

CHILD WELFARE AND ATTENDANCE AUTHORIZATION

Admission Requirements

Admission Procedures and Requirements for MS Degree and PPS Credential

All applicants to the program must apply for the Master's degree (unless they already hold a Master's degree in Counseling, Psychology, Social Work, or Education and do not wish to pursue a second Master's). In addition to the MS degree, applicants may also select admission to the PPS credential and/or College Counseling Certificate.

Admission to the program does not automatically guarantee completion of the degree, fieldwork, credential, or certificate if there are any dispositional, interpersonal, intrapersonal, or psychological difficulties demonstrated that might inhibit the effectiveness of the candidate's role as a counselor.

1. Application to the University and the Counseling Program via Cal State Apply by the February 1 deadline
2. Submission of one official electronic set of transcripts for all undergraduate and any post-graduate work to the CSUDH Admissions Office at: admissions@csudh.edu.
3. The following items are required to be uploaded within the Cal State Apply application:
 - a. Unofficial set of transcripts showing BA degree (from a regionally accredited college or university) and any post-baccalaureate or graduate work.
 - b. A minimum grade point average of 3.0 or better in all undergraduate and if applicable, graduate coursework (or a minimum combined score of 300 on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) (Revised) Verbal and Quantitative Tests.
 - c. Three professional recommendations from individuals who can evaluate the applicant's potential as a counselor.
 - d. Statement of Purpose (4-5 page minimum).
 - e. Small group interview (if selected).
 - f. A valid Certificate of Clearance or teaching credential.
 - g. A valid TB clearance
 - h. For School Counseling applicants: verification of meeting the CA Basic Skills Requirement (BSR) will need to be furnished if admitted to the program.

Additional Degree and Credential Requirements

1. The Master of Science degree in Counseling, PPS credential, and College Counseling Certificate require completion of all courses with a "B" or higher.
2. Students must maintain continuous enrollment in the university by enrolling in a programming course or GED 600 every semester.
3. The Culminating Experience/Capstone Requirement includes a choice between the comprehensive written examination (within PPS 560) or the completion of a thesis. Students choosing to complete the thesis

must seek advisement from the program chair prior to beginning a thesis project.

4. Students must complete all of the requirements for the degree and credential within seven years.
5. Candidates must adhere to all ethical and professional standards required of the university, professional counseling organizations, and accrediting affiliations associated with the degree or credential. Candidates must, at all times, demonstrate high-quality interpersonal skills with faculty, staff, fellow students, and others in their field experiences. If candidates fail to meet this requirement, they are subject to disqualification from the program.
6. Students who have earned their baccalaureate degree outside the U.S. or from a non-English speaking university in the U.S. will need to consult with the CSUDH Testing Office to determine equivalency for the Graduate Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR). If the GWAR has not been met, then it must be satisfied in the first semester of studies.
7. In addition to the major requirements, students must meet all university requirements for the Master's degree indicated in the section of the catalog entitled "Graduate Degrees and Postbaccalaureate Studies."

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CHILD WELFARE AND ATTENDANCE AUTHORIZATION (60 UNITS)

1. Completion of degree requirements and required courses for the MS Counseling, School Counseling option with a "B" or higher.
2. Completion of the PPS credential.
3. Additional 6 units of the following CWA coursework:

Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
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 Counseling	3
PPS 515	Counseling Theories	3
PPS 520	Program Development and Evaluation in Counseling	3
PPS 525	Group Dynam Pers Growth	3
PPS 530	Sem Tech of Indiv Counsel	3
PPS 535	Seminar in Career and Academic Counseling	3
PPS 540	Sem: Tech Group Counsl	3
PPS 545	Couns Childrn Youth & Families	3
PPS 550	Crisis Intervention in Educational Settings	3
PPS 554	School Counseling Practicum	3
PPS 557	Child Welfare and Attendance	3
PPS 558	School Attendance Improvement and Truancy Remediation: Prevention and Intervention	3
PPS 575	Fieldwork in School Counseling	6
Total Hours		54