



California State University Long Beach
School of Social Work
Post MSW Pupil Personnel Services Credential Program

The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing issues the Pupil Personnel Services (PPS) Credential. The School of Social Work, College of Health and Human Services, offers the combined School Social Work and Child Welfare and Attendance specializations of the PPS credential within the context of the Master of Social Work (MSW) degree.

The PPS credential in School Social Work and Child Welfare and Attendance authorizes the holder to be employed in the State of California as a School Social Worker and/or a Child Welfare and Attendance Specialist. The credential covers pre-kindergarten through 12th grade service in public and other schools requiring the credential. Individuals with the credential in School Social Work and Child Welfare and Attendance are pupil advocates, and provide prevention and intervention strategies that remove barriers to learning. These professionals, in partnership with other educators, parents, and the community maintain high expectations for all pupils, facilitate students reaching their highest potential, foster optimum teaching and learning conditions, and prevent school failure. School Social Work is defined as the application of social work principals and objectives to help fulfill the major purpose of the educational system: to provide a setting for teaching and learning in which all children can prepare themselves for the world they now live in and the world they will face in the future. Child Welfare and Attendance Specialists provide assessment and intervention around issues of attendance for pupils.

Eligibility:

1. A MSW degree from a CSWE accredited graduate program
2. A MSW degree with a concentration in Children, Youth, and Families OR experience of at least one year working with children and their families.
3. Proof of clearance from the Commission on Teaching Credentialing (CTC)

Requirements during program participation:

1. Pass all three sections of the C-BEST (California Basic Educational Skills Test).
2. Successfully complete CSULB's SW665, School Social Work course.
3. Successfully complete 600 hours of field placement in a school setting under the supervision of a School Social Work PPS credentialed person.
4. Attend the four mandatory PPSC two-hour evening seminars at CSULB.
5. Complete all program requirements within two years of acceptance.

Fees:

\$55 non-refundable application fee
\$1184 School Social Work class fee (may be adjusted each academic year)
\$1500 non-refundable program fee (may be paid in installments; \$750 due prior to placement in field/evaluation of field hours).

Further Information:

Please contact Saana Polk, MSW, PPSC at chhs-ppsc@csulb.edu

***Please note: priority for enrollment in the School Social Work class and Field placement is given to current MSW students.**