

Master of Arts in Early Childhood Educational Psychology

Application window for **Fall 2024**: October 1, 2023 through April 14, 2024

Spring 2025: August 1, 2024 through November 1, 2024

☐ **2 APPLICATIONS: ALL APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE BOTH APPLICATIONS.**

1. **CSUN University: Apply to the University through Cal State Apply:** <https://www.calstate.edu/apply>
2. **Department/Program: Apply to the Department through College Net.**
A link to the Department Application can be found on the Prospective Student webpage when the application cycle begins: <https://www.csun.edu/eisner-education/educational-psychology-counseling/prospective-students>
- If you are a current CSUN Master's degree student from a department other than EPC, please submit a copy of a completed Change of Objective Request form (submit original to Admissions and Records): https://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/Change-Objective-Grad-Students_3.pdf

☐ **TRANSCRIPTS**

- **Official Transcripts:** Submit **official** transcript(s) to CSUN's Office of Admissions and Records directly from the institution(s) attended. **If you attended CSUN, you do not need to submit official transcripts for coursework completed at CSUN.*
- **Unofficial Transcripts:** All applicants must upload **unofficial** transcripts to the Department Application (on College Net) from every higher education institution attended, including CSUN. *Please highlight all prerequisite courses completed or in progress on the unofficial transcript(s).*

☐ **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Submit the names and contact information for two (2) recommenders in the College Net application system as part of the departmental application. Your recommenders will receive notification from the College Net e-response system and will be prompted to either (1) upload a recommendation form (completed in the system), or (2) upload a letter of recommendation on letterhead for the candidate. Recommenders will submit the form or the letter, not both.

☐ **TEST SCORES (IF APPLICABLE)**

- **Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL):**
Required only of students whose Bachelor's degree was awarded by an institution where the primary language of instruction was other than English. Upload scores if applicable.
- The GRE is not required for applicants to the M.A. in Early Childhood Educational Psychology.

❑ PERSONAL STATEMENT

- Write and upload a statement that explains your professional and personal goals. Do not use more than two (2) single- or double-spaced print pages. The personal statement should include the following:
 - Your career goals.
 - Your reasons for applying to this program.
 - A brief description of your past experiences, paid and volunteer work, that are relevant to the program to which you are applying, including:
 - Description of employment related to the Early Childhood Educational Psychology Program such as context of the setting, ages of children, or special populations,
 - Actual work performed.
 - Significant or unique experiences.
 - A description of your background or experience relating to cultural or ethnic minority populations.

❑ CURRENT RESUME

Include both paid and volunteer experiences. Please upload your resume to the Department Application.

❑ PREREQUISITE COURSEWORK

- The M.A. in Early Childhood Educational Psychology program requires two (2) prerequisite courses:
 - **EPC 430: Development and Learning in Early Childhood Education**
 - **EPC 600: Educational Statistics for Research and Measurement**
- **Courses must be completed no more than seven (7) years prior to the time of admission with a grade of B minus or higher.**
- You may still **apply** to the program even if you have not completed the prerequisites. **All courses must be successfully completed before entry.** *We recommend earlier completion of the prerequisites to strengthen your application.
- On the Department Application, you will be able to indicate the status of your prerequisite coursework (i.e., taken, in progress, or plan to take).
- **Where to take the Prerequisites:**
 - You may take the prerequisite courses at **CSUN** during the [Summer session at CSUN's Tseng College](#) (for non-CSUN students) or during any semester (for current CSUN students).
 - **OR** you can take a **course equivalent** at another college on our *Pre-approved Course Substitution List*. There are many community colleges, CSU campuses, and UC campuses on this extensive list: <https://www.csun.edu/eisner-education/educational-psychology-counseling/pre-approved-undergraduate-course-substitutions>
- If you are making a request for a course substitution that is not on our Pre-approved Course Substitution list, complete a *Prerequisite Course Substitution Form* <https://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/EPC-Prerequisite-Substitution-Form.pdf> and e-mail it to epcadmin@csun.edu. The department will review your request and determine if the course meets the requirements to satisfy the prerequisite.

*This checklist is for organizational purposes. It is your responsibility to ensure that all requirements for admissions are met. **If you have any questions, please contact us at 818-677-2599 or e-mail us at epcadmin@csun.edu.***