

THE STANDARD DESIGNATED SERVICES CREDENTIAL WITH A SPECIALIZATION IN PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES

A Standard Designated Services Credential with a Specialization in Pupil Personnel Services includes the following designated services: Child Welfare and Attendance; Pupil Counseling and Psychometry and Psychology. Since the requirements differ for the various designations that may appear on the credential, and since only a brief summary of the requirements is included here, it is essential that the student planning to work toward this credential consult the Coordinator of the Pupil Personnel Services Credential Program as early as possible and be admitted to the credential program.

REQUIREMENTS

In general, the basic requirements for the Standard Designated Services Credential with a Specialization in Pupil Personnel Services are described below.

1. A master's or higher degree from an approved institution. The master's degree must be in counseling, psychology, social work, rehabilitation counseling, or an academic subject matter area, depending upon the specialty the student wishes to have designated on his credential.

2. Sixty semester hours of postgraduate work of upper division or graduate level in the area of pupil personnel services taken in an approved institution. The master's degree program may be included within the required sixty semester units, provided all of the requirements can be met.

3. Applicants who have completed three years of successful full-time teaching experience may substitute for one-half of the required sixty semester units of course work in pupil personnel services, thirty semester units in other areas. This does not relieve the applicant of the sixty-unit requirement. It does, however, enable the experienced teacher to substitute thirty units of postgraduate work in other fields for one-half of the sixty-unit requirement in courses directly related to the pupil personnel services. In the event that an applicant elects to make such a substitution, only the Child Welfare and Attendance and Pupil Counseling designations will appear on the credential.

4. Applicants seeking Psychometrist and Psychologist designations may not make the substitution indicated under paragraph 3 above. Those who desire these designations must secure verification of their competency to administer psychological examinations and to recommend placement based upon the use of individual psychological examinations. Such institutional verifications are based on the completion of specific course work in psychology and psychological testing.

5. Candidates for the Standard Designated Services Credential with Specialization in Pupil Personnel Services must also complete appropriate supervised field experiences. This may be accomplished either by the completion of an approved pupil services internship, or by the completion of 480 clock hours of supervised field experience, at least half of which must be in a school serving students between the ages of 4 and 21 years of age. Successful work experience may be substituted for 480 clock hours of supervised field experience at the rate of one-half of the requirement for each one year of full-time counseling experience and/or three years of full-time teaching experience.

PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION

Candidates for the standard credential authorizing the various designated pupil personnel services must complete, as part of the total requirements for the credential, specific course work in the areas listed below:

1. Pupil personnel services, concept and procedures
2. Counseling theory and procedures
3. Dynamics of individual behavior
4. Measurement theory and procedures