

# Frequently Asked Questions (Graduate)

## **What sets Cal State Fullerton's Special Education Graduate Programs apart?**

Good question! California State University, Fullerton is the only teacher-training university in Orange County accredited by the National Council on Teacher Education (NCATE), the most prestigious national accrediting organization in education. In addition, CSU Fullerton faculty members are actively involved in our neighboring schools, helping teachers and performing applied research. The department is substantive and technical, theoretical and practical, realist and entrepreneurial.

Our WASC accredited online graduate program in special education has been recognized by *US News and World Report* as among the very best online graduate degrees in the country.

## **How do I apply to the program?**

We start every fall. Please check the program website and university catalog for admissions deadlines. Once you have completed your application through Cal State Apply, we will need your completed departmental application materials.

## **Who advises me?**

Initial advisement before entering the program is provided by the Special Education Master's Program Coordinator and by the instructor of EDSC 501: Introduction to Graduate Studies in Special Education. To request an appointment or an application, call (657) 278-4106.

## **Program Schedule**

This is a two-year program. You will always take two or three graduate courses in each of your four semesters. We also offer the summer session.

**Can I transfer into the program with completed coursework from another university?**

Due to the unique nature of this MSE Program, course equivalency with other university's graduate courses is difficult. As such, transfer courses will be reviewed and approved by the department. Please check with the Special Education Master's Program Coordinator for more information.

**How much does the program cost?**

Tuition at CSUF is significantly lower compared to other local universities. For the Fall 2020 starting term, the total cost of the graduate program is about \$13,000. You can check the campus website Student Financial Services: <http://sfs.fullerton.edu> (select Student Fees on the left-hand tab) for the fees for this academic year.

**What funding opportunities exist for graduate students in this program?**

Various sources of funding are available to graduate students. Please consult the following websites for additional information:

- [CSUF Financial Aid Office](#)

**What kinds of culminating experiences have students completed in the past?**

In previous years, we have had students complete comprehensive examinations or projects.

**How can I learn more?**

To learn more about our program, view our brief YouTube video.

You may also contact the Master's Program Coordinator, Dr. Adrian Jung, at [ajung@fullerton.edu](mailto:ajung@fullerton.edu).