

**BACHELOR IN  
EARLY DEVELOPMENT  
CARE AND EDUCATION  
(EDCE)**

**Frequently Asked Questions**



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## MOST COMMON QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

### Is the EDCE program a recognized, accredited baccalaureate degree?

Yes! Your diploma will state: California State University, Sacramento, School of Education, and Bachelor of Early Development, Care and Education.

### What is the cost of the EDCE major courses?

#### *2019/2020 Fee Schedule*

All courses in the major \$ 425 per unit\*

#### Fixed fees:

EDCE Application fee	\$ 50
CSUS Admission fee	\$ 55
CSUS Graduation fee	\$ 76.50

\*Note: This is a self-support program, with no taxpayer assistance; fees cover all student costs. Fees for on-campus general classes are assessed as follows: current 17/18 fees for 0-6 units: \$2396.00; more than 6 units: \$3602.00.

### Is financial aid available?

Financial aid is available based on individual student need. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) should be submitted immediately if you plan to use financial aid. The CSUS Financial Aid Office processes loan and grant awards, which may take as long as 16 weeks.

### What are the prerequisites to be admitted to the EDCE program through the College of Continuing Education?

- You must have a High School Diploma (or equivalent).
- 2.0 GPA or higher in previous college coursework.
- At least 45 units of college level General Education.
- Completion of A2 Written Communication and at least one of the following:
  - A1 Oral Communication
  - A3 Critical Thinking
  - B4 Quantitative Reasoning (Math)
- At least 3 units of coursework in Child Development, Early Childhood Education, or a related field
  - Human Development or Child & Adolescent Development
  - Family & Social Issues or Child, Family & Community
  - Practicum or Fieldwork in Child Development

### How many units are required for the degree and what is the breakdown?

EDCE Major	Upper Division	50
General Education	Lower Division	42
General Education	Upper Division	9
Transfer Electives		1-40
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>120</b>

### How many of these units must be taken "in residence?"

All CSU campuses require 30 units in residence, at least 12 of which must be in the major and 9 in general education. The EDCE degree exceeds these requirements.

### **Can I complete lower division general education requirements at a local community college?**

Yes, the program advisor will work with you to develop a plan for this.

### **Is the foreign language competency required?**

Yes, this is a CSUS graduation requirement. The requirement is three years (same language) of High School foreign language, 2 semesters (same language) of college foreign language with a C- or better, or fluency. Fluency will need to be tested. However, our academic advisor can discuss with you various ways to meet this requirement.

### **Are EDCE graduates eligible to enroll in a Master's Degree Program?**

Yes, EDCE graduates can pursue a Master's degree in Child Development or a Teaching Credential program, provided they meet admission criteria.

### **What can I do with a degree in EDCE?**

Most students continue to work in the early childhood education field. Students go on to work as preschool teachers, administrators, directors, or child care business owners.

### **Can I work full time and complete the EDCE degree?**

Yes, in fact the program is designed for the working student. All classes are offered in the evenings from 6:30pm – 9:20pm in convenient locations within your community. Students will take two classes (maximum of 7 units) per semester. The reasonable work load allows students to work or take classes at community college while enrolled in the EDCE program.

### **How long will it take?**

The program is 8 semesters, three semesters a year (fall, spring, and summer). For example, students who start in Fall 2019 will graduate Spring of 2022.

### **What is a "cohort?"**

A cohort is a group of students who begin and end a program at the same time. There are numerous benefits to an educational cohort. Students will experience a comfortable environment, added support from their peers, and guaranteed space in their classes.

### **How do I know if there will be a "cohort" starting in my area?**

The EDCE Program only admits students in the fall and begins cohorts in various areas at that time. Please contact the EDCE Program staff for upcoming cohort locations.

### **How do I enroll in the EDCE program?**

If you are interested in the program the first step is to submit unofficial transcripts to Veunta Dailey at [veuntadailey@csus.edu](mailto:veuntadailey@csus.edu). No fees are required at this time. Do not send in a regular CSUS application; you must be approved for admittance in the EDCE program before you can be admitted to the University.

Thank you for your interest in the Early Development Care and Education Degree Completion Program.  
If you need further information, please call 916-278-4863 or email [veuntadailey@csus.edu](mailto:veuntadailey@csus.edu).