M.S. Educational Counseling

Pupil Personnel Services: School Counseling Credential

Admission Requirements Checklist

- Application for Admission with $50.00 application fee.

- Bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited college or university with a GPA of 2.75 or above for the last 60 semester hours of undergraduate study, and a GPA of 3.0 or above for any graduate level course work. Provisional admission may be considered upon application. Applicants will be asked to submit official transcripts sent directly to the University of La Verne by the credit granting institution.

- Possession of one of the following:
  - A bachelor’s degree in a behavioral science.
  - A valid teaching credential with a minimum of one year of full-time classroom teaching experience.
  - Successful coursework or experience demonstrating basic knowledge of general psychology, human learning and development, and human behavior.

- A completed Statement of Purpose that includes an autobiography and explains the applicant’s motivation in seeking admission to the program. The Statement of Purpose must demonstrate the applicant’s ability to write at an acceptable level for graduate study. Directions/cover sheet.

- Applicants without prior teaching experience are strongly encouraged to have at least one year of volunteer or paid experience working with children and adolescents. The experience should be detailed in the Statement of Purpose.

- Three current letters of reference addressing the candidate’s potential as a school counselor. One of these references must be from the candidate’s immediate supervisor. You must use our recommendation form.

- A personal interview with the Lead Regional Faulty or designated faculty member.

- A passing score on a California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC) approved Basic Skills Examination, such as CBEST, before entering the PPS credential program. CBEST is not required for the Master’s Only Thread; however, a signed agreement form authorized by Lead Regional Faculty or designated faculty member is required of degree only candidates.

- Evidence of a Certificate of Clearance, or a valid credential issued by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing must be on file with the University of La Verne before entrance into the program.

- A writing competency sample

- Verification of current TB clearance.