



APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please follow the step-by-step instructions below, which include screenshot examples of how to submit your Cal State Apply Application for Fall 2027

- 1.) Go to <https://www2.calstate.edu/apply>
- 2.) In the **Term to Apply** drop-down menu, select **Fall 2027** and click **Apply**

Select a Term to Apply For ✓

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Fall 2027

Spring 2027

Fall 2026

Summer 2027

- 3.) If you are a new user, click **Create an Account** and follow the steps to set up your login credentials.
- 4.) Complete the Extended Profile page and click **Save Changes**.
 - When prompted for your Degree Goal, select **Second Bachelor's Degree and Beyond (e.g., Master's, Teaching Credential, Certificate, Doctoral)**, then select **Graduate (e.g., Master's, Doctoral) or Professional's Degree**.
 - *Note: Do **NOT** select "Teaching and Services Credential Only."*
 - *Note: If you graduated or are graduating with your undergraduate degree, and/or completed your credential program and are applying to the same CSU campus for a graduate program of study, select "No." You are **not** classified as a returning student.*

Extended Profile

The information below is provided to your program's admissions offices. Provide complete and accurate information here. For more information, visit the [Applicant Help Center](#).

Once you submit your application, you cannot edit this section.

* Indicates required field

1. EDUCATIONAL GOAL

Which degree, credential, program or certificate are you applying for? *

- ☐ First bachelor's degree (Seeking your first bachelor's degree and have not earned a prior bachelor's degree)
- ☒ Second bachelor's degree and beyond (e.g. Master's, Teaching Credential, Certificate, Doctoral)
- ☐ Dual enrollment (Current high school student interested in taking college-level courses at a CSU campus before high school graduation)

Select one or more of the following degree goals. *

- ☐ Second bachelor's degree (i.e., already earned a bachelor's degree and are seeking another one)
- ☒ Graduate (e.g., Master's, Doctoral) or professional's degree
- ☐ Teaching and service credential only (e.g. Single or Multiple Subject, Special Education, PPS, Librarian, Admin, CalStateTEACH)
- ☐ Certificate

- 5.) Next, complete the **Add Program** page.
 - Using the filter tool, choose **Cal State San Marcos** as the Campus and **Fall** as the Start Term, and **Campus** as the Source.

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CAS ID: 1687159060

WHAT'S NEXT?

- Have you added all the programs you want to apply to?
[ADD PROGRAMS](#)
- Entering your colleges and universities attended is required for subsequent sections of the application. Enter them early to get a head start!
[COLLEGES ATTENDED](#)

STATUSES

- Academic Records >
- ADT Verification >
- Recommendations >
- Official Test Scores >

Application

Application Status
IN PROGRESS
Your application has not yet been submitted.

Personal Information

2/8 SECTIONS

- Extended Profile
- Release Statement
- Biographic Information
- Contact Information
- Citizenship/Residency Information
- Race & Ethnicity

Filters [RESET](#)

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[Cal State San Marcos](#) [Fall](#) [Campus](#)

PROGRAMS

- ☐ Available Programs
- ☐ Future Programs
- ☐ Past Programs

CAMPUS

Search

- ☐ Cal Poly and Cal Poly Maritime Academy
- ☐ Cal Poly Humboldt
- ☐ Cal Poly Pomona
- ☐ Cal State Channel Islands
- ☐ Cal State East Bay
- ☐ Cal State LA
- ☒ Cal State San Marcos

Programs

You must select at least one program to **Source**. When using the Search field, re programs on the Add Program page at a Due to CSU enrollment pressures, camp program [dates and deadlines](#).

Application fees for some undergrad Application to review your fee waiver

Programs with a Source of Extended Education are not eligible for automatic

Alternate Programs: After you select a some campuses this is optional, and if y

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6.) Scroll down to the **San Marcos Graduate** section, select the plus sign (+) next to your desired program, and click the **Continue** button.

- Note: Do **NOT** select any programs under the **San Marcos Extended Learning** section.

San Marcos Graduate

Biological Sciences + DEGREE TYPE MS START TERM Fall ACADEMIC YEAR 2027 LOCATION Main Campus DEADLINE Mar 1, 2027, 11:59 PM PST	Chemistry - General + DEGREE TYPE MS START TERM Fall ACADEMIC YEAR 2027 LOCATION Main Campus DEADLINE May 31, 2027, 11:59 PM PDT	Computer Science - Computer Science + DEGREE TYPE MS START TERM Fall ACADEMIC YEAR 2027 LOCATION Main Campus DEADLINE May 1, 2027, 11:59 PM PDT	Curriculum and Instruction + DEGREE TYPE MA START TERM Fall ACADEMIC YEAR 2027 LOCATION Main Campus DEADLINE May 14, 2027, 11:59 PM PDT
Doctor of Nursing Practice + DEGREE TYPE DNP START TERM Fall ACADEMIC YEAR 2027 LOCATION Main Campus DEADLINE Apr 6, 2027, 11:59 PM PDT	History - General + DEGREE TYPE MA START TERM Fall ACADEMIC YEAR 2027 LOCATION Main Campus DEADLINE Mar 15, 2027, 11:59 PM PDT	Kinesiology + DEGREE TYPE MS START TERM Fall ACADEMIC YEAR 2027 LOCATION Main Campus DEADLINE Mar 31, 2027, 11:59 PM PDT	Literature & Writing + DEGREE TYPE MA START TERM Fall ACADEMIC YEAR 2027 LOCATION Main Campus DEADLINE Mar 1, 2027, 11:59 PM PST
Mathematics - General + DEGREE TYPE MS START TERM Fall ACADEMIC YEAR 2027 LOCATION Main Campus DEADLINE Jun 30, 2027, 11:59 PM PDT	Multilingual and Multicultural Education + DEGREE TYPE MA START TERM Fall ACADEMIC YEAR 2027 LOCATION Main Campus DEADLINE May 15, 2027, 11:59 PM PDT	Psychological Science + DEGREE TYPE MA START TERM Fall ACADEMIC YEAR 2027 LOCATION Main Campus DEADLINE Feb 1, 2027, 11:59 PM PST	Social Work + DEGREE TYPE MSW START TERM Fall ACADEMIC YEAR 2027 LOCATION Main Campus DEADLINE Jan 15, 2027, 11:59 PM PST
Sociological Practice + DEGREE TYPE MA START TERM Fall ACADEMIC YEAR 2027 LOCATION Main Campus	Spanish + DEGREE TYPE MA START TERM Fall ACADEMIC YEAR 2027 LOCATION Main Campus	Special Education + DEGREE TYPE MA START TERM Fall ACADEMIC YEAR 2027 LOCATION Main Campus	

- 7.) Once you've confirmed the program, click the **Continue** button in the bottom-right corner.
- 8.) You will then be directed to the main page of your Cal State Apply application that will display the four quadrants that will need to be completed: **Personal Information, Academic History, Supporting Information, and Program Materials.**

Personal Information  Extended Profile ✓ Release Statement ✓ Biographic Information ✓ Contact Information ✓ Citizenship/Residency Information ✓ Race & Ethnicity ✓ 8/8 SECTIONS VIEW ALL SECTIONS v	Academic History  Colleges Attended ✓ Standardized Tests ✓ GPA Entries ✓ 3/3 SECTIONS
Supporting Information  Experiences ✓ 1/1 SECTIONS	Program Materials  Special Education ✓ San Marcos Graduate 1/1 PROGRAMS

- 9.) To get started, select the **Personal Information Quadrant**.
- There you will find eight (8) sections that you will need to complete. Starting with the **Extended Profile**, complete each page and click the Save and Continue button to move on to the next section.

Personal Information



8/8 SECTIONS

[Extended Profile](#)

[Release Statement](#)

[Biographic Information](#)

[Contact Information](#)

[Citizenship/Residency Information](#)

[Race & Ethnicity](#)

[Other Information](#)

[Financial and Parental Information](#)

- Once you've completed the **Financial and Parental Information** section, you will automatically be sent to the 2nd Quadrant - **Academic History**.

- 10.) There are three (3) sections in this quadrant: **Colleges Attended, Standardized Test, GPA Entry**

Academic History



3/3 SECTIONS

[Colleges Attended](#)

[Standardized Tests](#)

[GPA Entries](#)

- 11.) Next, in the **Colleges Attended** section, enter every postsecondary institution(s) you have attended manually—regardless of grades or credits earned.
- Click the Save and Continue button to move on to the next section.

Colleges Attended

Report all colleges and institutions attended, regardless of:

- Their relevance to the programs you're applying to, and
- Whether the coursework completed there was already transferred to another institution.

If you took courses during high school for college or university credit, be sure to report those institutions as well.

Also, report each institution only once, regardless of the number of degrees earned or gaps in the dates of attendance. Visit the [Applicant Help Center](#) for more information.

Guidance for Applicants with International Credentials

If you attended or are currently attending an institution outside the United States or Canada:

- Contact your CSU campus(es) first to learn their international evaluation requirements. Not all CSU campuses will require foreign credential evaluations, so it is important to confirm with the campus before placing an order through the evaluation service.
- If the CSU campus accepts unofficial transcripts, you can upload it along with an English, word-for-word translation.
- If they require a foreign credential evaluation, you can order one from World Education Services (WES), our preferred service, or another credential evaluation service.

Note: Once you submit your application, you cannot edit previously entered colleges or universities.

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* Indicates required field

 **California State University - San Marcos**
CA, United States 

12.) In the **Standardized Test** section, select the **I Am Not Adding Any Standardized Tests** option.

- Click the Save and Continue button to move on to the next section.

Standardized Tests

You can self-report your standardized test scores or report tests you plan to take in this section. certain test scores; be sure to check with your programs to ensure you are completing all requir

- **Freshman Applicants:** ACT and SAT test scores will not be used for any admission purp
If you took the ACT or SAT and already sent your scores to a CSU campus, you can add your i
have not sent your scores to a CSU campus, no further action is needed at this time. If you ar
these results will only be used as one of the measures to place you in the proper mathemati
- **Transfer Applicants:** Add any Advanced Placement (AP), CLEP, and International Baccalaure
more details, review the [External Exam Credit Information](#). If you complete fewer than 60 tra
here. While SAT and ACT scores are not required, we encourage lower division transfer appli
or transfer students earning an ADT do not need to report ACT or SAT results. If you do not p
- **Graduate Applicants:** Report your GMAT and GRE results or the date you plan to take the te
Any Standardized Tests.
- **International Applicants:** Report your IELTS, TOEFL, and PTE results or the date you plan to
Not Adding Any Standardized Tests.

Once you submit your application, you cannot edit previously entered tests, but you can add ne

Note that self-reporting your scores isn't the same as providing official scores to your programs.

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ADD STANDARDIZED TESTS

I'M NOT ADDING ANY STANDARDIZED TESTS 

13.) In the **GPA Entries** section, Select **Add GPA Entries** next to each institution listed under Colleges Attended

- Click the Save and Continue button, and you will automatically be in the 3rd Quadrant – **Supporting Information**

GPA Entries

Provide GPA information for the colleges you entered in the **Colleges Attended** section. Note that:

- When entering your GPAs, **Total Credit Hours** are equivalent to your transcript's total units.
- If you attended a school twice (e.g., you completed both undergraduate and graduate coursework at the same college), click **Add A GPA** to add another GPA entry.

Tip: Credit hours = units

Total credit hours equal the total number of attempted units on your transcript. This may be indicated by a "UA" column on your transcript.

Visit the [Applicant Help Center](#) for more information.

Once you submit your application, you can add new and edit previously entered GPAs, but you cannot delete previously entered GPAs.

If you update your College Coursework information, the GPA Entries page may be marked incomplete. If this happens, edit your GPA and resave your information.

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August 2024 - June 2026

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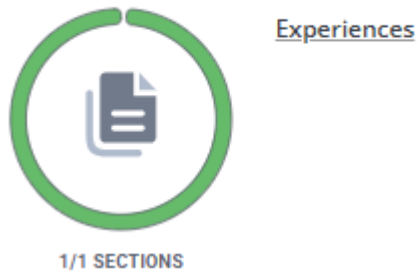
Do you have a GPA for this institution?*

☐ Yes

☒ No

You've opted not to add a GPA Entries for this institution

- 14.) There are one (1) section in this quadrant: **Experiences**
Supporting Information



- 15.) In the **Experiences** section, select the **I Am Not Adding Any Experiences** option
- Click the Save and Continue button, and you will automatically be in the 4th Quadrant – **Program Materials**

Experiences

Enter your professional employment experiences in several categories, or types, in this section. List your military service and present employer, if applicable. Do not include summer and part-time work not relevant to your career or academic goal. Visit the [Applicant Help Center](#) for more information.

Once you submit your application, you cannot edit previously entered experiences. You can add new experiences and update ones that are in progress.

* Indicates required field

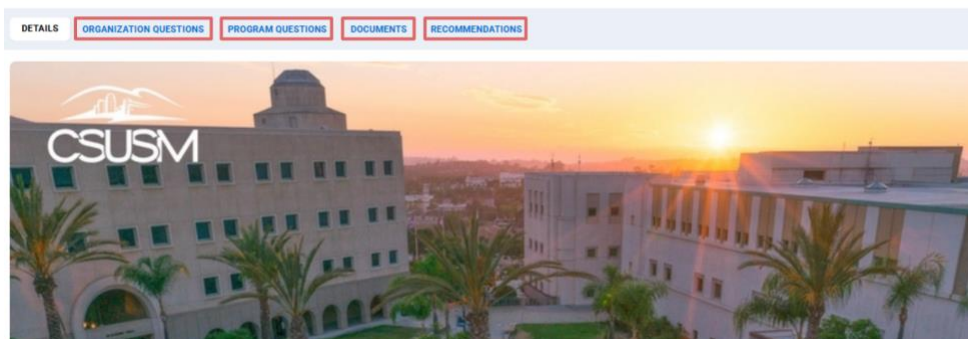
ADD EXPERIENCES

I'M NOT ADDING ANY EXPERIENCES



- 16.) At the top of the **Program Materials** section, you will see five (5) tabs: **Details**, **Organization Questions**, **Program Questions**, **Documents**, and **Recommendations**.

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- 17.) In the **Organization Questions** and **Program Materials** tabs, carefully review the information provided and acknowledge them.

- Click the Save and Continue button to move on to the next section.

18.) In the **Documents** tab:

- Click the (+) button under **Statement of Purpose**. Follow the instructions to upload your Statement of Purpose file.
- Click the (+) button under **Teaching Credentials**. Follow the instructions to upload your **Verification of Your Initial Teaching Credential** (Multiple Subject, Single Subject, etc.). This might be a copy of your credential certificate, or a screenshot from your CTC Educator account. If you expect to be recommended for your Credential at the close of the Spring 2027 semester, please upload a Word document stating so.
- Click the (+) button under **Unofficial Transcript**. Follow the instructions to upload your Unofficial Transcript. If you have more than one Unofficial Transcript to upload, add them under the other Additional Unofficial Transcripts sections.

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DETAILS ORGANIZATION QUESTIONS ✓ PROGRAM QUESTIONS ✓ DOCUMENTS RECOMMENDATIONS

Applicants will not be able to submit their application without attaching the required documents.

Transcripts
You will be required to submit (1) official transcript AND (1) unofficial transcript from each college or university attended in order to be considered for admission. You will not be required to submit official transcripts from CSUSM.

To Submit Your Official Transcripts
Electronic delivery is the preferred delivery method. Verify with your school if an electronic transcript is available. When ordering your electronic transcript, please choose California State University San Marcos as the intended recipient. If California State University San Marcos is not listed, please use transcripts@csusm.edu as the recipient email address.
If you select to mail your transcript, please ensure the transcript is in an envelope sealed by your school and addressed to:
Office of Admissions & Student Outreach
California State University San Marcos
333 S. Twin Oaks Valley Road
San Marcos, CA 92096-0001

To Submit Your Unofficial Transcripts
Scan and save PDF copies of the unofficial transcripts from all institutions that you have attended, including CSUSM. (Add your unofficial transcripts under Unofficial Transcripts. To upload, select Add Document.)

Statement of Purpose
Describe interest in the program, as well as how the program fulfills personal, educational, and career objectives. (Add your Statement of Purpose under Statement of Purpose. To upload, select Add Document.)

Credential Verification
You will be required to upload a PDF copy of your valid teaching credential(s). (Add your Valid Teaching Credential under Teaching Credential. To upload, select Add Document.)
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Statement of Purpose
1 required • 1 allowed • 1 remaining 

Teaching Credential
1 required • 3 allowed • 3 remaining 

Unofficial Transcript
1 required • 5 allowed • 5 remaining 

19.) In the **Recommendations** tab:

- Click the (+) button under **Recommendations** and follow the instructions to request or upload two (2) letters of recommendation from individuals familiar with your work in the field of education. Once an evaluator completes a request, no further changes can be made.

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Applicants may choose to submit up to two (2) letters of recommendation from individuals familiar with their work in the field of education.

General Program with Letter Upload

0 required • 3 allowed • 3 remaining



- 20.) Once all tabs are complete, you will be automatically directed to the **Details** tab. Select **Submit** to review your program selections and follow the prompts to enter the \$70 application fee. After verifying your details and payment information, click **Submit & Pay** to finalize your application.

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The Special Education Combined Credential and Master's Degree Program blends our special education (Education Specialist) credential program with our Master of Arts (MA) in Special Education to support candidates who want to seamlessly combine their credential and master's program together. Candidates join a small cohort of peers to complete their ES credential(s) in two semesters and take two additional courses and an advising class to assist them in completing a thesis or project for their MA in Special Education. The pathway leverages the ES credential coursework as applicable units towards a master's degree so candidates can quickly complete their desired special education credential(s) and master's degree. As a program built for working professionals, we offer hybrid, evening classes in Phase 1 which focuses on earning one or two special education (ES) teaching credentials. In addition, candidates have the flexibility to complete their Phase 1 clinical practice requirements as Interns, Residents, or Student Teachers. Candidates only seeking ES Credentials may exit the program after Phase 1. During Phase 2, candidates complete the remaining requirements for the MA in Special Education and enroll part-time in fully online classes which eliminates travel and reduces the overall program cost.

Phase 1: Two Semesters Full-Time: Coursework and Clinical Practice - Focus on Mild to Moderate Support Needs (MMSN) and/or Extensive Support Needs (ESN) Education Specialist Credentials.

Phase 2: Two Semesters Part-Time: Remaining MA in SPED coursework and culminating experience.

Total number of units range depending on which Credential + MA Pathway you select:
<https://www.csusm.edu/soe/graduate/specialeducation/index.html>

Admissions Requirements:

- CSUSM Graduate Application and related fees

Details

Source: Campus
Campus Name: Cal State San Marcos
Degree Type: MA
Start Term: Fall
Delivery Format: Face to Face
Academic Year: 2027
Degree Level: Graduate
Deadline: May 1, 2027, 11:59 PM PDT

Requirements

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