

School Counseling Department at Saint Mary's College

Students in the School Counseling specialization in the Counseling Department at Saint Mary's College earn a master's degree in Counseling and a Pupil Personnel Services (PPS) credential. The PPS credential is given by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC), and allows the individual to work in any preK-12 public school in California. Our focus is on preparing students with the knowledge and skills to become competent school-based mental health practitioners and social justice advocates through a program of study aligned with the American School Counselor Association's (ASCA) National Standards, which focus on the academic, career, and social/emotional development of preK-12 students. Our students learn about the history, theories, and research behind the field of counseling and specifically professional counseling.

4. School counselors are trained to assess for and support students dealing with child abuse, suicide, depression, grief and loss, non-suicidal self-