

Program Areas of Concentration

Curriculum, Teaching, and Learning (CTL)

Description of the Program

The CTL area of concentration provides program flexibility for a wide range of individuals, from teachers seeking to enhance the depth and breadth of their subject matter knowledge to those seeking staff development and leadership positions in the public or private sectors. CTL candidates need not possess a teaching credential.

Students complete core coursework and six units of CTL courses, and develop their 12-16 unit Area of Emphasis (AREM), an individualized program tailored to their needs and career goals. The Area of Emphasis may or may not be comprised of courses in the School of Education. It may be an established sequence of courses, such as the Educational Technology Area of Emphasis, or it may be a unique series of courses designed collaboratively by the student and the CTL advisor.

CTL candidates may choose any of the three M.A. pathways. Those following the cognate pathway may use their cognate course of study to pursue further study in their Area of Emphasis or to explore a related area of interest.

CTL Program Area of Concentration Coursework (18 units)

Required CTL Courses (6 units):

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| EDCT 585 | Curriculum Development: Theory, Practice, and Evaluation (3 units) |
| EDCT 586 | Teaching and Learning: Research and Application in the Classroom (3 units) |

Examples of Areas of Emphasis (12-16 units):

- Educational Technology
- Reading and Language
- Early Childhood Education
- English as a Second Language
- Critical Theory
- Psychology
- Kinesiology
- History
- Critical Multicultural Education
- Antiracist Education

Advising

Prior to beginning the CTL program, students meet with the CTL advisor to develop a preliminary plan for their Area of Emphasis. Each semester thereafter, students meet with their advisor to solidify this plan and to discuss their progress in the M.A. program.

Requirements for Admission

Candidates submit the following to the Credentials Office, School of Education Stevenson Hall, Sonoma State University Rohnert Park, CA 94928

- One official transcript from each college or university you have attended (grade point average requirements: cumulative upper division/graduate 3.0; Education 3.0)
- A completed application form
- Two (2) letters of reference
- No teaching credential is required for the M.A. degree. A B.A. or B.S. degree is required.
- A narrative statement of describing your proposed CTL area of emphasis and the ways you envision the degree and Area of Emphasis contributing to your personal and/or career goals

For information please contact either:

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Department of Curriculum Studies and Secondary Education (Stevenson Hall 1078):

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