



# 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 pK-12 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 2022*

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

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| 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 | Program Development and Evaluation (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 | MS Capstone Requirement: Comprehensive Exam (3), or GED 599 Thesis (3-6) |
| 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 and PPS 558

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

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

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| 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  | Program Development and Evaluation (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), or GED 600 Thesis (3-6) |
| 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:* Fulfillment of the CA Basic Skills Requirement, PPS 512, PPS 554, PPS 545, PPS 575

*CWA Authorization:* Completion of the PPS credential and CWA coursework: PPS 557 and PPS 558

Please note that the CWA Authorization and College Counseling Certificate are only open to *current students and program alumni*.

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

Counseling program admission is for the Fall term only. The online application window opens on October 1 and closes on Feb. 1.

Please note that you cannot start your application until the Cal State Apply application opens on October 1. Applications must be submitted in full by the Feb. 1 deadline in order to be reviewed.

### **The following items and procedures are required to complete your application:**

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

Create an account (or log into a previous profile) and answer all requested items. The following components are required:

a. **Transcripts and Bachelor's degree:**

- Submit one official electronic set of transcripts for all undergraduate and any post-graduate work to the CSUDH Admissions Office at: [admissions@csudh.edu](mailto:admissions@csudh.edu) Note: current CSUDH students and alumni do not need to submit CSUDH transcripts, but still must submit them from all other institutions attended.
- Within the Cal State Apply application, you will also upload unofficial transcripts showing bachelor's degree and, if applicable, any graduate work.

Your bachelor's degree must be from a regionally accredited university and *posted no later than the Spring term prior to Fall admission*. All undergraduate majors are welcome to apply and there are no prerequisite courses required for admission.

b. **GPA:**

- Applicants are expected to have a *minimum* cumulative grade point average of 3.0 in all prior undergraduate and any graduate coursework. In lieu of a 3.0 GPA, applicants have the option to submit scores from the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test (Verbal and Quantitative sections), where a minimum combined score of 300 would be considered supplementary for a GPA under 3.0.

c. **Three (3) letters of recommendation:**

- You will be asked to include the names and emails of three professionals who can evaluate your potential for graduate study as a counselor. Appropriate references include employers, supervisors, and professors (as opposed to personal sources such as family, friends, or clergy). Your referrers will then be contacted directly by the University 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 the application deadline.

d. **Statement of Purpose:**

- Please submit a 4-5 page double spaced statement of purpose to 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.

e. **Certificate of 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://csudhcoecctc.files.wordpress.com/2020/08/certificate-of-clearance-directions-1.pdf> as well as <https://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/submit-online>

f. **Tuberculosis (TB) Clearance:**

- All applicants must submit verification of a current TB clearance. TB clearances are valid for 4 years.

g. **Personal interview:**

- All complete applications will be given careful consideration by the admissions committee. From there, a final round of applicants will be selected to participate in small group interviews via Zoom. Applicants selected for interviews will be contacted in late Feb - early March with an interview date. Invited applicants are expected to attend the interview as it is a required component of the application.

### **Information on the CA Basic Skills Requirement (BSR) (for School Counseling/PPS options):**

Applicants are not required to submit proof of the BSR in the Cal State Apply application. However, applicants are encouraged to upload BSR verification (e.g., CBEST scores) if available. Admitted students wishing to pursue the School Counseling option or the PPS credential will need to furnish BSR verification (e.g., via test scores or coursework) prior to advancing in the program. MS College Counseling applicants do not need to meet the basic skills requirement. For more information on how to meet the BSR, go to: <https://www.ctc.ca.gov/docs/default-source/leaflets/cl667.pdf?sfvrsn=46>

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>