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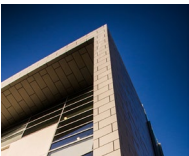
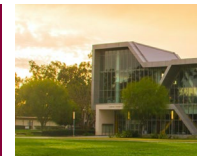
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Our Mission



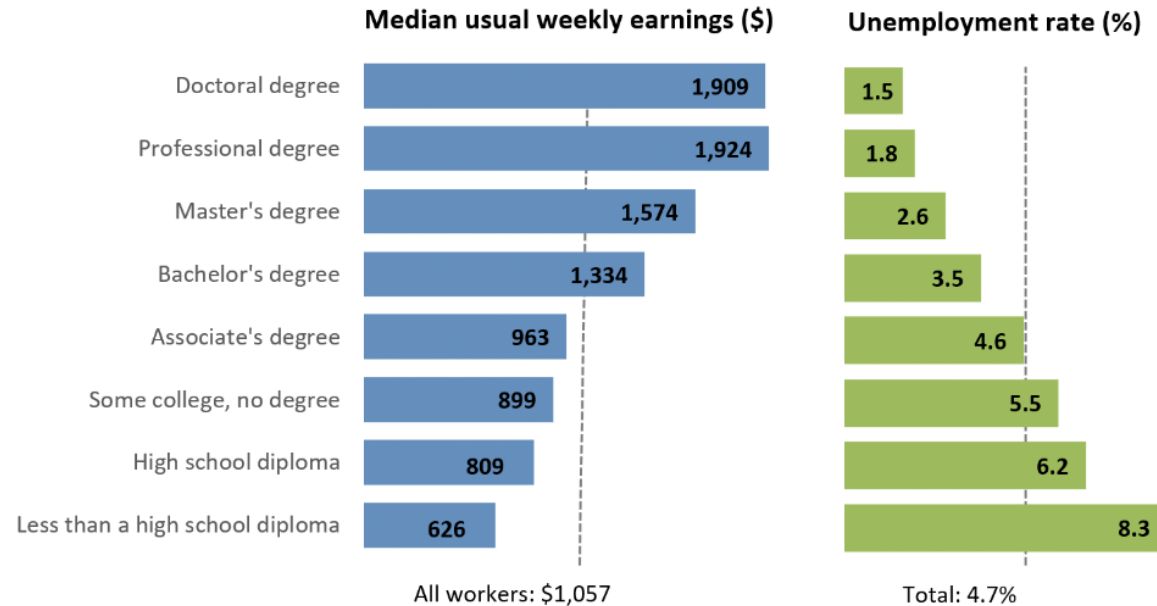
The mission of the Office of Graduate Studies at California State University, Dominguez Hills is to **promote advanced study, scholarly activity, and research.** Through traditional and nontraditional ways of learning, students earn master's degrees, advanced certificates, credentials, and life enrichment. Graduate students make up a distinctive and highly valued segment of the university community, and graduate programs support the dedication of California State University, Dominguez Hills in **educating a student population of unprecedented diversity for leadership roles** in the twenty-first century.



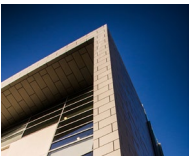
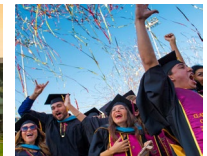
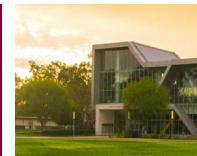
Why Grad School?



Earnings and unemployment rates by educational attainment, 2021



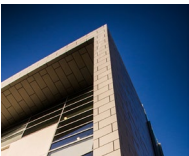
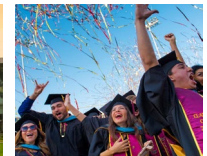
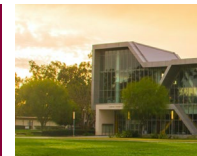
Note: Data are for persons age 25 and over. Earnings are for full-time wage and salary workers.
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey.



Why CSUDH?



- 1st in the Nation for Social Mobility
 - *CollegeNet Social Mobility Index (2024)*
- 1st among public universities in CA in awarding bachelor's degrees to African Americans
 - *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education*
- 1st in the West for Affordability
 - *Edsmart.com*
- 2nd in the U.S. for economic mobility
 - *Third Way (2023)*
- 3rd Most Affordable College or University in California
 - *EdSmart.com (2024)*
- 5th in Economic Diversity among Regional Universities – West
 - *U.S. News & World Report (2022)*
- 10th Top Master's University Ranking for "Contribution to Public Good"
 - *Washington Monthly (2023)*
- 14th in 24 Campuses with the Best Return on Investment (ROI)
 - *Business Insider (2020)*
- 15th in Best Graduate Schools by Salary Score
 - *GradReports.com (2021)*



Accounting



Certified Public Accountant (CPA)

Certified Management Accountant (CMA)

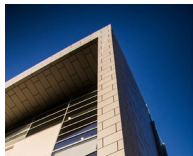
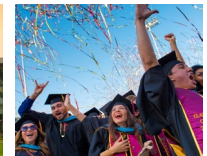
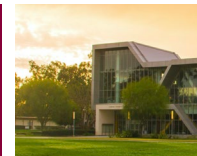
Certified Internal Auditor (CIA)

Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE)

Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA)

Master of Science in Accounting

- **Ideal Students:** Detail-oriented, analytical thinkers with a strong interest in financial regulations and corporate governance.
- **Field Summary:** Focuses on advanced accounting principles, auditing, and financial reporting.
- **Current Trends:** Forensic accounting, sustainability accounting, AI in auditing.
- **Employment Outcomes:** Certified public accountants (CPAs), auditors, tax consultants, and financial analysts.
- Students are prepared for CPA licensure
- Work towards professional certifications including Certified Fraud Examination and Certified Internal Auditing



Accounting



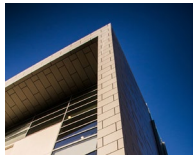
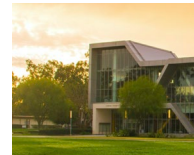
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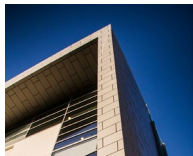
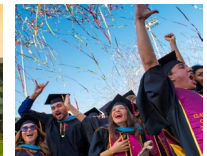
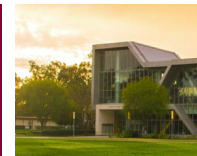
Biology



Cell Biology
Evolution
Genetics
Experimental
Laboratory
Physiology
Statistics
Calculus

Master of Science in Biology

- **Ideal Students:** Research-driven, curious individuals passionate about life sciences and environmental conservation.
- **Field Summary:** Covers molecular genetics, ecology, and biological systems.
- **Current Trends:** Emphasis on environmental sustainability and biotechnology.
- **Employment Outcomes:** Roles in research labs, biotech firms, conservation organizations, or academia.
- **Fun Fact:** Biologists are key players in efforts to protect endangered species and ecosystems.



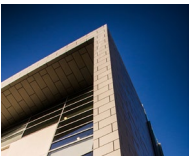
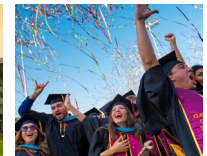
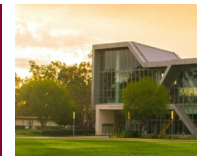
Computer Science



Software
Engineering
Distribution
System
Network

Master of Science in Computer Science

- **Ideal Students:** Logical problem-solvers with a passion for coding and technology innovation.
- **Field Summary:** Focuses on algorithms, software development, and computational theory.
- **Current Trends:** AI, machine learning, big data, and cybersecurity are growing fields.
- **Employment Outcomes:** Software developers, data scientists, IT consultants, and systems architects.
- **Fun Fact:** The global AI market is expected to grow to over \$190 billion by 2025.



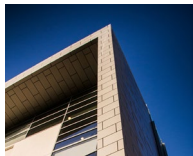
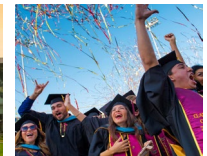
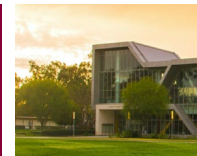
Counseling



School Counseling College Counseling

Master of Science in Counseling

- **Ideal Students:** Empathetic individuals with strong listening skills and a passion for mental health support.
- **Field Summary:** Focuses on therapeutic techniques, trauma-informed care, and psychology.
- **Current Trends:** Growth in teletherapy and culturally responsive counseling.
- **Employment Outcomes:** School counselors, mental health counselors, and therapists.
- **Fun Fact:** The rise of mental health awareness has significantly increased demand for professional counselors.



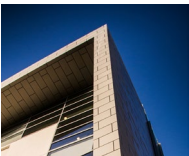
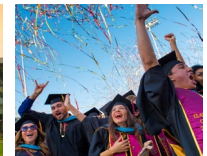
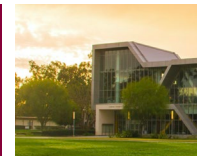


School Counseling

College Counseling

5. Counseling

- **Focus:** Designed to prepare students to support individuals through personal, academic, and career-related challenges. It is similar to MFT but often broader in application.
- **Training:** Programs cover a wide range of counseling techniques and theories, with coursework on mental health counseling, school counseling, or substance abuse counseling.
- **Licensure:** Graduates can pursue licensure as Licensed Professional Counselors (LPCs) or other relevant certifications, depending on the specialization.
- **Career Path:** Work in schools, career counseling centers, mental health clinics, and sometimes private practice, with a focus on developmental and mental health support.





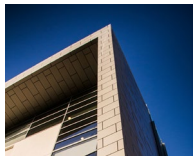
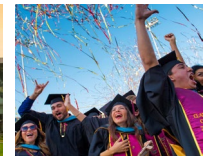
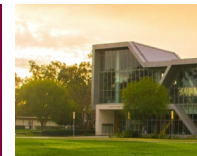
Protecting IT
Infrastructure
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Cyber
Forensics

Hacking
Prevention

Master of Science in Cyber Security

- **Ideal Students:** Analytical thinkers with a strong interest in protecting information systems.
- **Field Summary:** Covers data security, network protection, and ethical hacking.
- **Current Trends:** Cloud security, blockchain technology, and increasing demand for cybersecurity experts.
- **Employment Outcomes:** Cybersecurity analysts, information security officers, and IT risk managers.
- **Fun Fact:** Cybersecurity is projected to be a \$366 billion industry by 2028.



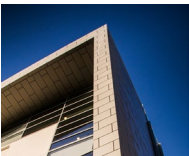
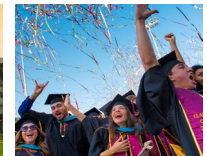
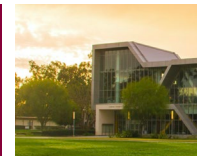


Curriculum & Instruction

Dual Language Learning

Master of Arts in Education

- **Ideal Students:** Dedicated educators looking to deepen their understanding of pedagogy and curriculum design.
- **Field Summary:** Focuses on educational theory, instructional methods, and leadership in education.
- **Current Trends:** Culturally relevant teaching, inclusive pedagogy, and technology-enhanced learning.
- **Employment Outcomes:** Instructional coordinators, curriculum developers, and educational leaders.
- **Fun Fact:** Virtual reality is becoming a popular tool for experiential learning in education.

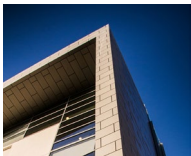
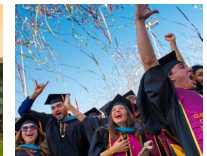
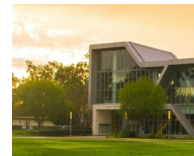




English Literature Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL)

Master of Arts in English

- **Ideal Students:** Literature enthusiasts with strong analytical and writing skills.
- **Field Summary:** Involves critical analysis of literature, cultural studies, and literary theory.
- **Current Trends:** Digital humanities, postcolonial studies, and intersectionality in literature.
- **Employment Outcomes:** Academics, writers, editors, or roles in publishing and media.
- **Fun Fact:** Literary studies now intersect with digital media, with "digital literature" becoming an exciting new field.



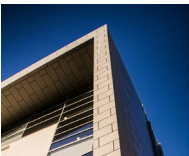
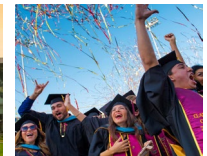
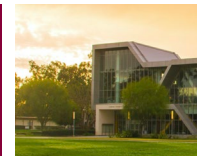
Environmental Science



Research Track Professional Internship Track

Master of Science in Environmental Science

- **Ideal Students:** Environmentally conscious students passionate about sustainability and conservation.
- **Field Summary:** Covers ecology, environmental policy, and natural resource management.
- **Current Trends:** Climate change research, renewable energy, and sustainable development.
- **Employment Outcomes:** Environmental consultants, conservation scientists, and policy advisors.
- **Fun Fact:** The field is rapidly expanding due to global efforts to combat climate change.



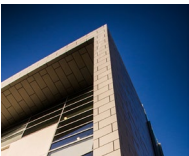
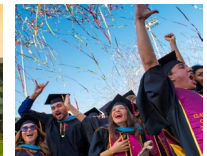
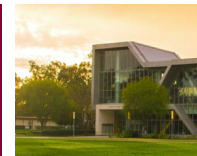
Health Science: Orthotics & Prosthetics



Patient
Assessment
Treatment
Plans
Practice
Management

Master of Science in Health Science: Orthotics & Prosthetics

- **Ideal Students:** Compassionate individuals interested in biomechanics and improving patients' quality of life.
- **Field Summary:** Focuses on designing and fitting prosthetics and orthotic devices.
- **Current Trends:** Advances in 3D printing for customized prosthetics and smart wearable devices.
- **Employment Outcomes:** Orthotists, prosthetists, rehabilitation engineers.
- **Fun Fact:** 3D printing allows for prosthetics to be created in a fraction of the time and cost.



Marital & Family Therapy



Knowledge

Research

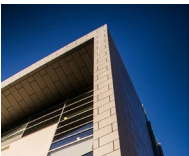
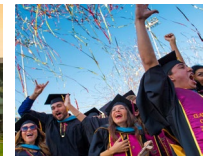
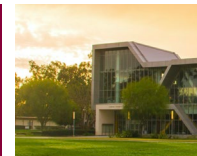
Diversity

Ethics

Practice

Master of Science in Marital & Family Therapy

- **Ideal Students:** Empathetic individuals who enjoy helping families and couples navigate personal relationships.
- **Field Summary:** Focuses on family systems therapy, counseling techniques, and conflict resolution.
- **Current Trends:** Teletherapy, trauma-informed therapy, and multicultural family therapy.
- **Employment Outcomes:** Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists (LMFT), mental health counselors.
- **Fun Fact:** Teletherapy for family counseling has seen a significant rise since the pandemic.



Marital & Family Therapy



Knowledge

Research

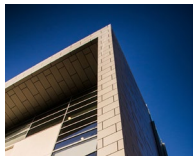
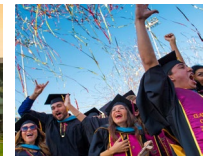
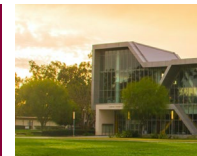
Diversity

Ethics

Practice

1. Marriage and Family Therapy (MFT)

- **Focus:** Concentrates on helping individuals, couples, and families manage relational issues. It emphasizes the dynamics within family systems and relationships.
- **Training:** MFT programs train students in theories and practices that support family structures, often including counseling, conflict resolution, and therapeutic techniques.
- **Licensure:** Graduates often become licensed as Marriage and Family Therapists (LMFT), which allows them to work in therapy settings focusing on family and relationship issues.
- **Career Path:** Work in private practice, clinics, or organizations focusing on family and relational issues.



Negotiation, Conflict Resolution & Peacebuilding



Restorative
Justice

Labor Conflict

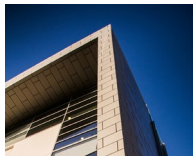
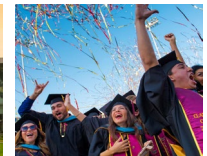
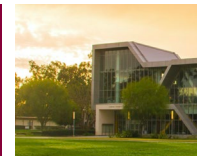
Mediation

Arbitration

Communication

Master of Arts in Negotiation, Conflict Resolution & Peacebuilding

- **Ideal Students:** Strong communicators with a passion for social justice, diplomacy, and mediation.
- **Field Summary:** Focuses on resolving conflicts, peacebuilding strategies, and mediation.
- **Current Trends:** Restorative justice, international conflict mediation, and organizational conflict management.
- **Employment Outcomes:** Mediators, conflict resolution specialists, roles in NGOs, or government.
- **Fun Fact:** Many Fortune 500 companies employ conflict resolution experts to maintain a healthy work environment.



Nursing



Clinical Nurse Specialist

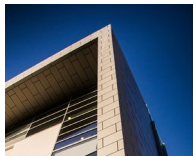
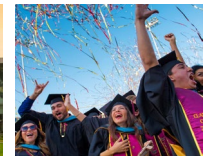
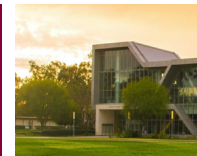
Adult / Gerontology
Neonatal
Pediatric

Family Nurse Practitioner

Nurse Administrator
Nurse Educator

Master of Science in Nursing

- **Ideal Students:** Nurses seeking specialization and leadership roles in the healthcare field.
- **Field Summary:** Covers clinical care, nursing leadership, and specialized nursing practices.
- **Current Trends:** Holistic care, telehealth, and nurse-led clinics.
- **Employment Outcomes:** Nurse practitioners, nurse educators, nurse administrators.
- **Fun Fact:** Nurse practitioners are now performing many roles traditionally filled by doctors, including patient diagnosis and care.



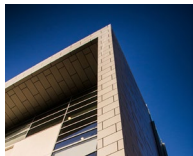
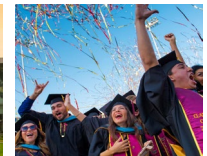
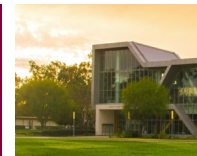
Occupational Therapy



Health and
Development
Clinical
Practice
Fieldwork

Master of Science in Occupational Therapy

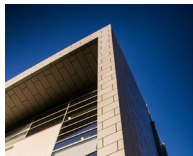
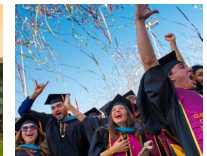
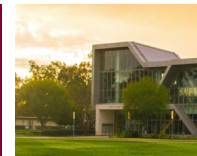
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- **Field Summary:** Focuses on rehabilitation, therapeutic techniques, and patient care.
- **Current Trends:** Focus on cognitive rehabilitation and community-based services.
- **Employment Outcomes:** Occupational therapists in hospitals, schools, rehabilitation centers.
- **Fun Fact:** Occupational therapy is expanding into new areas like sensory processing disorder treatments.





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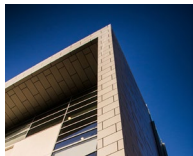
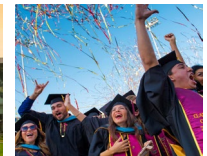
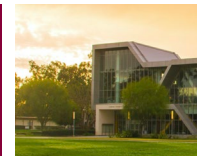




Health Psychology Clinical Psychology

2. Clinical Psychology

- **Focus:** Involves the assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of mental illnesses and psychological disorders across the lifespan.
- **Training:** Clinical Psychology programs emphasize a strong foundation in psychopathology, psychological assessment, and evidence-based interventions.
- **Licensure:** Graduates can become licensed psychologists after further doctoral study and supervised clinical hours (often in a Ph.D. or Psy.D. program). However, some master's programs also allow for limited practice.
- **Career Path:** Work in hospitals, mental health clinics, research institutions, and private practice, with an emphasis on mental health treatment.

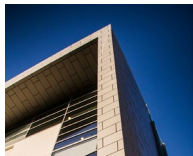
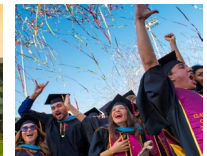
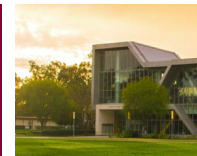




Health Psychology Clinical Psychology

3. Health Psychology

- **Focus:** Examines how psychological, behavioral, and cultural factors contribute to physical health and illness. It often intersects with public health.
- **Training:** Students learn about the psychology of health behaviors, preventative health measures, and interventions for chronic illnesses.
- **Licensure:** While not typically a license-focused field at the master's level, graduates can work in health settings. Some may continue to a doctoral level for clinical practice.
- **Career Path:** Work in hospitals, public health organizations, research, or health education settings, often promoting wellness and healthy lifestyle changes.



Public Administration



Criminal Justice Policy
and Administration

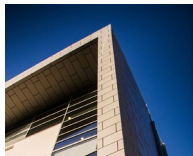
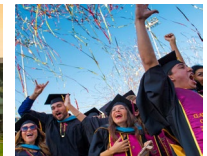
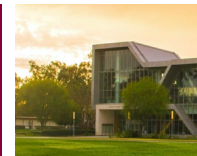
Health Care Policy and
Administration

Non-Profit
Management

Public Management

Master of Public Administration

- **Ideal Students:** Individuals passionate about public service, policy, and leadership in government or non-profits.
- **Field Summary:** Focuses on public policy, management, and governance.
- **Current Trends:** Public-private partnerships, diversity in leadership, and innovative public service delivery.
- **Employment Outcomes:** Government administrators, policy analysts, and nonprofit managers.
- **Fun Fact:** Many public administration programs emphasize ethics and transparency in leadership.



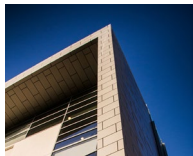
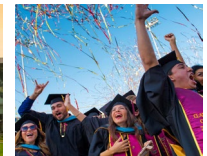
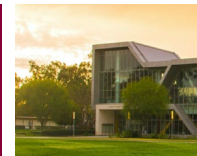
Quality Assurance



Manufacturing
Counterfeit
Products
Statistical
Quality Control
Lab
Assessment

Master of Science in Quality Assurance

- **Ideal Students:** Detail-oriented individuals interested in improving product and service quality.
- **Field Summary:** Focuses on quality control, compliance, and standards in manufacturing and services.
- **Current Trends:** Automation in quality assurance, sustainability in product development.
- **Employment Outcomes:** Quality assurance managers, compliance officers, and inspectors.
- **Fun Fact:** Quality assurance professionals ensure that products and services meet high standards before reaching consumers.



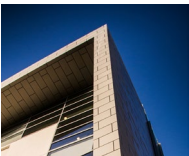
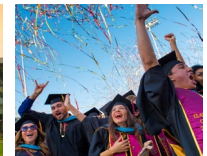
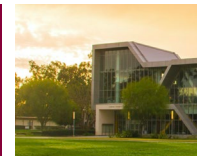
Radiologic & Imaging Sciences



Practice Management Education

Master of Science in Radiologic & Imaging Sciences

- **Ideal Students:** Technically inclined individuals with an interest in medical imaging and patient care.
- **Field Summary:** Covers advanced imaging techniques, patient safety, and radiology technology.
- **Current Trends:** Innovations in 3D imaging and minimally invasive diagnostic technologies.
- **Employment Outcomes:** Radiologic technologists, imaging specialists, medical device representatives.
- **Fun Fact:** Advances in imaging have made it possible to detect diseases earlier and more accurately than ever before.



School Leadership

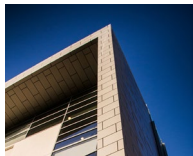
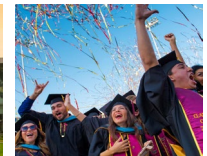
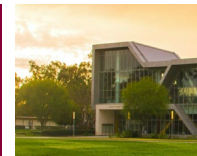


Preliminary
Administrative
Services
Credential
(PASC)

Clear
Administrative
Services
Credential
(CASC)

Master of Arts in School Leadership

- **Ideal Students:** Teachers and educators aspiring to leadership roles within schools.
- **Field Summary:** Focuses on educational leadership, policy, and administration.
- **Current Trends:** Inclusive leadership, data-driven decision making, and equity in education.
- **Employment Outcomes:** School principals, administrators, and educational consultants.
- **Fun Fact:** You can obtain your Masters of Arts in School Leadership along with your PASC!



Social Work



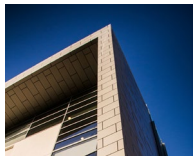
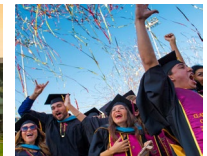
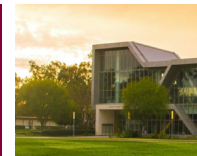
Children,
Youth, and
Families

Community
Mental Health

Community
Capacity
Building

Master of Social Work

- **Ideal Students:** Compassionate, empathetic individuals looking to address social injustices and provide community support.
- **Field Summary:** Covers social justice, mental health, and community service.
- **Current Trends:** Trauma-informed care, community-based social work, and policy advocacy.
- **Employment Outcomes:** Social workers, therapists, child welfare advocates, and policy advisors.
- **Fun Fact:** Social work is one of the fastest-growing professions, especially in healthcare and mental health services.



Social Work



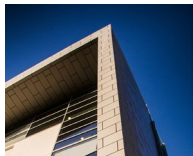
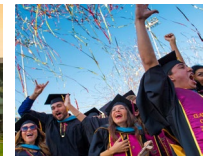
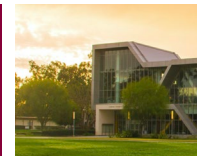
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Community
Mental Health

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Building

4. Social Work (MSW)

- **Focus:** Covers a broad scope, focusing on helping individuals, families, and communities address and resolve various social issues, including mental health, poverty, and systemic inequality.
- **Training:** Emphasizes practical skills in counseling, social services, and case management, often with field placements for hands-on experience.
- **Licensure:** Graduates can become Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSWs), allowing them to provide therapy and other social services.
- **Career Path:** Work in social services, hospitals, schools, and private practice, often focused on systemic and individual support.

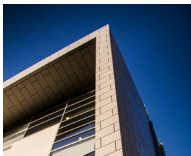
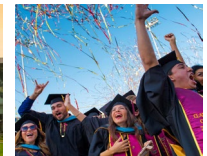
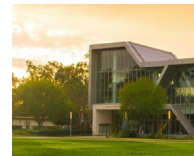




General Sociology Research Skills Development

Master of Arts in Sociology

- **Ideal Students:** Critical thinkers interested in understanding social structures, human interactions, and societal issues.
- **Field Summary:** Focuses on sociological theories, research methods, and societal dynamics.
- **Current Trends:** Globalization, social inequality, and digital sociology.
- **Employment Outcomes:** Sociologists, researchers, policy analysts, and educators.
- **Fun Fact:** Sociologists are playing a critical role in understanding the impacts of social media on society.

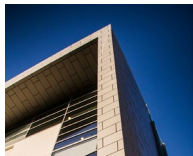
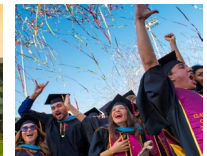
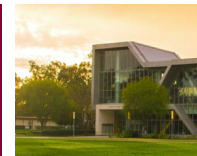




General Sociology Research Skills Development

6. Sociology

- **Focus:** A research-oriented field studying society, human behavior, social institutions, and cultural norms. Unlike the others, it is less clinical or therapeutic.
- **Training:** Sociological research and theory are emphasized, with a focus on analyzing societal structures and issues rather than individual counseling.
- **Licensure:** Typically not a licensed profession; sociologists work more in research, policy, or academia.
- **Career Path:** Work in research, academia, policy analysis, or roles in government and non-profit organizations addressing social issues.



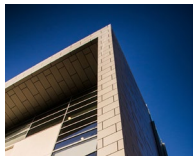
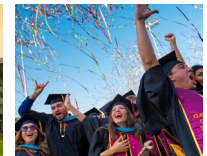
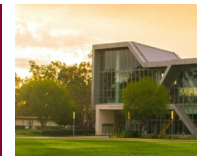
Special Education



Mild /
Moderate
Extensive
Early
Childhood

Master of Arts in Special Education

- **Ideal Students:** Dedicated educators passionate about working with students with disabilities.
- **Field Summary:** Focuses on instructional methods and strategies for teaching students with special needs.
- **Current Trends:** Inclusive education, assistive technology, and individualized education programs (IEPs).
- **Employment Outcomes:** Special education teachers, administrators, or advocates.
- **Fun Fact:** Special educators are increasingly using technology to support students with learning disabilities.



Systems Engineering



Analytics

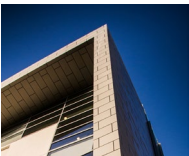
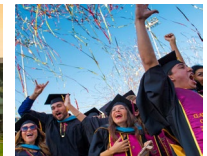
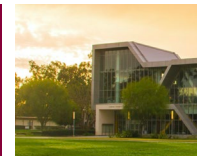
Modeling and
Simulation

Systems
Architecture

Quantitative
Methods

Master of Science in Systems Engineering

- **Ideal Students:** Analytical problem-solvers with a background in engineering or technology.
- **Field Summary:** Focuses on the design and management of complex systems in industries like aerospace, defense, and IT.
- **Current Trends:** Autonomous systems, cybersecurity, and sustainability in engineering design.
- **Employment Outcomes:** Systems engineers, project managers, and consultants.
- **Fun Fact:** Systems engineering is critical in designing autonomous vehicles and smart cities.



Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)



Analytics

Modeling and
Simulation

Systems

Architecture

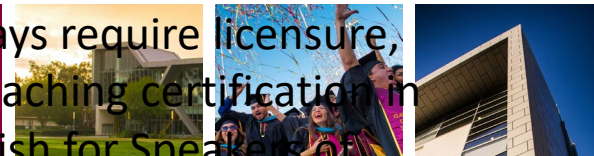
Quantitative
Methods

MA in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)

- **Focus:** The TESOL program focuses on equipping educators with the skills needed to teach English to non-native speakers. It covers both language acquisition theory and practical teaching methodologies. The program is ideal for those who want to work in diverse educational settings, from K-12 schools to adult education and international teaching environments.

- **Training:** Students learn about linguistics, second language acquisition, curriculum development, and classroom management techniques specific to language instruction. Training includes strategies for teaching English grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, and cultural competence. Many programs also incorporate a teaching practicum or internship where students work directly with English language learners.

- **Licensure:** While TESOL itself doesn't always require licensure, many positions in public schools require teaching certification in English as a Second Language (ESL) or English for Speakers of



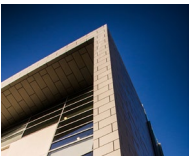
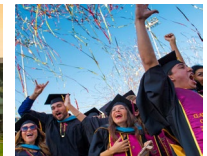
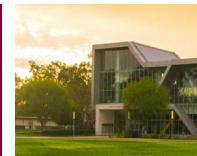
Doctorate in Education



Leadership
Policy
Assessment
Action

Doctorate in Education

- **Ideal Students:** Experienced educators or leaders looking to influence education policy and administration at high levels.
- **Field Summary:** Focuses on leadership in education, educational theory, and reform.
- **Current Trends:** Data-driven decision-making, educational equity, and leadership in diversity.
- **Employment Outcomes:** Superintendents, educational policymakers, and professors.
- **Fun Fact:** Many doctoral programs in education emphasize social justice in their curricula.



Doctorate in Occupational Therapy



Foundations

Pediatrics

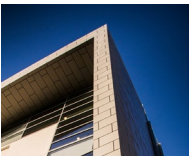
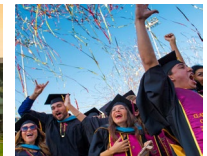
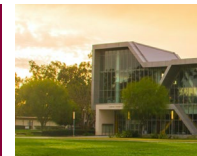
Adolescent

Adults

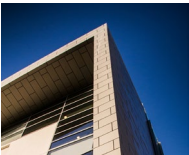
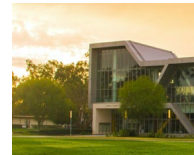
Geriatrics

Doctorate in Occupational Therapy

- **Ideal Students:** Occupational therapists seeking to become experts and leaders in the field.
- **Field Summary:** Advanced study of therapeutic practices, rehabilitation, and patient care.
- **Current Trends:** Focus on population health, community engagement, and cognitive rehabilitation.
- **Employment Outcomes:** University faculty, researchers, advanced practitioners, and healthcare leaders.
- **Fun Fact:** Occupational therapists are increasingly working in community settings, helping people remain independent in their own homes.



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