

## **Post-MSW PPSC Program Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- 1. What degree do I need in order to apply to the PPSC program?**  
This program is only available to those with a Master's in Social Work (MSW) from a CSWE accredited Social Work Program.
- 2. Are there any other PPSCs offered at CSULB for students without an MSW?**  
**YES**, if you are interested in obtaining a PPSC in School Psychology, please click here: <https://www.ced.csulb.edu/edpac/academic/school-psych>. If you would like more information regarding a PPSC in School Counseling, click here: <http://www.ced.csulb.edu/asec/academic/school-counseling/>.
- 3. Does my degree have to be in a specific concentration?**  
**YES**, we require that our applicants have a concentration in Children, Youth, and Families.
- 4. If I have a concentration other than Children, Youth, and Families can I still apply?**  
**YES**. If you have a different concentration, you must complete the "Part Two" application and provide a resume documenting at least one year's experience working with children, youth, and families.
- 5. Does my first-year internship with children, youth, and/or families fulfill the concentration requirement above?**  
**YES**, your first-year internship with children, youth, and/or families fulfills the eligibility requirement.
- 6. Do I have to have a valid certificate of clearance prior to applying?**  
**YES**, you must have a valid certificate of clearance from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing before applying. Any applications missing this document will not be reviewed. Please note that COC receipts will not be accepted as substitutes for the actual credential certificate—the receipt only indicates that you paid to be processed, not that you have passed the fingerprinting and background check.
- 7. Will you accept my application if my clearance is still pending?**  
**NO**, your clearance must be processed and valid before submitting your application.
- 8. Do I have to pass the CBEST before applying?**  
**NO**, you do not have to pass the CBEST before applying.
- 9. If I took the CBEST and passed, do I have to take it again?**

**NO**, if you've passed the CBEST once, you do not have to retake it. Simply provide a copy of your passing scores in your application packet to fulfill the requirement.

### **Clinical Clock Hours Requirements:**

- 1. Do you accept any hours from a first-year internship performed in a public school setting?**

**NO**, we do not accept first-year internship hours of any kind.

- 2. Do you accept any hours accumulated during a second-year internship?**

**YES**, but only if they took place at an approved PPSC site under the supervision of someone with an MSW and a PPSC in both School Social Work and Child Welfare and Attendance. To expedite the process, complete a "Part Two" application and please ask your approved field instructor to complete the "PPSC Final Skills Evaluation" and the "Required Activities Checklist," both to be included in your application packet.

- 3. Do previous hours gained in an alternative education setting count?**

**YES**, depending on the experience, and if your supervisor had the appropriate PPSC in School Social Work and Child Welfare and Attendance

- 4. Can hours gained in a pre-school setting count?**

**YES**, depending on whether you were supervised by someone with an MSW and a PPSC in School Social Work and Child Welfare and Attendance. Please complete a "Part Two" application so that we may evaluate your experience.

- 5. Can I do my hours on the weekend?**

**NO**, hours are completed in a public school setting. Few, if any public schools hold class on Saturdays.

- 6. Can I fulfill my hours in an afterschool program?**

**YES**, on rare occasions, some of the hours you complete in an afterschool setting could potentially correspond to our program requirements. However, anyone wanting to count afterschool hours must contact our office first to receive approval.

- 7. If I am currently employed, is it still possible to fulfill the 600 hours requirement?**

**YES**, but you must have at least one day a week to devote to your internship position. Doing so will allow you to complete your clinic clock hour requirement in two years.

- 8. Are internships paid?**

**NO**, none of our internship opportunities are paid.

- 9. Can I arrange my own placement?**

**YES**, but your potential supervisor must have an MSW and a PPSC in School Social Work and Child Welfare and Attendance. You must provide us with the school name and district name, along with the email and phone number of your potential supervisor so that we may contact him or her to ensure that your experiences will fulfill our PPSC program requirements.

- 10. Will you help me find placement?**

**YES**, we will help you find a qualified school site and PPSC supervisor.

## **Program Requirement Questions:**

**1. Are seminars the same duration as the SW 665 class?**

**NO.** Each seminar is only one evening long. For example, the Child Welfare and Attendance seminar is held on one evening in the spring, from 6:00 pm to 8:15 pm. If you go that one evening, you have fulfilled that seminar requirement and only have to go to the other three.

**2. Do I register for the SW 665 class or seminars through the university enrollment office?**

**NO.** You are required to have instructor permission to join the class and seminars. You cannot register for the class until sent instructions on how to do so. Instructions are not typically sent until the approach of the class or seminars dates.

**3. Is enrollment in the class impacted?**

**YES,** enrollment in SW 665 is very impacted. Class space is shared by current CSULB MSW students who are given priority enrollment.

**4. Does my application date effect when I will be able to take the SW 665 class?**

**YES.** Instructor consent is issued on a first come, first serve basis. We add candidates to the class waitlist based on the date we received their application.

**5. If I have attended a different PPSC program, do I still have to take the SW 665 class?**

**YES,** you must complete the SW 665 class.

**6. Does CSULB offer an online SW 665?**

**NO.** Our class is only offered on-campus; it has no online option.

**7. If I have previously taken the SW 665 class at CSULB, do I need to take it again?**

**NO,** but you must inform us that you have already completed the course and include the proof on your transcripts in your application packet.

## **Program Costs:**

**1. If I attended a different PPSC program, do I still have to pay the SW 665 class fee?**

**YES,** you must attend the SW 665 class and pay the establish fee, separate from the program fee, set by the College of Continuing and Professional Education.

**2. Can I pay my program fee with a credit or debit card?**

**NO,** we only accept checks or money orders made out to "CSULB" and mailed to:

Saana Polk  
School of Social Work  
California State University, Long Beach  
1250 Bellflower Blvd.  
Long Beach, CA 90840

**3. Is financial aid available?**

**NO**, unfortunately, no financial aid is available to those in the PPSC program.

**4. Do I have to pay the entire program fee if I am asking you to evaluate my placement experience?**

**NO**, if you ask us to evaluate your placement experience(s) towards the 600 hours requirement, you must pay the \$55.00 application fee.

**5. Do I have to pay any fees if I have a PPSC from another state and ask to have my credential evaluated in accordance to California's PPSC standards and requirements?**

**YES**. Even if you have a PPSC from another state, there are certain California-specific requirements that you must meet before we will recommend you to the state for a California PPSC. In order to meet these requirements, you must enroll in our Post-MSW program and pay the \$1500.00 program fee.