MSW Pupil Personnel Services Credential in School Social Work & Child Welfare and Attendance Saana Polk, MSW, PPSC



What is a PPSC?

 "Pupil Personnel Services Credentials authorizes individuals to provide school services in grades 12 and below, including preschool. There are 4 specialization areas: <u>counselors, school psychologists</u>, <u>school social</u> <u>workers</u>, or school <u>child welfare and attendance</u> regulators. This credential is offered through the Commission on Teacher Credentialing <u>www.ctc.ca.gov</u>

http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/CREDS/pupil-personnel-svcs.html retrieved4/21/15

Employment

- Psychiatric Social Worker
- Pupil Services & Attendance Counselor
- School Social Worker (Salary ranges could be annual or a daily rate. The average annual salary 75,000)
 - Bridge the school and the community
 - Facilitate or participate in Student Success Teams
 - Create and Coordinate specialized programs (e.g. Dropout prevention etc.)
 - Develop grant proposals
 - Facilitate individual counseling & support groups
 - Facilitate Professional Development

What We Offer

 CSULB's School of Social Work Offers a PPSC credential in School Social Work and Child Welfare and Attendance (We do not separate the credentials)

Basic Requirements

You Must:

- Have a specialization in Child and Family Well-being
- Maintain a minimum of a 3.0 in the program
- Complete hours in an approved PPSC setting during 2nd year placement

Specific Requirements

- Obtain a Certificate of Clearance through the state of California
- Open a file with the credentialing office on CSULB's campus (location: ED1-42) <u>ced-credentials@csulb.edu</u> (they may need undergrad transcripts do not open until accepted into program)
- Complete 600 hours of Field placement in a K-12 setting (450 hours school social work-related activities & 150 hours of Child Welfare and Attendance activities)
 - Ideally have exposure in a second setting (age group) there is no minimum hour requirement
 - Work with students who are from diverse life experiences and backgrounds i.e., foster youth, children who are homeless, LGBTQ+ youth, students with different ethnic background than you

Specific Requirements Continued...

- Submit Required Activities Checklist & Mid and Final PPSC Comprehensive Skills Evaluation with signatures from an approved supervisor with a PPSC in School Social Work and Child Welfare Attendance
- Complete our 4 evening Specialized topic Intensives/Seminars (2 offered in the Fall; 2 offered in spring)

Specific Requirements Continued...

- Complete our School Social Work class (SW 665). Classes are currently offered Summer, Fall and Spring (Priority is given to students accepted into the PPSC program)
- Successfully pass all 3 sections of the CBEST exam OR provide proof that you have met the states Basic Skills Requirement <u>www.ctc.ca.gov</u>
- Coordinator will submit recommendation to Credentialing office upon completion of all paperwork and requirements

Fees & CBEST Information

- Livescan: Approximately \$60-70.00 check with local police stations or other fingerprinting sites
- CTC Clearance: *Approximately* \$52.50
- Open File with Credential Center: \$25.00 email: <u>ced-credentials@csulb.edu</u>
- CBEST: \$41 (paper-based) \$102 (computer based)
 - <u>https://www.teacherstestprep.com/how-to-choose-your-cbest-test-date</u>
 - http://www.ctcexams.nesinc.com/TestView.aspx?f=HTML_FRAG/CA_C BEST_TestPage.html
- Please note, Additional costs may include: Additional fingerprinting, TB test potentially COVID-19 tests with the school district

Next Steps

- Think about is this really for you (remember you must be CFWB specialization)
- Complete your 2nd year field application indicate that you are interested in PPSC by 12/16
- You will be matched with 2 PPSC eligible schools unless you indicate otherwise (you can be matched with 1 school and 1 other choice if you so choose).

Next Steps

- Complete the certificate of clearance by following these steps: <u>https://www.ctc.ca.gov/docs/default-</u> <u>source/leaflets/cl900.pdf?sfvrsn=b6bd8b52_6</u>
- Submit the PPSC application with your personal statement and certificate of clearance by 1/6/23
 Qualtrics: https://csulb.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/ SV_cSkavsFduS6A1Mi (copy and paste link)
- If preliminarily accepted, you will receive an email regarding your status. Final acceptance is contingent upon being accepted to a PPSC eligible school site

Questions

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