Frequently Asked MSEDAD/PASC Questions

What are the delivery formats for the M.S. Educational Administration (MSEDAD)/Preliminary Administrative Services Credential Program (PASC)?

- Online/Hybrid Program: The online/hybrid program is in an asynchronous environment and meets face to face three Saturdays per semester.
- Traditional/Face-to-Face Program: Designed for classroom learners, the traditional program meets weekly on a given weekday afternoon and evening.
  - The Face-to-Face model is not offered every cohort. Please contact Educational Leadership to see if it will be offered.

What are the delivery formats for the M.S. Higher Education?

All supplemental application materials, with the exception of your letters of recommendation, should be uploaded on Cal State Apply.

For my transcripts, do I need to request them even if I only took one class?
Yes! You need to request official transcripts from non-CSUF institutions, and have them sent to Cal State Fullerton, Admissions & Records, P.O. Box 6900, Fullerton, CA 92834. It is imperative that Admissions and Records receive your official transcripts as soon as you receive your CSU Fullerton CWID (not the Cal State Apply CAS ID), or you risk admittance into the University. If your transcripts do not have your current schedule and/or previous semester/quarter completed grades, please submit what you have, and send the final transcripts at a later date.

Do I need to take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE)?
No, there are no examinations required for admission to the MS Higher Education Program.

What is the GPA requirement?
The College of Education requires a minimum GPA of 2.5 on the last 60 semester units (90 quarter).

What if my undergraduate GPA was low? Will I have a chance to be admitted?
The admission committee uses a holistic evaluation process. Each of the applicant’s documents are carefully considered. Special action is required if an applicant’s GPA is below 2.5 in the last 60 credits. The committee looks for outstanding letters of recommendation, previous experience in the field, and written statements of exceptional quality.

Are there any prerequisites or courses I can transfer in to this program?
There are no prerequisites for our program. Students are admitted in a cohort each fall, and take their courses together throughout the program to enhance the learning experience. Occasionally, some applicants have completed a student development course from another institution. A faculty adviser can assist applicants in determining if prior coursework is eligible for transfer.
If I don’t have 5 years of teaching experience, am I still eligible?
If the applicant has other professional experience in student services, we can consider the application. However, it is important that the applicant understands the reasons for our preference for 5 year teaching/pupil service experience in our admissions requirements. First, students will better contribute and reap the benefits of the program when they have had professional teaching, counseling, student services, or school leadership experience. Second, the California Teaching Commission (CTC) requires at least 5 years of teaching experience to qualify for a Preliminary Administrative Services Credential. The CTC also provides guidelines about which other in-school professional experience qualifies for consideration. Please review those guidelines before applying.

Please contact our office prior to submitting your application if you have less than 4 years teaching experience.

Can I take one class per term (3 units)?
No, the program is delivered in a cohort model, and all students take the same 2 classes (6 units) per term.

What is the difference in coursework between the M.S. Educational Administration degree and the PASC program?
Candidates for the M.S. degree must complete a capstone project which involved 6 additional units (one more term) of coursework.

When do cohorts start?
New cohorts begin in the Fall and in the Spring (when there is a demand). Please email our office to confirm whether applications are being considered for a Spring cohort.

How long is the program?
The M.S. in Educational Administration/PASC Program is 5 semesters long, including at least one summer session (depending on whether the program started in the fall or spring). The PASC-only program is 4 semesters only.

Is it possible to only pursue the PASC program and not the M.S. in Educational Administration?
Yes, you may apply for the PASC-only even if you have not earned a master's elsewhere and are not earning a master's from us. However, it is encouraged to complete one additional term to obtain your master's degree.

In addition, if you are applying for the M.S./PASC program (and do not have a master’s degree) you will be able to have the PASC awarded at the end of the fourth term when you have completed all PASC requirements and before you complete your final term to graduate with your master's.

Students with a Master’s at Cal State Fullerton in one concentration and wish to complete another within the same degree program will not be awarded a second degree.
Do you have any information sessions?
Yes! Please check our home page for dates and times.

Is the resume required to be one page, or can it be longer if there is relevant experience on it?
Yes! Longer resumes with relevant experience can be used.

Is a Fee Waiver available for the program application?
As a graduate student, there is not a waiver fee available for the cost of the application. However, after you pay the fee you may submit an appeal to see if you can be reimbursed for the fee. Our department does not approve fee waivers.