

Fieldwork Supervision for PPS School Counseling Credential Candidates EDCO 292 Overview

Welcome to the world of Supervised Experience in Counseling! Thank you for your consideration of working with a San Jose State University Counselor Education graduate student. Each fieldwork candidate seeking a PPS School Counseling credential must complete a total of 600 fieldwork hours in at least two different school levels. Of the 600 hours total, 100 must be with at least 10 pupils in a different racial/ethnic/cultural background and 25 hours must be leading group counseling sessions.

Our hope is that, over the course of the fieldwork experience within various schools/organizations, the fieldwork candidate gains exposure and experience in all of the domains of counseling, including activities such as:

- Develop, plan, implement, and evaluate a school counseling and guidance program that includes academic, career, personal, and social development
- Advocate for the high academic achievement and social development of all students
- Provide schoolwide prevention and intervention strategies and counseling services
- Provide consultation, training, and staff development to teachers and parents regarding students' needs

Prerequisites for Fieldwork Experience

While each of our graduate students joins us with a variety of professional experiences and individual goals, we try to ensure that all candidates receive a solid foundation in counseling prior to beginning their fieldwork. It is expected that students will have completed the following courses and steps before beginning their fieldwork:

- EDCO 215: Introduction to Counseling and Guidance
- EDCO 218: Counseling Process and Techniques
- EDCO 232: Law and Ethics for Counselors (including Mandated Reporter Training)
- EDCO 248: Dynamics of Behavior and Development
- EDCO 227: School-Family-Community Collaboration (can be taken concurrently in first semester)
- Registration with California Teaching Credential (i.e., fingerprinting) and TB Clearance

Requirements During the Semester

For each EDCO 292: Supervised Experience in Counseling course, typically completed over the course of one semester, the fieldwork candidate should:

- Complete 200 fieldwork hours (approximately 13 hours per week)
- Receive increasing levels of exposure to and experience in a variety of counseling opportunities
- Treat the fieldwork as a professional learning opportunity

Expectations and Requirements for the Field Site Supervisor

- Possess a PPS Credential
- Have at least two years of experience as a counselor
- Be willing to devote at least one hour per week to meet individually with the fieldwork candidate
- At the start of the semester, confer with the fieldwork candidate regarding goals and objectives that both support the institution and support his/her growth in the field
- During the semester, mentor and train the candidate, preparing him/her for a career in the field
- At the end of the semester, complete an evaluation of the candidate's growth

FAQ's

Is the fieldwork candidate allowed to meet one-on-one with students? While the fieldwork candidate will start by shadowing you and your colleagues, the hope is that, later in the semester, the candidate (and you) will feel comfortable allowing him/her to meet individually with students if appropriate with your institutions' policies.

What support does the University provide? Each fieldwork candidate has a University Supervisor who meets regularly with the student and will visit him/her at the field site. If you have any questions or concerns during the semester, the University Supervisor will support you and the fieldwork candidate.