

Post-MSW PPSC Program Requirements

Aside from the five required components of your PPSC application—listed in the “Program Information” section and on the “Part One” application cover page—here are the remaining program requirements:

1. Completion of the **SW 665 class**. This class is a companion course to your field experiences. It is held Monday evenings from 7:00 pm to 9:45 pm, and it is a semester long class. Candidates do not register for this class through CSULB enrollment services. Registration for the class is by instructor permission only. There is no online option for this course; class meetings are only conducted on-campus. Current CSULB MSW students are given priority enrollment in the class. As a result, registration spots for Post-MSW candidates are distributed based upon the date we received your application (first come, first serve).
2. Completion of **four evening seminars**. Each seminar only takes one evening to complete. For example, if you attend the Crisis Intervention seminar, you will come to campus for one evening from 6:00 pm to 8:15 pm, and after that one evening, that seminar requirement is fulfilled, and you will only have three left to complete. There are two seminars offered in the fall and two in the spring. Each is unique in subject matter, so if you miss one, you will have to wait a year to make it up. You do not register for these seminars through CSULB. We will email you with the date, time and location as the seminar approaches.
3. Opening of a file with the Credential Center on campus. This is mandatory and must be completed before the start date of your first semester in the program. The fee for opening a file with the credential office is \$25.00. Please be aware that the Credential Office will need a copy of your official transcripts reflecting an awarded Master’s degree. The application to open the file can be found here:
https://www.csulb.edu/sites/default/files/groups/credential-center/school_social_work_eval_request_info_9-20.pdf
4. Passing all three sections (reading, writing and math) of the CBEST or satisfactory completion of the Basic Skills Requirement. Please check here if you feel you have already met the Basic Skills Requirement:
https://www.csulb.edu/sites/default/files/groups/credential-center/basic_skills_handout_11-20.pdf. Candidates must mail or email proof of either a passing CBEST test score or completion of the Basic Skills Requirement. Though there is no strict deadline for completing this requirement, you must pass the tests before we will recommend you for your PPSC. Thus, it is beneficial to take this test as soon as possible in order to give yourself time to take it again if necessary.
5. Completion of 600 hours of field placement work **supervised by someone with a PPS credential in School Social Work and Child Welfare and Attendance**. The allocation of your hours should be completed as follows: 150 hours of your required 600 hours should be spent engaging in Child Welfare and Attendance activities. See the “Required Activities Checklist” for more information. The subsequent 450 hours must be spent engaging in School Social Work activities. Of the 150 Child Welfare and Attendance hours, 100 hours

must be spent in a secondary grade level setting. For example, you could complete 500 hours in an elementary school setting and 100 hours in a middle or high school setting.

6. Payment of fees in full before a credential will be awarded. If you do not want to pay the entire \$1500.00 at the beginning of your program, you may split the fee into two parts. The first \$750.00 will be due the first day of your first semester. The second \$750.00 payment will be due the first day of your second semester. Fees can be paid by check or money order made out to "CSULB" and mailed to:

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