Mission Statement

The Graduate Studies Center (GSC) is dedicated to providing academic, professional and personal support services for post baccalaureate students at CI. Our services aim to facilitate access to post baccalaureate programs, to promote student success and program completion, and to foster professional, personal, and workforce development.

Message from the Director

At the Graduate Studies Center we strive to help support all CI students, from the undergraduate to the graduate level, with any postbac needs they may have. If you would like to know more about graduate school or are finishing up your thesis and you need writing support, we are here to assist you. We look forward to seeing you at the Graduate Studies Center.

Go Dolphins!

Sara Alcala
Graduate Studies Center Activity Director

Location
El Dorado Hall (ELD)
One University Drive
Camarillo, CA 93012

Contact
(805) 437-3579
Gs.center@csuci.edu
Meet with our Graduate Studies Center Counselor to discuss career, outreach, and graduate school options.

Appointments Available!

Visit
El Dorado Hall Front Desk

Call
(805) 437-3579

E-mail
gs.center@csuci.edu

Walk-in Hours:
2nd and 4th
Wednesday of the month
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

The Graduate Studies Center has workshops available to anyone interested in a postbac education, as well as for current graduate and credential students!

**Graduate Studies Center and Graduate Writing Studio Workshops**

**Fall 2016**

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TO RSVP:
To RSVP for a workshop and for workshop descriptions please go to: [https://csuci.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_ahEvXbo10MgE4xD](https://csuci.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_ahEvXbo10MgE4xD).

If you have any questions contact the GSC at 805-437-3579 or gs.center@csuci.edu

*All GSC Workshops are located at CI main campus, El Dorado Hall*

Persons who, because of a special need or condition, would like to request an accommodation should contact Disability Resource Programs at (805) 437-3351 or email accommodations@csuci.edu as soon as possible, but no later than 10 business days before the event, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

**GRE TEST PREP COURSE**

Six Class Sessions:
- Friday: 10/28
- Saturday: 10/29
- Friday: 11/4
- Saturday: 11/5
- Friday: 11/18
- Saturday: 12/3

Fee: $60 (For all sessions)

*Please make checks payable to CSU Channel Islands*

Location: Graduate Studies Center
Main Campus- El Dorado Hall

Please use the below link to register:
[https://csuci.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_cT1mKrAxjLWk0t](https://csuci.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_cT1mKrAxjLWk0t)

**PAYMENT DEADLINE: November 4, 2016**

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http://www.csuci.edu/gsc/
Graduate Writing Studio

Graduate Writing Studio Consultants are available to assist credential/graduate students with thesis writing, research papers or other course related writing assignments. They are also available to help organize your professional resumes. Feel free to make appointments to meet with our GWS Consultants by calling 805-437-3579 or emailing gscwritingstudio@csuci.edu.

In Person and Zoom appointments available for CI students.

Course papers
Thesis Review
Cover Letters
Personal Statements
One-on-one Consultations

Call, e-mail, or stop by to schedule your appointment!

Resources available for current Credential & Graduate students

- Graduate School Advising
- Graduate Writing Assistance
- Information Sessions
- Wellness & Professional Development workshops
- Test Preparation Courses
- Exam Proctoring
- Study Spaces
- Standardized Test Prep books
- Laptops
- iPads
- Headphones
- Computer Stations with FREE printing for Credential and Graduate Students (Students must provide own paper)
- La Cocina de El Dorado
- Lactation Room with changing station
I3th Annual 
Graduate & Professional School Fair

Date: Thursday, November 3, 2016
Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Location: Broome Library Plaza

You are invited to participate in CI’s Annual Graduate and Professional School Fair. Meet college representatives from regional, national, and international graduate and professional school programs.

Graduate Studies Center Fall Contest!

What are you thankful for this fall?

Visit the GSC front desk and write what you are thankful for in a secret note and win a prize!

Deadline to participate in contest is November 18, 2016

Winner will be notified via e-mail. Will be picked at random on November 21, 2016
Dr. Charles Weis

What is your role and how long have you been at CSUCI?

I have been an Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership for just over one year, however, I have taught as a lecturer in Educational Administration at CSU Northridge and CI, Cal Lutheran, and Pepperdine Universities since 1991. I also serve as the CSU Channel Islands Co-Director of the new Cooperative Online Doctorate in Educational Leadership (CODEL) and Advisor for the Master of Arts in Educational Leadership programs.

Tell us a little about yourself.

I was born in Santa Monica and raised in the San Fernando Valley. I graduated from Granada Hills High School, earned a bachelor's degree in psychology at UCLA, a Masters of Arts in psychology at CSUN, and a Ph.D. in Educational Policy and Organizational Studies at UCSB. I am a first generation college graduate in my family. My first job after earning a master's degree was as a school psychologist and a little later as a licensed educational psychologist in private practice. I then became a Director of Special Education and Special Projects, an Elementary and Secondary Principal, and an Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services in the Fillmore Unified School District. I joined the Ventura County Superintendent of Schools Office as Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction and was promoted to County Superintendent of Schools in 1993. During my time as County Superintendent, I worked with local legislators to convert the Camarillo State Hospital to California State University Channel Islands. After serving 15 years as Ventura County Superintendent, I served as Santa Clara County Superintendent of Schools for four years. I retired from that position in 2012 and was elected to the Hueneme School District Board of Education in 2014.

I have three children who are now adults. My two boys are currently serving as High School Special Education Teachers and my daughter works in an Adult Special Needs program in Simi Valley. My wife is a retired Director of Curriculum from the Ventura Unified School District. Our dog, a blond Golden Retriever named Sandra Dee, is the center of our lives right now. We live on the beach at Silver Strand (near Oxnard) in a home that we designed and built in 2005.

What did you want to be growing up?

I cannot recall having any aspirations when I was growing up. My family wanted me to be a fire fighter like my father and grandfather. I went along with that dream but it never really became mine. My parents did not really want me to go to college because it was not necessary to be a fire fighter. I went to UCLA and discovered my passion for learning and psychology.

What led you to pursue a graduate education?

My career developed as a result many wonderful people inviting me to work for them at UCLA. I was truly blessed with many mentors and challengers that pushed me to learn and grow. My interest in and success at psychology led me to graduate school at CSUN that prepared me to work as a school psychologist. My pursuit of a Ph.D. at UCSB resulted from meeting, and working with, many Ph.D. graduates from UCLA when I was a Principal. The UCSB program was designed for working professionals (week nights and weekend courses) so I applied and was accepted there.

What advice do you have for prospective postbac candidates?

Use your time in undergraduate courses to find your passion. Then research the job(s) that will pay you to express your passion every day. If you do this, your career will find you and your life will be filled with positive feelings of accomplishment as you change the world for the better.
CSUCI Needs you!

Volunteers Needed!

Join Us!

You’re invited!

TO

VOLUNTEER

AT

CI’s 13th Annual Graduate & Professional School Fair
Nov 3rd, 10 am—2 pm  Broome Library Plaza

CSU Channel Islands’ Annual Graduate & Professional School Fair allows students to meet graduate school representatives from local and regional programs to gain information about admissions requirements and distinctive program features.

To sign up to volunteer, use the following link:

Deadline to volunteer is November 2nd, 2016
Please contact the Graduate Studies Center for more information to participate at gscenter@csuci.edu or via phone at (805) 437-3579

WANT TO BECOME A LEADER IN EDUCATION?

NOW RECRUITING FOR SUMMER 2017!

The Collaborative Online Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership (CODEL), jointly offered by CSU Channel Islands and Fresno State, is now accepting applications for Cohort 2 (2017-2018). The CODEL program has two specializations: (1) P-12 and (2) Postsecondary education.

This program is an incredible opportunity for individuals who intend to prepare for advanced level leadership positions.

To learn more about this program and the application process please attend one of our upcoming information sessions on:

Thursday, October 27th
Thursday, November 17th

Both information sessions will be held in the El Dorado Hall at CSUCI from 6-7:30pm.
To RSVP, please email stephanie.cruz@csuci.edu with your name and number.

Priority Application Deadline: January 15, 2017

Learn more at: teachingcommons.cdl.edu/edleadership/codel
Contact us today: Dr. Gary Kinsey — gary.kinsey@csuci.edu,
Dr. Charles Weis — charles.weis@csuci.edu

Leaders Wanted!
Raspberry Overnight Oats Recipe

Ingredients (Serves 1):
- 160g raspberries
- 60g rolled oats
- 150ml low-fat milk
- 125g low-fat plain yogurt
- 1 tbsp. chia seeds
- 1/4 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/2 tbsp. honey

This delicious Raspberry Overnight Oats Recipe will be sure to make your day! It’s nutritious and ready-to-eat, making it the perfect solution for students, mothers, workers who are always on-the-go!

1. Place half of the raspberries and a little water in a blender and blend until smooth
2. Place oats, milk, yogurt, blended raspberries, chia seeds, vanilla and honey in a bowl and mix well to combine.
3. Pour the mixture into a mason jar or glass, cover and refrigerate overnight.

** To serve: top the overnight oats with the remaining raspberries and enjoy!

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CAPS services are

⇒ covered under student health fees with no additional co-pay,

⇒ confidential, and

⇒ available to all currently enrolled students.

For faculty

⇒ CAPS is available to provide a presentation to your classroom.

Introducing CAPS

COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) provides short-term mental health services in a confidential setting to assist students in achieving their academic and personal pursuits. Services are provided in a safe and supportive environment that celebrates all forms of diversity and multiculturalism.

Some topics students discuss include relationship problems, academic concerns, anxiety, depression, body image, substance misuse, homesickness, suicidal thoughts, or any other personal concerns.

For more information or to schedule an appointment please contact us:
805-437-2088 (available 24/7)
caps@csuci.edu
Bell Tower East 1856
www.csuci.edu/caps

Relax in the famous Egg Chair at the CAPS Relaxation Room.
The Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS) office has a Relaxation room that students can use, regardless of whether they are in counseling. This room includes a meditation cushion, yoga mat, and an Egg Chair. The unconventional shape and construction of the Egg Chair make it perfect for both sound isolation and excellent acoustics. Its chamber-like shape and upholstered interior cancels out most outside noise.

Visit CAPS in Bell Tower East 1856!
Monday through Thursday: 9am - 5pm
Friday: 10am to 5pm
Meet our Staff

Student Assistants

Gaby will be graduating in May 2017 with a B.S. in Nursing, B.A. in Psychology, and a minor in Spanish. She chose CI because it is a local campus she had heard great things about the nursing program. Upon graduation, Gaby hopes to work with underserved populations and attend graduate school. Two of Gaby’s hobbies are hiking and going to the beach.

Jasmine is a second year student at CI majoring in Biology. She chose CI because of the many resources the campus has to offer as well as the beauty of the school. Her goals are to graduate college and be the first in her family to have a college degree. Jasmine’s hobbies include going on outdoor adventures, trips to Disneyland and doing photography.

Gabriela Magana

Jasmine Santos-Orozco

Postbac Counselor

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Activity Director

Sara has been working at CI since 2005 and has 10+ years of experience working in schools, from K-12 through university levels. She was previously the Graduate Studies Counselor & Coordinator and was recently hired as the GSC Activity Director. Sara manages Graduate Studies Center events, partnerships, activities and resources while also overseeing daily operations at the GSC. Feel free to contact Sara, if you are interested in collaborating for a future CI event or workshop!

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Interim Dean

Merilyn Buchanan joined the Education program at CI in 2002. She has elementary, middle and high school teaching experience, notably in mathematics and science. She received her Teaching Certificate from Notre Dame Teachers’ College, and her Bachelor’s and Master degrees from the University of Liverpool in England. Her Ph.D. is in the area of Policy, Administration and the Study of Schooling from UCLA, where she taught at the university’s Lab School for twelve years.

Just prior to being named Interim Dean of the School of Education in 2015, her past roles were as coordinator of the Multiple Subject Teaching Credential Program and the Pre-Requisite Credential Program, Merilyn has worked extensively with student teachers in local elementary schools. Her interest in the function of professional development schools has led to her close relationship with the University Charter Schools at CI and to her role in founding the Southern California Professional Development School Consortium.

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