

## Graduate Education Programs

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#### Master's Degrees and Advanced Credentials

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Graduate Education programs in the Kremen School of Education and Human Development are focused on providing leadership in central California's diverse society by preparing education leaders for a new millennium. Postbaccalaureate advanced credential and master's degree programs are primarily focused on (1) preparation and enhancement of teachers and other educational leaders and (2) preparation of human service leaders who function in a variety of human development roles in both public and private sectors.

#### Master's Degree Programs

The KSOEHD offers four master's degree programs in separate areas of professional emphasis. These degree programs include the following:

1. M.A. in Education, Options:
  - Administration and Supervision.
  - Curriculum and Instruction.
  - Early Childhood Education.
  - Reading/Language Arts.
2. M.A. in Special Education
3. M.S. in Counseling, Options:
  - Marriage and Family Therapy.
  - Counseling and Student Services (specialization in K-12 or higher education).
4. M.S. in Rehabilitation Counseling.

Master's degree programs can be pursued concurrently with fifth-year (postbaccalaureate) teaching credential, specialist credential, or services credential programs. For information regarding the fifth-year Professional (clear) teaching credential program, contact Multiple and Single Subject fifth-year advisers in the Education Student Services Center in ED 100. Elective units needed to complete the 30-unit postbaccalaureate requirement may be included as part of a master's degree and/or an advanced credential program (excludes basic credential core courses and other fifth-year

requirements: health, computer applications, and mainstreaming).

#### Advanced Credential Programs

Advanced Credential Programs are categorized as (1) specialist credentials and (2) services credentials. These credentials require professional preparation at the postbaccalaureate level. Most specialist and services credentials require successful completion of a basic Multiple Subject or Single Subject credential. Exceptions to this are in Pupil Personnel Services, Education Specialist, and in some cases Administrative Services.

**Specialist Credential Programs** offered at California State University, Fresno include the following:

1. **Agriculture.** (See Department of Animal Sciences and Agricultural Education, Adviser for the Agriculture Specialist Credential.)
2. **Early Childhood Education.** (See Coordinator of Early Childhood Education.)
3. **Reading/Language Arts.** (See Coordinator of Reading/Language Arts.)
4. **Professional Level II Education Specialist Credential:**
  - Deaf and Hard of Hearing. (See Department of Communicative Disorders and Deaf Studies, Coordinator of Education Specialist Credential.)
  - Mild/Moderate Disabilities (See Coordinator of Education Specialist Credential.)
  - Moderate/Severe Disabilities (See Coordinator of Education Specialist Credential.)

**Services Credential Programs** offered at Fresno State include the following:

1. **Administrative:**
  - Preliminary Administrative Services
  - Professional Administrative Services
  - Administrative Services Internship(See Coordinator of Education Administration.)
2. **Clinical - Rehabilitative.** (See Department of Communicative Disorders and Deaf Studies, Coordinator of Clinical - Rehabilitative Program.)

3. **Health (School Nurse).** (See Department of Nursing, Coordinator of School Nurse Services.)

4. **Pupil Personnel - School Counseling.** (See Coordinator of Counselor Education.)

5. **Pupil Personnel - School Psychology.** (See Department of Psychology, Coordinator of School Psychology Program.)

6. **Pupil Personnel - School Social Work and Child Welfare and Attendance.** (See Department of Social Work Education.)

Specialist and services credential programs can be pursued concurrently with a fifth-year (postbaccalaureate) teaching credential (Multiple Subject or Single Subject) and/or a master's degree. Elective units needed to complete the 30-unit postbaccalaureate requirement may be included as part of a specialist credential, services credential, and/or master's degree (excludes basic credential core courses and fifth-year requirements: health, computer applications, and mainstreaming).

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**Admission Requirements.** Enrollment in a KSOEHD master's degree or advanced credential program requires that separate applications for admission be completed for the university and the KSOEHD.

Students may not enroll in 200-level courses until they have been admitted to the appropriate program.

**University Admission Requirements.** Applicants are required to complete the California State University Application for Graduate Admission. In addition to this form, and among other requirements, the applicant is expected to provide evidence of an appropriate four-year B.A. or B.S. degree, scores on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or the Miller Analogies Test (MAT), and a minimum GPA of 2.5 on the last 60 (90 quarter) units attempted. University applications are available online at <http://www.csumentor.edu>.

#### KSOEHD Admission Requirements

In addition to making application for admission to the university Admissions Office, consult the Education Student and Services Center in ED 15 and read information online at <http://education.csufresno.edu> for the following:

1. Program information.
2. KSOEHD graduate programs admission packet (available online at <http://education.csufresno.edu>).

All students applying for admission to a master's degree or advanced credential program in the KSOEHD must meet the minimum admission requirements listed in the copy that follows and be approved for admission by a program Faculty Review Committee. Evidence of completion of these requirements is to be submitted along with required forms in one complete packet to the Education Student Services Center, ED 151, by the application closing date. A completed admissions packet will include the following:

1. Verification of application to California State University, Fresno.
2. An application to the KSOEHD graduate programs.
3. A complete set of transcripts of all prior college or university work.
4. Evidence of a minimum GPA of 2.75 overall or on the last 60 undergraduate units. Continuing postbaccalaureate students must have attained a cumulative GPA of 2.75 on all units attempted (Special Education Programs require a GPA of 3.0).
5. A statement of purpose.
6. Three letters of recommendation.
7. Evidence of receipt of the Graduate Record Examination - General Test by providing a copy of the GRE Score Report or the Miller Analogies Test (MAT) by providing a copy of the Institution Score Report.
8. Evidence of receipt of a passing score on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) if an international student. The KSOEHD also retains the option to require international students to obtain additional preparation if English usage skills are judged to be inadequate.
9. Evidence of writing proficiency by one of the following:
  - a. obtaining a passing score on the Upper-Division Writing Exam,
  - b. completing English 160W with a grade of *B* or better,

c. or obtaining a passing score on the CBEST.

10. Evidence of any additional requirements unique to each degree and program within the degree. Refer to the specific program information for details.

*Advanced Credential Programs Only*

11. The California Code of Regulations, Section 41100, mandates that for admission to a teaching credential program, the applicant shall have earned at the college level a grade point average that falls within the upper 50 percent of undergraduate students in the candidate's discipline.

**Application Deadlines**

**University Admission Deadlines.** University deadlines for graduate admission applications normally are set during the semester prior to anticipated program enrollment. For specific deadlines, applicants need to check online at <http://www.csumentor.edu>, or call 559.278.4073.

**KSOEHD Admission Deadlines**

All school admission materials required for full admission (classified standing) are to be submitted to the graduate technician in the Education Student Services Center, ED 151. For specific KSOEHD admission deadlines, contact the Education Student Services Center, ED 151, call 559.278.0299, or check the KSOEHD Web site at <http://education.csufresno.edu>. Students submitting all application material within these timelines will receive priority consideration for admission.

Applicants who have not completed all requirements for full admission (classified standing) by the University admission deadline must meet with their program coordinator. For master's degree candidates, no more than 9 units of transfer and/or California State University, Fresno Extension credit may be included in the 30-unit program, or no more than 18 units in the 60-unit program.

Applicants must complete all program application requirements prior to the first semester of enrollment in a specific credential or degree program. Early completion of application materials assures timely review and written notification of admission status.

**Program Faculty Review.** Following submission of all application requirements, the program faculty representing each graduate program reviews the application. Notification is then sent regarding whether or not admission has been granted.

**Appeal of Admissions Decision.** Applicants who have received written notification of denial of admission have an opportunity to submit a formal appeal for special consideration. Appeals for master's degree applicants are reviewed by program faculty, and appeals for advanced specialist and services credential program applicants are reviewed by the KSOEHD Admissions and Standards Committee. An appeal for special consideration must be submitted within two weeks of the date of the letter of denial in order to be considered by the program faculty during the same semester. Information regarding this process is obtained from the admissions technician in the Education Student Services Center, ED 151.

**Graduate Writing Requirement**

In keeping with California State University, Fresno's Graduate Writing Requirement (GWR), all students enrolled in the various master's degree programs must demonstrate competence in graduate-level writing prior to being advanced to candidacy for a master's degree. The Graduate Writing Requirement is designed to determine students' ability to write clearly, logically, analytically, and knowledgeably. Each program designates specific course(s) to meet the Graduate Writing Requirement. Should the student receive a passing grade in the course content but fail to demonstrate adequate writing competence, there is an appeals process. Specific course information can be found in each program's requirements.

**Advancement to Candidacy/ Completion of Master's Degree**

For information regarding advancement to candidacy and procedures needed to complete a master's degree, contact the Education Services Center in ED 151 or check online at <http://www.csufresno.edu/gradstudies/handbook/forms.html>.

In order to ensure selection of courses that will be acceptable for a master's degree program, candidates should consult with the appropriate program coordinator.