



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 9 additional units of coursework beyond one's existing MA/MS 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. Unfortunately, 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. 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 presently offered **Fall semesters only**.

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

Requirements for the College Counseling Certificate

A total of 3 specialization courses (9 units) and 300 field based hours are required beyond your existing CSUDH MA/MS Counseling degree for a total of 18 units. These 18 units include 9 units of prior coursework (PPS 530, PPS 535, PPS 550) and the following 9 units of College specialization coursework:

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*)

Registration Information

Alumni have two options for registration depending on your educational goals:

Option 1: CWA program only:

- a) Contact Dr. Mancillas at amancillas@csudh.edu to receive verification of your alumni status. Once verified, you will be referred to our CWA instructor for registration instructions.
- b) 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.

Option 2a: Both the CWA and the College Counseling Certificate or

Option 2b: College Counseling Certificate only

- a) Contact Dr. Mancillas at amancillas@csudh.edu to request your intent to return to the program. Upon verification of your alumni status, you will need to complete the following admission requirements.
- b) Apply to the University (via [Cal State Apply](#)) according to the following deadline dates:

For the Fall term, the application deadline is Feb 1. For Spring term, the application deadline is Oct. 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).

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.

- c) Once your university application has been processed, you will register in the CWA and/or Certificate courses through the myCSUDH portal.

For more information, please contact the CSUDH Division of Graduate Education office at (310) 243-3524.

