

Frequently Asked Questions

1) *When is the application deadline for Spring 2010 and Fall 2010?*

For Spring 2010 its Friday, September 25th at 5:00 pm. anything sent in the mail must be postmarked by September 25th.

For Fall 2010 its Friday, February 26th at 5:00 pm. anything sent in the mail must be postmarked by February 26th.

2) *What must be included in the application packet?*

- The application forms typed
- The answers to the questions in the application typed
- 3 letters of recommendation
- Official transcripts (even if you attended sac state)
- Resume

3) *How many applications do I have to submit to apply to the program?*

Two applications are required. One application is for the department of graduate studies the second application is for the department of counselor education.

The applications for graduate studies can be found on their website and must be submitted online and a \$55 dollar application fee is required.

The application for the department of counselor education can be found on our website and typed out and then printed you can either mail, or drop off your application. No fee is required for the application (we do not accept e-mailed or faxed applications).

4) *What is the required GPA to enter the program?*

The minimum GPA that is required is 2.5 in the last 60 semester units.

5) *Will I be assigned an advisor once I'm accepted into the program?*

No, advisors are only assigned to students who are full classified in the program. Once, if you are admitted into the program fully classified then you will be assigned an advisor.

6) *Do I have to take any pre-requisites to get into the program?*

Yes, there are 3 required pre-requisites you must take. But they do not have to be taken before you apply. If you are applying for conditional status, and you are

admitted you will have your first semester of acceptance to enroll and finish these pre-requisites.

The abnormal psychology course can be taken at any accredited university or junior college. The acceptable names are abnormal psychology, abnormal behavior and deviant behavior. We will also be offering an EDC 172 course that can also be substituted for abnormal psychology through our department.

The other two pre-requisites are EDC 170 (Introduction to Counseling), and EDC 171 (Power, Privilege and Self-identity). These two classes must be taken at Sac State through the counselor education department. NO substitutions or waivers are accepted for these two courses.

7) *Are there any exams required like the GRE or others?*

No, the only exam that is required is the CBEST for people who wish to apply to the PPS credential program. The WPE (Writing Proficiency Exam) is also required for all applicants. You do have your first semester of acceptance to take the exam or secure a waiver form available through the graduate studies office.

8) *Are official transcripts required for students who attended Sac State?*

Yes, we require official transcripts for all students regardless of what university you attended. Keep in mind we only need the transcripts from the last 60 semester units, or the last 90 quarter units that you have taken. Also make sure to provide a transcripts if you have taken the abnormal psychology course.

9) *Is this a full time or part time graduate program?*

This program is neither part time nor full time. Part time students can enroll in up to 6 units, and full time students may enroll in up to 15 units. Keep in mind that it may take up to 3-4 years to finish the program.

10) *What is the time frame from applying to the program to know if you are accepted or denied?*

Please allow at least four weeks to receive a final notice regarding your admission status. If you pass the first screening process and you are invited to the in person evaluation you will be contacted through phone or e-mail.

11) *If I'm accepted as conditionally classified will I have to attend and orientation?*

Yes, we will hold and orientation for newly accepted conditionally classified students. The date will be given at the in person evaluation.

12) *If I'm accepted as conditionally classified what classes am I eligible to take?*

You are only eligible to take:

- Abnormal psychology or the other following equivalent; abnormal behavior, deviant
- behavior; or EDC 172
- EDC 170
- EDC 171
- EDC 214
- EDC 250
- EDS 100 A/B (Only required for School specialization students)
- EDS 265 (Only required for Career specialization students)

13) *If I need to enroll in the pre-requisites do I have to contact the instructor?*

No, you must attend the first day of class of the class you wish to enroll in. You will put your name on an add list that the instructor will have, and then the instructor will give it to the department office and you will be added to the course.

14) *What is the grade that I need to get in the pre-requisites courses?*

- Abnormal psychology- A grade of C or better
- EDC 170- A grade of B or better
- EDC 171- A grade of B or better

15) *If I'm accepted conditionally classified and get below a B or do not pass the prerequisites courses, can I have 1 more semester to complete them?*

No, when you are admitted conditionally classified you are only allowed 1 semester to complete any outstanding pre-requisites.