excellence of practice is rewarded, the potential of all learners is recognized, and critical inquiry and reflection are valued.



## *Inspire for Change*

**MICHAEL D. EISNER**  
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Language and Literacy*



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## Master of Arts in Education

The Department of Elementary Education offers a 30-33 unit Masters degree program in two options: Curriculum & Instruction (C&I) and Language & Literacy (L&L). Programs are specially designed for real-world preparation using the researcher-scholar-practitioner model and are offered as a two-year cohort program.

## Master of Arts in L&L Option

The programs highlights theoretically grounded comprehensive and current approaches to literacy instruction and assessment. Candidates learn about 21<sup>st</sup> century literacy theories and practices, while also having the opportunity to work with struggling readers and their parents in the Literacy Center on the CSUN campus. An emphasis is placed on teaching students to become strategic, critical readers, writers, thinkers and speakers.

## Program Benefits

Are you passionate about literacy instruction? Do you want to learn exciting new approaches for integrating Common Core Standards into language arts instruction using cutting edge research and technology?

## Who Should Apply?

K-6 educators interested in the Elementary Education Master's coursework integrated with literacy content and practical pedagogy. Highlights of the program include:

- Live, face-to-face CSUN class sessions.
- Asynchronous (non-live) online discussions.
- Exclusive literacy clinical practice in our LA Times Literacy Center resources.
- Interaction with literacy experts from across the globe.
- Access to the National Writing Project on CSUN's Campus
- A supportive cohort of elementary generalists, technology educators, special education educators, new teachers and literacy coaches.



CSUN is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

The College of Education is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC).



# HOW TO GET STARTED

## Application Requirements

- 1 Admission to the university, **and**;
- 2 Admission to the MA program in Elementary Education (separate department application).
- 3 Cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher or a University-approved aptitude test for graduate study (GRE or MAT).
- 4 Earned Preliminary Teaching Credential.
- 5 Successful Completion of the CSUN Upper Division Writing Proficiency Exam.

## Helpful Links

**Applications to the MA program through CSU Mentor:**  
<https://secure.csumentor.edu/AdmissionApp>

**Financial Aid Information:**  
[www.csun.edu/financialaid](http://www.csun.edu/financialaid)

**Scholarship Information:**  
[www.csun.edu/eisner-education/scholarships](http://www.csun.edu/eisner-education/scholarships)

**Schedule a Pre-Admission appointment with the Graduate Advisor** to review specific program information, admission requirements, start terms, and deadline dates.

