



## Certificate Program in CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

Study Children's Literature at a post-baccalaureate level for career advancement or for personal enrichment.

### Program Overview

SDSU's 12-unit Certificate in Children's Literature provides post-baccalaureate education to students desiring graduate credit without undertaking all the coursework required for an MA in English.

Participants typically include:

- School teachers and librarians
- Book sellers and publishers
- Parents and lovers of literature in general

Participants will enroll in regular SDSU Children's Literature graduate courses on a space-available basis through the Open University program.

The faculty from San Diego State University's Department of English and Comparative Literature will provide instruction.

### The Program

Students in the certificate program will take four graduate-level courses. Applicable courses include:

- Engl 604D: A Literary Period or Movement: Children's Literature
- Engl 606D: A Literary Type: Children's Literature
- Engl 627: History of Children's Literature
- Engl 700: Major Authors (when content applies to Children's Literature)
- Engl 727: Seminar: Issues in Children's Literature
- Other children's literature courses approved by the student's academic advisor

The Children's Literature Certificate is designed for those who want to explore Children's Literature in a single-minded way but do not wish to earn the M.A. in English, and for K-12 Educators who have a literary interest in the field and may earn the Certificate as a way of meeting their professional-development requirements or acquiring graduate credits as a means to career advancement.

Please note: The Children's Literature Certificate is not intended for those interested in Creative Writing (writing for children) or in Education (how to use Children's Literature in school classrooms); those interested in these subjects are advised to look into classes offered by the English Department's Creative Writing Program and by the School of Education. Instead, the Certificate is intended for those who wish to do advanced study in Children's Literature in a scholarly, analytical, and interpretative way.

### Certificate Requirements

1. The GRE is NOT required for admission to the Certificate Program.
2. Admission is based on the applicability of your academic and/or professional background to graduate coursework in Children's/Young Adult literature.

3. Completion of all parts of the application, including the answers requested by the Children's Literature faculty to the questions below. Please send this section of the application to [childlit@sdsu.edu](mailto:childlit@sdsu.edu) .

Please answer these questions in up to 250 words for each section.

- A. Describe your educational background and/or relevant professional experience.
- B. Describe your experience with or in literature courses.
- C. Describe your interest in graduate study in Children's Literature.
- D. Provide contact information.

### **Transfer Credit**

The program advisor will review transfer credit and accept those courses that coincide with the content of the courses offered in this program. No more than 3 units of transfer credit will be permitted.

### **Fees**

The course registration fee will be at the current Open University per-unit rate (currently \$197) as listed in the College of Extended Studies catalog. Financial aid is available through Sallie Mae Loans from the College of Extended Studies. For more information go to [www.neverstoplearning.net](http://www.neverstoplearning.net). Veteran's benefits are available; for information, call the SDSU Veteran's Affairs Office, (619) 594-5813.

### **Parking Permits**

Parking Permits may be purchased in person from the main University Cashier parking office or when registering at the College of Extended Studies. The parking fee is determined by SDSU. Parking information and temporary visitor parking permits are available at the information booth on Campanile Drive.

## **What You Need to Do**

### **1. Admission**

Applicants must meet the following two criteria:

1. Baccalaureate degree from an accredited university; or
2. Degree and/or certificate from a foreign country.

### **2. Establish a Course of Study**

Contact the program advisor before selecting courses. The Director of the Children's Literature Program can be reached via [childlit@sdsu.edu](mailto:childlit@sdsu.edu). Please also note the requirement above that you respond in writing to the Director to questions A through D. Send one copy of this application to Extended Studies (see address below) and another to the Director of the Children's Literature Program.

### **3. Apply**

Please complete the application form at the end of this brochure during enrollment in your first course, attach an unofficial or official transcript of you BA or BS, and mail along with a \$35 check (payable to SDSU) for application-processing fee to:

SDSU College of Extended Studies  
Certificate Programs  
5250 Campanile Drive  
San Diego, CA 92182-1924  
(619) 594-6255

### **4. Registration**

Registration for courses in this certificate program is through the Open University program, which opens almost all SDSU classes to the community (matriculated SDSU students may not apply) on a space available basis. Admission to the University is not required. Credit earned is Extension credit and may be applied to a degree. Participants should take the following steps:

