

PPSC ORIENTATION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Two credentials:

- School Social Work
- Child Welfare and Attendance

Basic Requirements:

- Child and Family Wellbeing specialization
- 2nd year field placement

Specific Requirements:

- Must take the School Social Work Class (665) elective either prior to or concurrently with 2nd year of field
- 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 field instructor will have an MSW and a PPS credential
- 600 hours of placement most students do 20 hours per week; some students continue into June, (Ideally this expectation would be known ahead of time)
 - o One primary setting (elementary, middle, or high school)
 - o Exposure to a second setting for a minimum of 100 hours
 - o 150 child welfare and attendance hours
 - o Work with at least 10 students with a different ethnicity than yourself
- Field 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 2nd year placement.
- Certificate of Clearance **must** be submitted with SSW PPSC, application to Saana Polk. **MUST APPLY EARLY.** 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, vaccinations...)
- Submission of all transcripts from colleges and universities to credentialing center (the credentialing office will let you know what is needed).
- Pass C-BEST examination **or** completion of Basic Skills Requirement (see link below)
 - o All 3 sections should be attempted PRIOR TO 2nd year of field
 - o Okay if don't pass all 3 first time around; you can retake sections.
 - o The C-BEST is given on campus and at other locations several times a year.
 - o If you've already taken and passed the C-BEST, you do not need to retake it
- <https://www.csulb.edu/single-subject-credential-program-sscp/basic-skills-requirement>
- Website tells them alternatives to meeting requirements i.e. Sat score, Act score, etc

Placement Info

- Students may indicate the grade level of school placement they prefer on the Field Application (although **not guaranteed** the field department will try and accommodate the request)
- Students will be referred to two school placements unless otherwise indicated on the field application.
- 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:

- Indicate you plan to apply on your 2nd year Field Application on the first page.
- Complete the application and return it along with the personal statement & CTC Clearance to Saana Polk, PPSC Program Coordinator, no later than December 21, 2021.
- If accepted into the program you will be emailed how to start the next steps to
 - Open a file with the Credential Center;
 - Register and take the C-BEST.
 - Complete the School Social Work Class & Seminars SW 665 during 2nd year of field (21/22)

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