Post-MSW Applicants

Social workers who already hold an MSW degree may enroll in the School Social Work Specialization program in order to meet eligibility for the PPS Credential as required by the State. The Post MSW PPS Program requires completion of 12 units, FALL: SW758 3 units, SW798 1 unit, SW750 4 units and SPRING: SW750 4 units. The practicum requires the candidate to intern 20 hours per week as a school social worker in selected schools in the San Diego area. The experience needs to be completed on an approved school site, during regular school hours.

Post MSW Application Process
Oct. 1 - Dec. 15:
For application procedures, Cal State Apply Online Application deadline and to upload supplemental materials to Interfolio, please refer to the following website:

https://socialwork.sdsu.edu/degrees-programs/certificates-credentials/pps-credential/

Upload the following:

a Letter expressing interest in the PPS program and School Social Work, be sure to include changes you will make in your work scheduled to fulfill these requirements
b Resume
c Two letters of recommendation, at least one from a supervisor

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**DESCRIPTION**

The PPS Program prepares students for the practice of social work services in a school setting. In addition, the program provides the education and training necessary for certification by the State of California to work in public schools. This program meets the requirements for two specializations for the PPS Credential:

1. **School Social Work**
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 798) in the Spring.

The program can also accommodate Social Workers with MSW degrees that wish to complete the requirements for the PPS Credential and specialization (the two courses and supervised field experience as described above). The program can also accommodate Title IV-E students by placing them in a school setting their first year of field placement.

Note: The supervised hours required for the PPS Credential will meet the field practicum hours.

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**CALIFORNIA PPS CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

**Supervised Experience Requirements**

**1. School Social Work Specialization**

Completion of 450 hours of supervised hours working in a public school. This experience should include at least 350 hours as a primary placement at either elementary school, middle school, or high school level and an additional 100 hours at a secondary level: pre-school, elementary school, middle school, or high school. Thus, if one is working toward both certificates there will be a total of 600 hours of school based experience.

At least 100 clock hours of practice must be with 10 pupils from a racial/ethnic background that are different from 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 with experience participating in an interdisciplinary team. Thus, if one is working toward both certificates there will be a total of 600 hours of school based experience.

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**APPLICATION PROCESS**

**Current MSW Students**

Students currently enrolled in the MSW degree program that 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. All supervised hours must be completed by the end of the spring semester.

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Already earned an MSW degree?

Please see information on back.