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. Satisfy the Graduate Writing Requirement (GWAR) if not a CSU/UC graduate.

4. Submit a Graduate Admission Application to CSUB’s Office of Admissions and Records (submitted online at www2.calstate.edu/apply). When filling out the Graduate Application, apply as a Graduate with your objective: School Counseling/Pupil Personnel Services.


6. Submit a completed Educational Counseling Program application to the Credentials Office, EDUC 102, California State University, Bakersfield 22 EDUC - Credentials Office Attn: Julia Bavier 9001 Stockdale Hwy. Bakersfield, Ca. 93311-1022

7. Check the status of your university and EDCS program application on myCSUB using your CSUB student ID number (assigned by Admissions and Records).

M.S. in Counseling Program Requirements

Year One (25 Units)
Required Courses (Fall)
EDCS 5010: Practicum (4 units)
EDCS 5020: Human Communication Skills (3 units)
EDCS 5040: Introduction to Advocacy in Counseling (3 units)
EDCS 5070: Counseling Across the Lifespan (3 units)

Required Courses (Spring)
EDCS 5030: Social Justice (3 units)
EDCS 5050: Legal and Ethical Issues in Counseling (3 units)
EDCS 5060: Theories (3 units)

Year Two (23 Units)
Required Courses (Fall)
EDCS 6030: School Counseling Domains and Techniques (3 units)
EDCS 6050: Career Counseling (3 units)
EDCS 6210: Fieldwork in School Counseling I (4 units)
EDCS 5080: Research in Counseling (3 units)

Required Courses (Spring)
EDCS 6010: Assessment and Evaluation in Counseling (3 units)
EDCS 6060: Therapeutic Methods in Group Settings (3 units)
EDCS 6220: Fieldwork in School Counseling II (4 units)
EDCS 6330: Comprehensive Exam (3 units)

Typical Two-year Course of Study (Full-Time)
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Please note: Program Requirements may change with new legislation and/or CCTC Requirements
Program Overview

The 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 school settings. The School Counseling program at CSUB is accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC).

The 48-semester unit program can be completed in as little as two years while attending full-time. The courses include 9 core counseling classes, 2 specialty classes, and a 600-hour fieldwork experience lasting one year. 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.

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