

Post-MSW Pupil Personnel Services (PPS) Credential Program General Application Information

What is a PPSC?

Issued by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, the Pupil Personnel Services (PPS) credential specializing in School Social Work and Child Welfare and Attendance authorizes the holder to be employed in the State of California as a School Social Worker and/or a Child Welfare and Attendance Specialist.

➤ **What are the responsibilities of a PPSC holder?**

Individuals with a PPS credential are pupil advocates who implement prevention and intervention strategies that remove barriers to learning for students pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. They ensure a teaching and learning environment in which all students can prepare themselves for the world they live in now and the world they will face in the future. These professionals—in partnership with other educators, parents, and communities—develop high expectations for all pupils, motivate students to reach their highest learning potentials, and foster optimum teaching and learning conditions all as a means to prevent school failure.

➤ **Who can obtain a PPSC from this program?**

Those with a Master's degree in Social Work (MSW) from a CSWE accredited graduate program who have a concentration in Children, Youth and Families OR at least one year of experience working with children and their families, are eligible to apply. Furthermore, applicants must have a valid Certificate of Clearance (COC) from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC), prior to applying to the program. Information on obtaining a COC can be found on our webpage here: https://www.ctc.ca.gov/docs/default-source/leaflets/cl900.pdf?sfvrsn=b6bd8b52_10

What do I need to include in my application packet?

Interested candidates must submit all of the following documents when applying:

1. Completed "Part One" application and/or "Part Two" (if applicable)
2. An up-to-date resume
3. Unofficial transcripts showing an awarded MSW
4. A Certificate of Clearance—must be processed and valid at the time of application
5. A \$55.00 check or money order made out to "CSULB" for the non-refundable application fee
6. A letter of reference: employer/volunteer, internship or academic

Important: If any of the above components are missing from your packet, your application will not be reviewed.

Please note: Applications are reviewed and accepted on a first come, first serve basis. The mandatory instructor approval needed to register for the SW 665 is given to Post-MSW candidates according to the date a candidate's application was received.