

## **PPSC ORIENTATION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

### **Two credentials:**

- School Social Work
- Child Welfare and Attendance

### **Basic Requirements:**

- Child and Family Wellbeing specialization
- 2<sup>nd</sup> year practicum placement

### **Specific Requirements:**

- Completion of a BA degree from an accredited college or university
- Must take the School Social Work Class (665) elective either prior to or concurrently with 2<sup>nd</sup> year of practicum
- PPS seminars (4) usually 2 in the fall and 2 in the spring in the evenings (no cost)
- Your second-year placement will be in a school setting; the practicum instructor will have an MSW and a PPS credential
- 600 hours of placement most students do 20 hours per week instead of Advanced Standing students; some students continue into June, (Ideally this expectation would be known ahead of time)
  - One primary setting (elementary, middle, or high school)
  - Exposure to a second setting/different age group (no mandatory number of hours)
  - 150 child welfare and attendance hours
  - Work with students from diverse backgrounds including students experiencing homelessness, in need of Special Education services, 504 plans and LGBTQ+ students with mental health needs
- Practicum instruction by PPS School Social Work credentialed person
- Must maintain a minimum of 3.0 GPA all semesters.
- Open file at credentialing center (ED1, Room 42) PRIOR to 2<sup>nd</sup> year placement credentials@csulb.edu

- Certificate of Clearance **must** be submitted with SSW PPSC, application to Saana Polk, by due date of **1/5/26**. If a student is accepted into the PPSC program they will receive information on how to move forward. There are several places you can go to obtain your live scan including the CSULB campus Police department. Current charge is around \$70.
- Additional fingerprinting required by specific school districts in which you are placed
- Health screenings that are required by specific school districts in which you are placed (i.e. T.B., measles, COVID-19 vaccinations...)
- Submission of all transcripts from colleges and universities to credentialing center (the credentialing office will let you know what is needed).

### **Placement Info:**

- Students may indicate the grade level of school placement they prefer on the Practicum Application (although **not guaranteed** the practicum department will try and accommodate the request)
- Students **will** be referred to two PPSC eligible school placements **unless** otherwise indicated on the practicum application. Students/Candidates will be supervised by individuals with the appropriate PPSC credentials (Clear/SSW/CWA).
- School placements are primarily direct service, non-administrative (there may be some combination of micro/macro)
- Assignments at schools will include attendance at IEPs, SST and SARB meetings, collaboration with interdisciplinary personnel in the school, community meetings, grant writing, etc.

### **Next steps if you plan to apply:**

1. Indicate your plan to apply on your 2<sup>nd</sup> year Practicum Application on the first page.
2. Complete the Qualtrics PPSC application which includes the personal statement questions embedded within it as well as a place to upload your Certificate of Clearance on the Qualtrics application no later than **1/5/26**. You can find the PPSC Qualtrics link here and posted on Student Corner and within the posted PPSC Orientation Power point both found on Canvas.

[https://csulb.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_aeLiUN5gWET45ng](https://csulb.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_aeLiUN5gWET45ng)

3. **Notifications of the result** you will be emailed around the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of February regarding your application status. If you are preliminarily accepted into the program you will need to successfully accepted to your internship placement. Once your placement is finalized you will be notified of your final status in late May and then receive instructions about next steps in the program. You will need to make sure that you:
- Open a file with the Credential Center;
  - Complete the School Social Work Class (SW 665) if you have not done so already
  - You will need to attend 4 special topic evening seminars during your 2<sup>nd</sup> year of practicum (26/27). Dates will be mailed out to you at the start of the next academic year.

**Crucial that you apply early for the Certificate of Clearance as there is often a significant time lapse in obtaining it. Applications will NOT be considered without the certificate of clearance. Any students having a record or concerned whether they will clear in time should consult with the PPSC Coordinator Saana Polk as soon as possible.**