

California State University, Fresno
Department of Social Work Education

PPS ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Admission to the M.S.W. Program at California State University, Fresno.
2. Declaration of interest in the PPS program and school social work and child welfare and attendance in the application for the second year practicum, SWrk 282/283.
3. Assignment to a PPS field placement for the second year practicum, SWrk 282/283.
4. Take **one** of several examination options outlined below **prior to enrollment in SWrk 282**. The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing requires all credential holders to demonstrate proficiency in basic skills. There are now **three** examination options available to credential candidates:
 - a. Original score report showing a score of “College Ready” or “Exempt” in the English and Math sections of the early Assessment program (EAP).
 - b. Original score report showing a score on the ELM (Entry Level Math) of 50 and EPT (English Placement Test) of 151 Pass the CBEST examination (all sections).
 - c. A combination of the scores from the EAP and the EPT/ELM as long as you have passed a section of the English and a section of the Math.
 - d. Verification of a College Board SAT score of 500 or above in English and 550 or above in Math.
 - e. Verification of an ACT score of 22 or above in English and 23 or above in Math.
 - f. Verification of a College Board AP exam score of 3 or above on the AP English Language and Composition or the AP English Literature and Composition and a score of 3 or above on the AP Calculus or AP Statistics exam.
 - g. Take the CBEST exam (all 3 sections) and submit verification of passing.
 - h. Verification of passing the CSET: Multiple Subject and Writing (for teachers).

If you do not pass the basic skills proficiency requirement, make an appointment to meet with the PPS Coordinator prior to the beginning of the PPS internship. Registration and testing information are available in the office of Testing Services, first floor of the FFS Building, 278-2457. **You must provide verification that you have taken a basic skills proficiency exam prior to enrollment in S Wrk 282.** Once you pass, provide the Department of Social Work Education with a copy of your C-BEST verification card or passing scores from the other BSR options.

5. Complete the process for Character and Identification clearance prior to enrollment in SWrk 282. You will **not** be allowed to begin field instructed practice in the schools until you have obtained clearance from the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. Further information on obtaining the Certificate of Clearance will be provided at a PPS orientation meeting.