



Expand your professional opportunities for counseling positions

The online **School Counseling Post-Master's Certificate** will prepare you to meet the requirements to be recommended for the Pupil Personnel Services (PPS) in School Counseling Credential in California. The program is designed exclusively for current students or graduates of the USC Rossier Master of Marriage and Family Therapy (MFT) or Master of Education in Educational Counseling (EC) programs.

23

UNITS FOR MTF STUDENTS AND GRADUATES

18

UNITS FOR EC STUDENTS AND GRADUATES

APPROXIMATELY 12

MONTHS TO COMPLETE (3 TERMS)

Through the School Counseling Post-Master's Certificate, you will gain the knowledge and skills in the following areas:

COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS

- Support students at all levels and capabilities with the skills and strategies to ensure their future success.
- Take into account the cultural, socioeconomic and emotional factors that influence success.
- Support the range of pathways students can take toward their well-being.

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

- Help students overcome challenges to their well-being such as institutional oppression (e.g., poverty and racism), mental illness and community and domestic violence.
- Employ strategies associated with restorative justice, including facilitating behavior management through accountability and promoting just treatment for all individuals.

TRAUMA INFORMED PRACTICE

- Gain an understanding of how physical or emotional trauma can be a barrier to children's success not only in school but also later in life.
- Develop skills that support teaching, learning and interacting in ways that acknowledge the stress that trauma can inflict on the lives of children and adults.

FIELD EXPERIENCE

As part of the program, you will complete a 100-hour practicum and 600 hours of fieldwork in a K-12 context for a total of 700 hours* of field experience. The practicum and fieldwork hours are completed over the span of three semesters in two different K-12 grade levels. Practicum will require about 10 hours of work per week and fieldwork will require about 20 hours of work per week (schedule to be solidified with the school placement site). The California Basic Skills Requirement has to be successfully met in order to start coursework in Summer 2020.

*The current requirement for PPS in School Counseling is 700 hours, however it is anticipated that the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing will increase the requirement to 800 hours.

ONLINE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Interact with student colleagues and faculty both synchronously (live sessions occurring in real time) and asynchronously (content to be experienced and assignments submitted via the learning management system). The live sessions are facilitated by faculty and include highly interactive, engaging and collaborative small-group discussions.



SAMPLE COURSES

- EDUC 511: Introduction to School Counseling
- EDCO 505: Counseling and Collaborative Consultation in the School Setting
- EDUC 608: School Connectedness, Climate, and Classroom Management
- EDUC 600: Counseling for College and Career Readiness

TUITION

Tuition for 2019-20 is \$1,928 per unit.

Tuition and fees typically increase 3-5% each year, beginning with the fall term each year.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Only current students or graduates of the MFT or EC program are eligible to apply.

- Resume/CV
- Unofficial transcript (STARS report) or evidence of satisfactory academic programs (if currently enrolled)
- Short-answer response
- Two letters of recommendation
- \$150 nonrefundable deposit

APPLICATION DEADLINES

DEADLINE	NOTIFICATION BY
January 26, 2020	February 3, 2020

What sets the USC Rossier certificate apart?

ONLINE DELIVERY: Interact with faculty and peers in live online classes from any location.

EMPHASIS ON HIGH-NEEDS SCHOOLS: Learn to address complex educational and social issues in the most challenging environments, preparing you to foster success in any setting.

OPTION TO COMPLETE POST GRADUATION: Return to USC Rossier to finish just the PPS certificate rather than a credential integrated with a master's degree.

HOLISTIC APPROACH: Prepare for work in today's schools through focused study in three key areas—college and career readiness, restorative justice and trauma informed practices.

FACULTY WITH PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE: Learn from seasoned practitioners who bring a wealth of experience into the classroom from their own work in the field.

YOUR MISSION AND OUR MISSION ALIGNED

The USC Rossier School of Education prepares leaders to advance educational equity in urban settings and beyond. Ranked as one of the nation's premier education schools by *U.S. News & World Report*, USC Rossier draws on innovative thinking and collaborative research to improve learning opportunities and outcomes, address disparities, challenge inequitable systems of power and solve the most intractable problems in education.

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