



Master of Science in Counseling



School Counseling option · College Counseling option

Pupil Personnel Services Credential, School Counseling · Child Welfare & Attendance Authorization

The Master of Science in Counseling program prepares students for careers in educational counseling settings and is designed to provide a broad conceptual knowledge base and the development of specialized counseling skills applicable to a diversity of student populations and counseling needs. Students choose to specialize in School or College specializations and are able to concurrently pursue the PPS credential, which is required to work as a School Counselor in the public school system. Our program is accredited by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing to offer both the PPS credential and the Child Welfare and Attendance (CWA) authorization. Through a framework of cultural humility, the program stresses the importance of self-awareness, reflective examination, and interpersonal and professional growth in order to provide a comprehensive preparation in educational counseling.

****Requirements and curriculum effective Fall 2021***

***M.S. in Counseling, School Counseling option with PPS Credential (51 units):**

PPS 525	Group Dynamics for Personal Growth (3)
GED 500	Research Methods in Education (3)
PPS 501	Leadership in School and College Counseling (3)
PPS 505	Human Diversity (3)
PPS 508	Law and Ethics in Educational Counseling (3)
PPS 512	Consultation and Collaboration in Multicultural Settings (3)
PPS 515	Counseling Theories (3)
PPS 520	Principles of Education and Psychological Assessment (3)
PPS 530	Seminar in Techniques of Individual Counseling (3)
PPS 535	Seminar in Career and Academic Counseling (3)
PPS 540	Seminar in Techniques of Group Counseling (3)
PPS 545	Counseling Children, Youth and Families (3)
PPS 554	School Counseling Practicum (3)
PPS 550	Crisis Intervention in Educational Settings (3)
PPS 560	M.S. Capstone Requirement: Comprehensive Exam (3)
PPS 575	School Counseling Fieldwork (6)

To add the following certifications to the M.S. in Counseling, School option degree:

CWA Authorization: Completion of the PPS credential and CWA coursework: PPS 557, PPS 558, & PPS 555

College Counseling Certificate: Admittance to program and College coursework: PPS 536, PPS 537, & PPS 538

***M.S. in Counseling, College Counseling option (48 units):**

PPS 525	Group Dynamics for Personal Growth (3)
GED 500	Research Methods in Education (3)
PPS 501	Leadership in School and College Counseling (3)
PPS 505	Human Diversity (3)
PPS 508	Law and Ethics in Educational Counseling (3)
PPS 515	Counseling Theories (3)
PPS 520	Principles of Education and Psychological Assessment (3)
PPS 530	Seminar in Techniques of Individual Counseling (3)
PPS 535	Seminar in Career and Academic Counseling (3)
PPS 536	Foundations of College Counseling (3)
PPS 537	College Counseling Practicum (3)
PPS 538	Fieldwork in College Counseling (3)
PPS 540	Seminar in Techniques of Group Counseling (3)
PPS 550	Crisis Intervention in Educational Settings (3)
PPS 560	M.S. Capstone Requirement: Comprehensive Exam (3)
Plus one elective from: PPS 512 (3), PPS 554 (3), or PPS 545 (3)	

To add School Counseling certifications to the M.S. in Counseling, College option degree:

PPS credential: Admittance to the PPS credential program, CBEST, PPS 512, PPS 554, PPS 545, PPS 575

CWA Authorization: Completion of the PPS credential and CWA coursework: PPS 557, PPS 558, & PPS 555

Admissions Procedures for the M.S. in Counseling and PPS School Counseling Credential Program

There are two parts to the application: the University application and the Counseling Program application. Both applications must be submitted in full by the deadline in order to be reviewed. The online application window opens on Dec. 1 and closes on Feb. 1.

I. Application to the University:

Apply to the University through Cal State Apply: <http://www.calstate.edu/apply>

- Please refer to the step by step instructions provided in the *Cal State Apply Instruction Guide for the Counseling Program* available on our website: <https://www.csudh.edu/coe/programs/grad-ed/school-counseling>
- Submit one official sealed set of transcripts for all undergraduate and any post-graduate work to the CSUDH Admissions Office. Electronic transcripts are preferable.
- It is recommended that you complete the University application two weeks *prior* to starting the Program application to receive a student ID # (this does not apply to current or former CSUDH students who would already have a student ID #).

II. Application to the Counseling Program

Apply to the Counseling Program through the College of Education's website: <http://www.csudh.edu/coe/apply>

We admit students for Fall terms only. Please note that you cannot start or submit a program application until the system "opens". The opening application date and deadline are as follows:

	Application Opening Date	Application Deadline
Fall admissions	December 1	February 1

Program Application Requirements:

- Online Program application with \$50 fee via ToroPay. Once you have paid, scan and upload a copy of your receipt. This fee is a separate program application fee from the Cal State Apply application fee.
- Transcripts: Electronically upload a copy of official transcripts showing bachelor's degree and, if applicable, any graduate work. Bachelor's degree must be from a regionally accredited university and posted no later than the Spring term prior to admission. These transcripts are in addition to those required by the Admissions Office. Note: CSUDH students and alumni do not need to order CSUDH transcripts, but would still need to do so from other institutions.
- GPA: A minimum grade point average of 3.0 or better *overall* in undergraduate coursework (or a minimum combined score of 300 on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) (Revised) Verbal and Quantitative Tests).
- Three (3) letters of recommendation: List three professionals who can evaluate your potential for graduate study as a school or college counselor, such as employers, supervisors, and professors (not from personal sources such as family, friends, or clergy). Your referrers will then be contacted directly by the program to request that letters of recommendation be submitted on your behalf. Letters must be written specifically for the Counseling program within one year prior to application date.
- Statement of Purpose (3-5 page *min.* double spaced): Your statement should include: a comprehensive profile of yourself as a prospective counselor; a description of relevant educational, occupational, and personal experiences that have contributed to your personal development and your decision to become a counselor; both personal strengths and areas you have identified for growth; your perception of the role of a school or college counselor; and why you believe you would be successful in this position based on your interpersonal qualities and interests.
- Clearance: All applicants must possess *either* a valid Certificate of Clearance or a CA teaching or substitute credential. Upload a copy of the clearance *or if in progress*, a receipt of the clearance application. For information on how to obtain a Certificate of Clearance go to: <https://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/submit-online>
- Personal interview: All applications will first be reviewed by the admissions committee to select a final round of applicants for small group interviews. Applicants who are selected for interviews will be contacted within a month following the application deadline for an interview. Invited applicants are expected to attend the interview as it is a required component of the application.
- If you are applying to the PPS credential, you must enclose proof of meeting the CA basic skills requirement (e.g., CBEST). If you are only applying to the M.S. degree, the CBEST is not required. For more information on how to meet the CA basic skills requirement, go to: <https://www.ctc.ca.gov/docs/default-source/leaflets/cl667.pdf?sfvrsn=46>
- The CWA Authorization and College Counseling Certificate are only open to *current students and program alumni*.

For more information, please contact the Division of Graduate Education office at (310) 243-3524 or go to <http://www.csudh.edu/coe/programs/grad-ed/school-counseling>

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