



PROGRAM SPONSOR ALERT

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SUBJECT: PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES CHILD WELFARE AND ATTENDANCE STANDARDS AND PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS

Summary:

This Program Sponsor Alert provides information on the Commission's adoption of the Pupil Personnel Services (PPS) Child Welfare and Attendance Added Authorization standards and performance expectations for use in certain situations as described in this PSA.

Key Provisions:

At its August 2024 meeting, the Commission on Teacher Credentialing adopted the Pupil Personnel Services (PPS) Child Welfare and Attendance (CWA) Added Authorization standards and performance expectations. The complete text of the Pupil Personnel Services Child Welfare and Attendance Added Authorization standards and performance expectations is posted on the [Commission's webpage](#).

Because candidates enrolled in an existing PPS School Social Work, PPS School Counseling, or PPS School Psychology credential program operating under the 2019 Commission-adopted standards have the content for the CWA Added Authorization embedded within their base PPS program, these new CWA standards and performance expectations are necessary only for a particular set of circumstances. These standards and performance expectations are to be used by:

- 1) Currently approved PPS programs that wish to offer the CWA added authorization to candidates who earned their PPS credential in a program operated under the prior set of program standards (prior to the 2019 adopted PPS standards and performance expectations). These new CWA standards make it clear what programs should look for to determine what additional content these candidates may need to complete and/or performance expectations to demonstrate to earn the CWA authorization. Because these candidates completed programs under previously

approved standards and at various institutions, some candidates may need to complete the full program while others may have already covered some of the content in their PPS program. These decisions may be made on a candidate-by-candidate basis by Commission-approved CWA programs.

- 2) Institutions, including LEA-based programs, that do not offer a PPS credential but wish to offer the CWA Added Authorization. SB 223 (Ch. 175, Stats. 2024) authorized local education agencies to offer the CWA Added Authorization. These institutions will design their programs to align to these new CWA standards and performance expectations. Any Commission-approved program sponsor may add the CWA added authorization program through the Commission's [Initial Program Review](#) process.

Background:

In April 2019, new standards for the PPS credentials were adopted by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing. The new standards include a change in how the CWA authorization is earned. The CWA content is embedded within the 2019 PPS standards for all three PPS program specialty areas (School Counseling, School Social Work, and School Psychology). The specific program requirements for the CWA field experience and fieldwork supervisor are contained within each of the three PPS program specialty area standards. Candidates enrolled in a PPS program that has also been approved by the Commission to offer the CWA Added Authorization may choose to earn the CWA authorization along with their PPS credential by completing a focused 150 of their 600 hours of field experience in a CWA setting.

The program transition timeline to the 2019 PPS program standards was deferred to the 2022-23 academic year due to the COVID-19 pandemic and all existing PPS School Counseling, School Psychology, School Social Work programs have successfully transitioned to, and are now operating in alignment with, the 2019 PPS standards. Following the Commission's approval of the PPS program standards and performance expectations, and in working with the field, Commission staff determined the need to maintain a separate set of standalone CWA standards and performance expectations. By having embedded the CWA standards and performance expectations into the 2019 PPS program standards and performance expectations, it had become unclear what candidates who obtained their PPS credential prior to adoption of the 2019 PPS standards and performance expectations would need to do to obtain a CWA authorization. These new set of CWA standards addresses this issue.

It is important to emphasize that any candidate who has earned their PPS credential under the currently approved (2019) PPS School Social Work, Counseling and Psychology standards which contains the CWA content would only need to complete the 150 hours of supervised fieldwork component in a Commission approved CWA program.

Sources:

[Pupil Personnel Services Child Welfare and Attendance Added Authorization Standards and Performance Expectations](#)

[PSA 23-01 Pupil Personnel Services \(PPS\)- Child Welfare and Attendance \(CWA\)](#)

References:

Education Code (EC) section 44372(b)

EC section 44266

EC section 44225

Title 5 CCR section 80605

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