

Post-MSW Applicants

Social workers who already have a MSW may enroll in the School Social Work Specialization program in order to meet eligibility for the PPS Certificates as required by the State. These applicants will be expected to take the 12 unit program (one 3-unit SWORK 758 class, one 1-unit SWORK 798 class, and SWORK750 practicum for 4 units in the fall and 4 units in the spring). The practicum requires the candidate to intern as a school social worker in selected schools in the San Diego area for the required hours of supervised experience. This experience should be equivalent to the academic program and therefore requires 20 hours per week – in the school site, during regular school hours. You may apply **Oct. 1 – Feb. 1** through CSU mentor at www.csumentor.edu

Post-MSW Applications should include the following:

1. Letter expressing interest in the program and in School Social Work. Also describe changes in your work schedule which will be required in order to fulfill these requirements.
2. An official transcript documenting your MSW.
3. A resume of your professional experience. Include field experience descriptions.
4. Two letters of recommendation, at least one from a supervisor.
5. Deadline to submit, **Oct. 1 – Feb. 1** through the CSU mentor website at www.csumentor.edu

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Pupil Personnel Services (PPS) Credential Program.



School Social Work Specialization

Child Welfare & Attendance Specialization

*Cultivating the knowledge for global change...
one community at a time.*

DESCRIPTION

The specialization in school social work program at SDSU prepares students for the practice of social work services in school settings and the education and training necessary to be certified by the State of California to work in public schools. This program meets the requirements for two specializations for Pupil Personnel Services (PPS) Credentials; (1) School Social Work and (2) Child Welfare and Attendance Services.

The PPS program is integrated into the existing MSW program, with students specializing in direct practice. Specific requirements for the School Social Work specialization are (1) Second-year field placement in a public school setting; (2) two courses are taken, one each semester of the second year. The first is a 3-unit seminar in 'School Social Work' (SWORK 758) in the Fall, followed by a 1-unit seminar in 'Social Work Practice' (SWORK 759) in the Spring.

The program can also accommodate Social Workers with MSW degrees that wish to complete the requirements for the PPS Certificate(s) and specialization (the 2 courses and supervised field experience as described above).

Note: These requirements for hours of supervised experience fall within the requirements for the number of hours required of all 2nd year MSW Students.

CALIFORNIA PPS CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Supervised Experience Requirements

1. School Social Work Specialization

Completion of 450 hours of supervised experience working in a public school. This experience should include at least 100 hours of work at each of 2 school levels: pre-school, elementary school, middle school, and high school.

At least 100 clock hours of practice with at least 10 pupils of a racial/ethnic background different from that of the credential candidate.

2. Child Welfare and Attendance Specialization.

Completion of an additional 150 contact hours of supervised experience focused on assessment and program development in the area of attendance problems. Thus, if one is working toward both certificates there will be a total of 600 hours of school based experience.



APPLICATION PROCESS

MSW Applicants

Students currently enrolled in the MSW degree program and who are eligible for enrollment in SWORK 750 may apply for the PPS program. Students file a regular field application for a second year placement in a school setting. The Field Director reviews all applications and arranges appropriate interviews. Once the student has been accepted into an approved PPS school practicum site, they are considered candidates for the credential program. They must complete the course work and internship hours along with the remainder of their MSW program. All requirements and expectations are outlined in a packet of information given to each student at the first field liaison meeting in the Fall semester.

The program begins the fall semester of your second year of study with the two courses being completed by the end of the spring semester. Supervised hours must also be earned by the end of the spring semester as well.

Already earned a MSW?

Please see information on the following page.