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, 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 2 courses (6 units) and 150 field based hours under the supervision of a PPS credentialed counselor. Concurrent enrollment in both 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

The CWA program is presently offered Fall semesters only.

Classes meet on selected Saturdays from 8:30am - 2:00pm.
Requirements for the College Counseling Certificate

For program alumni, the following specialization courses and 300 field based hours are required beyond prior CSUDH School Counseling degree coursework. The College Counseling Certificate requires a total of 21 units, however, alumni will have completed some of the required coursework previously. 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 have two options for your educational goals:

**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 instructors for course and 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 provided until you are registered.

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

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) no later than Feb 1 for the upcoming Fall term. The CSU Apply application opens on October 1 and closes February 1. Admissions are only open for Fall terms. On your application, indicate Post-baccalaureate (PPS credential) program as your objective of study (you do not need to indicate a MS degree).

c) Consult with a faculty advisor to assist you with application materials in order to receive an expedited application as a returning student.

d) Once your university application has been processed, you will register through mycsudh.

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

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