



## Serving Public Education

Master of Science (M.S.) in Counseling  
School Counseling and Pupil Personnel Services Credential

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### Program Overview

The recently updated Master of Science Degree in Counseling with an emphasis in School Counseling is designed to prepare effective professional counselors to work in elementary, junior high/middle, and high school settings.

The 52-semester unit program can be completed in two and a half years while attending full-time. The courses include counseling classes, specialty classes, and an 800-hour fieldwork experience. The courses reflect a practitioner emphasis, and some are taught by faculty working within various local school districts. All courses for the degree are conveniently offered weekdays after 5:00 pm on the Bakersfield campus.

Graduates of the School Counseling Program are recommended to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC) for issuances of the Pupil Personnel Services (PPS) Credential. Extensive field-based experience is woven throughout the curriculum to provide hands-on training in many diverse school settings.

### CSUB Advanced Education Faculty & Staff

- Michael Szolowicz, *Department Chair*
- Dr. Juterh Nmah, *Assistant Professor*
- Dr. Yvonne Ortiz-Bush, *Associate Professor & Director*
- Ryan Otawka, *Department Coordinator*
- Amani Hernandez, *Admissions and Graduation Advisor*



## M.S. in Counseling Program Requirements

### Application And Admission

Applicants for admission to CSUB's School Counseling/PPS Credential Program MUST:

1. Complete a Bachelor's degree with a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA from an accredited university (or a minimum 3.0 graduate GPA after 15 or more units completed).
2. Successful completion of an approved undergraduate/graduate course in statistics with a grade of "C" or higher within 7 years of application to program.
3. Submit a Graduate Admission Application to CSUB's Office of Admissions and Records (submitted online at [www2.calstate.edu/apply](http://www2.calstate.edu/apply)). When filling out the Graduate Application, apply as a Graduate with your objective: School Counseling/Pupil Personnel Services.
4. Obtain an application for the Educational Counseling Program from our EDCS Program Application Website, [https://www.csub.edu/sse/departments/advancededucationalstudies/educational\\_counseling/requirements/index.html](https://www.csub.edu/sse/departments/advancededucationalstudies/educational_counseling/requirements/index.html).
5. Submit a completed Educational Counseling Program application with all of the required documents to the School Counseling Submittal Portal, <https://csub.app.box.com/f/83c7e8b1137a43f7bb86804676410df0> in Box as one PDF document.
6. Check the status of your university and EDCS program application on myCSUB using your CSUB student ID number (assigned by Admissions and Records).

### Year One (22 Units)

#### Required Courses (Fall)

- EDCS 5120: Introduction to Individual Counseling (3 units)
- EDCS 5140 Introduction to Counseling in Schools (3 units)
- EDCS 5160: Theories in Educational Counseling (3 units)
- EDCS 5210: Practicum I (2 units)

#### Required Courses (Spring)

- EDCS 5050: Legal and Ethical Issues in Counseling (3 units)
- EDCS 5130: Multicultural Counseling (3 units)
- EDCS 5150: Crisis Counseling (3 units)
- EDCS 5220: Practicum II (2 units)

### Year Two (20 Units)

#### Required Courses (Fall)

- EDCS 6110: Research and Evaluation in Counseling (3 units)
- EDCS 6130: Comprehensive School Counseling (3 units)
- EDCS 6360: Fieldwork I (4 units)

#### Required Courses (Spring)

- EDCS 6150: Academic and Career Counseling (3 units)
- EDCS 6160: Introduction to Group Counseling (3)
- EDCS 6370: Fieldwork II (4 units)

### Year Three (10 Units)

#### Required Courses (Fall)

- EDCS 6290: Collaboration & Leadership in Counseling (3 units)
- EDCS 6330: Comprehensive Exam (3 units)
- EDCS 6380: Fieldwork III (4 units)

### Typical Two-year Course of Study (Full-Time) (Full-Time)

	Fall	Spring
Year 1	EDCS 5120 (3)	EDCS 5050 (3)
	EDCS 5140 (3)	EDCS 5130 (3)
	EDCS 5160 (3)	EDCS 5150 (3)
	EDCS 5210 (2)	EDCS 5220 (2)
Year 2	Fall	Spring
	EDCS 6110 (3)	EDCS 6150 (3)
	EDCS 6130 (3)	EDCS 6160 (3)
	EDCS 6360 (4)	EDCS 6370 (4)
Year 3	Fall	
	EDCS 6290 (3)	
	EDCS 6330 (3)	
	EDCS 6380 (4)	

Please note: Program Requirements may change with new legislation and/or CCTC Requirements