



## Child Welfare and Attendance Authorization

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### College Counseling Certificate

#### *Information for CSUDH School Counseling Program Alumni*

The Child Welfare and Attendance (CWA) authorization is a specialization within School Counseling that authorizes counselors to work specifically with student attendance and truancy remediation and prevention. Once earned, the CWA authorization gets added to one's PPS credential through the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

The College Counseling Certificate provides additional specialization in college counseling beyond the School Counseling emphasis. It is designed specifically for program alumni and students of our School Counseling / PPS credential programs as a way to gain college counseling experience. The certificate requires additional units of coursework beyond our Master's degree and an additional 300 hours of fieldwork in college settings.

Enrollment in the CWA and College Counseling Certificate programs is restricted to current students and alumni of the CSUDH PPS School Counseling credential and MA / MS Counseling programs. Because both of these certifications are add-on specializations to our program, as opposed to stand-alone certifications, we are unable to admit non-CSUDH Counseling alumni or accept *new* student applications to solely pursue CWA or Certificate objectives.

#### **Eligibility to enroll in the CWA program:**

1. Current CSUDH PPS program students who have passed the CBEST, and
2. Alumni who have completed their PPS School Counseling credential from CSUDH.

#### **Eligibility to enroll in the College Counseling Certificate program:**

1. Current CSUDH MS School Counseling students, and
2. Alumni of the CSUDH MA Education, Counseling option program and MS School Counseling program

#### **Requirements for the CWA Authorization**

A total of 3 courses (9 units) and 150 field based hours under the supervision of a PPS credentialed counselor are required. Concurrent enrollment in all three courses is *mandatory*. Students are expected to complete all course and field requirements within one semester.

PPS 557 Child Welfare and Attendance

PPS 558 School Attendance Improvement & Truancy Remediation: Prevention & Intervention

PPS 555 CWA Fieldwork (150 field hours)

The CWA program is offered **Fall semesters only**.

Classes meet on selected Saturdays from 8:30am - 5:00pm.

## **Requirements for the College Counseling Certificate**

For alumni, the following specialization courses and 300 field based hours are required beyond prior School Counseling degree coursework. The College Counseling Certificate requires a total of 21 units, however, alumni will have already completed some prior coursework. Due to course currency requirements, courses older than 7 years will need to be repeated.

PPS 501 Leadership in School and College Counseling  
PPS 530 Techniques of Individual Counseling  
PPS 535 Career and Academic Counseling  
PPS 536 Foundations of College Counseling  
PPS 537 College Counseling Practicum (100 field hours)  
PPS 538 College Counseling Fieldwork (200 field hours) (*prerequisite: PPS 537*)  
PPS 550 Crisis Intervention in Educational Settings

## **Registration Information**

Depending on whether you wish to pursue just the CWA, just the College Counseling Certificate, or both, please see the following instructions according to your goals:

### **CWA program only:**

1. Contact Dr. Mancillas at [amancillas@csudh.edu](mailto:amancillas@csudh.edu) to receive verification of your alumni status. Once verified, you will be referred to our CWA instructor and given course information.
2. Your registration will occur through Extended Education after the first day of class. Please note that letters of enrollment verification cannot be given until you are registered.

### **College Counseling Certificate only or CWA and College Counseling Certificate:**

1. Contact Dr. Mancillas at [amancillas@csudh.edu](mailto:amancillas@csudh.edu) to request your intent to return to the program. Upon verification of your alumni status, you will need to apply to the University as follows:
2. Apply to the University via [Cal State Apply](#) no later than Feb. 1 to begin in the Fall term. Admissions are only open for Fall semesters. The application window opens Dec. 1 and closes Feb. 1.

On your university application, indicate the CWA and/or College Counseling Certificate as your objective(s) of study (do not indicate a MS degree). If the CWA is not available, then check "PPS".

You do not need to submit a full program application again (no letters of recommendation or statement), but do need to reapply to the University to pursue the College Counseling Certificate.

3. Once your University application has been processed, you will register in the CWA and/or Certificate courses through myCSUDH. Please seek course advisement prior to registering.

If you have further questions, please contact the Graduate Education office at (310) 243-3524.