

COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY, MS

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Program Requirements

To graduate with the MS degree in Counseling Psychology, a student must meet the following requirements:

- Complete the 60 semester unit program in accordance with the approved Plan of Study
- Be in Good Standing in the MS in Counseling Psychology program: A student must maintain, at the end of each term of enrollment, a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher in courses taken to meet degree requirements and receive satisfactory evaluations of pre-professional development from faculty and field placement supervisors. Students not in Good Standing must formally request permission (and receive written approval) to enroll in additional graduate courses. The CPFC will review the explanations and plans set forth in the petition and decide whether to permit continued enrollment and what conditions must be met for a return to Good Standing. (See Academic Probation and Academic Disqualification under Division of Graduate Programs within the CSUB Catalog).
- Be advanced to Graduate Candidacy.
- Receive an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher for the entire 60-unit program. (Any course with a grade lower than B- will not count toward graduation.)
- Satisfy the CSU Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR) as soon as possible in their program (<https://www.csub.edu/testing/tests/test%20description/GWAR/>). This can be done either by passing or having passed the university-wide GWAR examination or by achieving a grade of "C" or better in approved courses. The English Department is the sole determiner of approved courses and whether writing courses at non-CSU institutions are equivalent.
- Take and pass a comprehensive examination chosen by the CPFC. This is the culminating activity for the M.S. in Counseling Psychology. The exam will be offered to third-year students, on-site at CSUB, during the spring semester each year. All students must pass this exam to graduate.

This three-year course sequence is for full-time students and requires attendance four afternoons and/or evenings a week for the duration of the program. In addition, students are required to be available at least three afternoons/evenings (1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.) per week during the

second year (Practicum I and II) and 20 hours per week during regular business hours (Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) for agency field placement (Traineeship I and II) during the third year. **Students who are employed full-time upon entering the program will likely need to modify their work schedule, especially during years two and three, to assure availability for mandated clinical and field work.**