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## **What are the admission requirements of this program?**

When applying to the program, you should have 60 or more semester units (90 or more quarter units) completed, along with the minimum GPA requirements and all CSU requirements satisfied. Eligibility to apply for the B.S. in Child Development and B.A. in Communication programs are online. An ADT (Associate Degree for Transfer) is not a requirement for program eligibility. The full admissions requirements for each program can be found at [neverstoplearning.net/sdcitycollege](http://neverstoplearning.net/sdcitycollege).

## **When can I apply to this program? How do I apply to this program?**

Fall 2022 applications open on Oct 1, 2021 and close on June 3, 2022.

Please email the contacts listed at the end of this document for more information.

## **When can I expect an admission decision?**

Admission decisions will be made within two weeks of the application deadline.

## **What does the Child Development Degree Completion program offer me?**

SDSU's hybrid B.S. in Child Development program will help you develop the skills you

need to shape the future of our communities. The program is driven by research, community-based learning, and above all, a passion for helping our children grow into healthy, productive, and happy adults. Course topics include team-teaching, community networking and engagement, curriculum building, family violence and maltreatment, atypical development, public policy, early intervention skills, and more.

Essential to your degree is a 120-hour community outreach experience, where you'll work directly with child and family service providers located in the San Diego area. You'll be able to get involved and make a difference while building a foundation for your future career in a variety of fields, including education, social services, public administration, and more.

## **What does the Communication Degree Completion program offer me?**

SDSU's Communication program is a diverse applied arts and sciences program that teaches students how to develop integrated, interactive, international, and intercultural communication strategies designed for the twenty-first century. Students will learn how communication

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promotes civic engagement and allows for effective participation in today's global community. The program also focuses on social problems, giving students the tools they'll need to engage the issues facing our local and global community in a constructive manner. Graduates have launched careers in sales, government, human resources, training, education, and consulting. Many graduates have also decided to pursue advanced academic or professional degrees in fields such as law, management, and marketing.

## May I apply if I have already earned a bachelor's or advanced degree?

No, applications to the online program for a second bachelor's degree are not being accepted at this time.

## How do I determine if I have the required prerequisites for the program?

Please contact your Transfer Center Director, Abdimalik Buul Ed.D, by phone at **(619) 388-3400 ext. 3722** or by email at [abuul@sdccd.edu](mailto:abuul@sdccd.edu).

You may also use **SDSU Tap or Assist.org** to determine if you have taken the equivalent prerequisite courses. You can also visit our **Transfer Admissions Information** page.

## Do you accept transfer credits into your program?

SDSU will accept courses from accredited colleges and universities that are designated as baccalaureate level at the institution where the work was completed. Some courses may be used to meet specific requirements in General Education or the major. Transferable courses that do not meet any specific requirement may be accepted as elective credits. More information can be found on our **Transfer Admissions Information** page.

## How do I apply for financial aid?

Students may apply for financial aid without applying for admission to the University. Students should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to be considered for all types of state and federal aid. Learn more about **how to apply for financial aid**.

## Are these programs accredited?

All of the degree programs and majors at SDSU (in-person and online) are accredited via the WASC Senior College and University Commission. The "WASC Senior College and University Commission" is the regional accrediting agency that serves a diverse membership of public and private higher education institutions throughout California, Hawaii, and the Pacific as well as a number of international institutions.

## Who teaches the classes? Are they SDSU faculty?

Courses in the online program are team-taught. Faculty who have demonstrated an ability to excel in their regular on-campus teaching assignments prepare all course material using the most current technology and tools. Facilitators who routinely teach the course on-campus or are subject area experts monitor the course's day-to-day delivery. Together, their goal is to bring to you the same rigor and content as on-campus courses.

## How is the program structured?

The program is structured to be flexible and convenient. Courses run in eight-week blocks, so a full-time student can take four courses each term, and still focus on just two in a block at any given time. The program also accommodates students who want to take courses on a part-time basis. Although courses

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are expected to be completed by the end of the 8-week block in which they are offered, the program is entirely self-paced, which means that you can either slow down by taking a lighter course load or speed up by taking a heavier course load.

Courses are taught asynchronously. You'll be able to complete the work on your time when it's convenient for you within the due dates and deliverable dates.

The Child Development program also includes a 120-hour community-based learning experience over an eight-week period at the end of your program, where you'll work with preselected child and family service providers in the San Diego community. **Students living outside of San Diego County must be able to travel to San Diego to fulfill these in-person requirements once in-person education resumes.**

## How long do I have to complete the program?

Although each course is expected to be completed by the end of the 8-week block in which it is offered, the degree program is entirely self-paced to afford a student the option of slowing down by taking a lighter course load or speeding up by taking a heavier class load. At this rate, the program can be completed in six terms, or two years.

## Can I work while completing the program?

Yes! Our programs are designed to help working professionals and busy students earn the credentials they need to move their careers forward without moving backwards by taking time off to attend four years of classes on campus.

## How much does the program cost?

The estimated total cost of these programs ranges from \$21,648 to \$33,932, depending on the degree earned and the number of units required. We understand that every student's academic journey is unique, and we encourage you to contact one of our Admission Advisors to find out what you'll need to successfully apply to the program.

You're also responsible for the costs of required texts and learning materials, as well as incidental fees related to your application for admission and graduation. Students are also responsible for fees related to Writing Placement Assessment Testing.

## What is the WPA and how will my performance on it affect me?

In order to graduate from SDSU, you'll need to satisfy the Graduate Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR), which demonstrates your competency in upper-division writing skills. To satisfy this requirement, you'll need to take the Writing Placement Assessment (WPA) your first semester in the program. Your score on the WPA will determine which writing courses, if any, you'll need to enroll during your program. Please note that you will not be able to enroll in future terms until you've taken the WPA.

Visit [wpa.sdsu.edu](http://wpa.sdsu.edu) for more information.

## Is there any help available in preparing to take the WPA?

Yes, use the materials available on [wpa.sdsu.edu](http://wpa.sdsu.edu), write a practice essay, and make an online appointment with a Writing Center tutor to discuss your essay.

Start by registering with SDSU's Writing Center by going to [sdsu.mywconline.com](http://sdsu.mywconline.com) and click on

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"register." After you have submitted the form, you will have access to the online appointment center. Look for tutors who offer online tutoring. When you register for an appointment with an online tutor, be sure to click "online tutoring" in the drop down menu on the form. Placement Assessment testing.

## Once admitted, may I add another major or minor?

No, this is a degree completion program. No additional majors or minors are permitted.

## Is it the same degree as SDSU's on-campus degree?

Upon completion of the program, a student will be awarded the same degree that on-campus students receive.

- Child Development: Bachelor of Science in Child Development
- Communication: Bachelor of Arts in Communication

The diploma received and transcript will not distinguish that the program was completed online.

## Will I get to walk in my graduation ceremony at SDSU?

Yes, you'll have the opportunity to walk in the commencement ceremonies and participate in other SDSU activities.

## Are international students eligible to apply?

Not at this time.

## What grades are required to graduate from these programs?

A minimum GPA of 2.4 for the Child Development program and 2.75 for the Communication program and the Communication program is required in the

following areas:

- SDSU GPA
- Cumulative GPA
- Major GPA
- Minor GPA

## What kind of disability accommodations will be in place for these programs?

Each student will be authorized for his or her unique set of accommodations based on individual needs. Please consult our **Overview of Services and Accommodations** for more information.

## How is academic integrity maintained in the online program?

All SDSU students are expected to follow standards for student conduct. Dishonesty, to include cheating, plagiarism, and other forms of academic dishonesty, are behaviors inconsistent with the university's **Student Code of Conduct**, which is accessible online.

SDSU adheres to a strict policy regarding cheating and plagiarism. Any cheating or plagiarism in a class results in failing that class and the possibility of further disciplinary review. Students in the online program must agree that all required written submissions will be subject to review by **Turnitin.com** for the detection of plagiarism. To uphold the integrity of exams and tests and level the playing field for students who fear that their classmates may be unfairly cheating to get higher grades, students in the online program must also agree to allow the use of a remote proctoring service when taking assessments.

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## What does the SDSU@SD City College program mean for me?

Earning your degree through our SDSU@SD City College program means that you'll have full access to SDSU's online degree completion program, with courses taught by tenured and tenure-tracked SDSU faculty. You'll also benefit from on-site\* instructional support, student advising, and other services at San Diego City College provided by SDSU.

\*In-person components are available virtually due to COVID-19 restrictions. Once restrictions are lifted and in-person education resumes at each site, these services will be provided on your community college campus.

If you'd like to learn more, please contact:

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