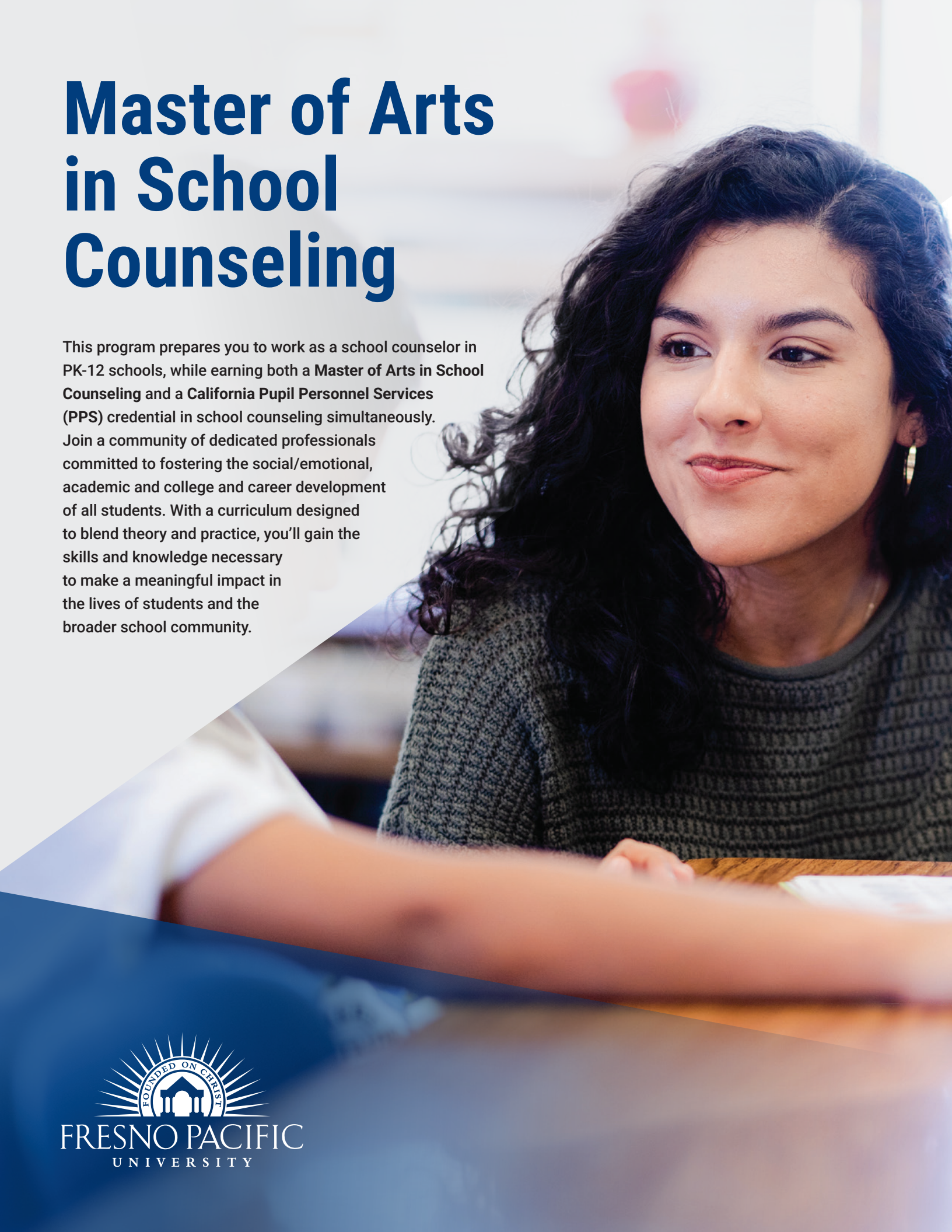
Master of Arts in School Counseling

This program prepares you to work as a school counselor in PK-12 schools, while earning both a **Master of Arts in School Counseling** and a **California Pupil Personnel Services (PPS)** credential in school counseling simultaneously. Join a community of dedicated professionals committed to fostering the social/emotional, academic and college and career development of all students. With a curriculum designed to blend theory and practice, you'll gain the skills and knowledge necessary to make a meaningful impact in the lives of students and the broader school community.



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A Master of Arts in

School Counseling

with a Pupil Personnel Services (PPS) credential is an exciting step toward a fulfilling career dedicated to supporting students' mental health and academic success. As schools increasingly recognize the importance of comprehensive counseling programs, this advanced degree equips you with the skills and credentials to make a meaningful impact. Here are a few reasons to consider this path:

- Professional Credentialing: Earning your PPS credential qualifies you to work as a professional school counselor in California, opening doors to diverse job opportunities in PK-12 school settings.
- In-Demand Career: The need for professional school counselors is on the rise, with schools actively seeking school counselors who can support students' social, emotional and academic development.
- Difference Maker: As a school counselor, you have the opportunity to impact students' lives positively, helping them navigate challenges and achieve their full potential.
- Holistic Approach: Learn to address the diverse needs of students, incorporating academic support, college/career readiness and social emotional development/mental health into your counseling practice.
- Collaborative Environment: You'll work alongside educators, parents and community organizations, fostering a supportive network that benefits students and enhances the school community.
- Career Pathways: A degree in school counseling provides opportunities to work in a variety of PK-12 settings (public, private and charter schools) and community colleges.



Program Highlights

Unit Count of Program: 50

- Includes coursework for the **California Pupil Personnel Services (PPS) Credential**. This credential authorizes you to work as a credentialed school counselor in a public school setting.
- Students will gain **800 hours of clinical experience** in a PK-12 setting.
- Accredited by the California Commission on Teaching Credentialing (www.ctc.ca.gov).
- Progress through **coursework in a cohort format based on regional locations.**
- Courses **taught by faculty and professional school counselors** currently working in PK-12.
- A **dual M.A. School Counseling/School Psychology with PPS degree program** is also available.
- Offered fully online! Classes are synchronous two-three nights per week.
- In addition to our established field placement opportunities throughout California's Central Valley, FPU now offers select placements on California's Central Coast. Learn more about Central Coast opportunities at **fpu.edu/centralcoast**

Choosing to pursue an M.A. in School Counseling with a PPS credential

is a meaningful way to invest in your future while making a lasting impact on the lives of students and your community. The curriculum combines theoretical knowledge with practical experience, ensuring you are well-prepared to tackle real-world challenges in school counseling.

Required Courses (50 units)

Course Prefix	Required Courses	Units
PPC 730	Foundations of the School Counseling Profession	3
PPC 731	Social Emotional Development	3
PPC 732	Professionalism, Ethics and Legal Mandates in School Counseling	3
PPC 733	Program Development and Core Curriculum	3
PPC 734	Prevention and Intervention	3
PPC 735	Academic Development	3
PPC 736	College and Career Development	3
PPC 737	Social Justice: Equity and Access	3
PPC 738	Mental Health Counseling	3
PPC 739	Student Supports	3
PPC 740	Clinical Practice in School Counseling I	2
PPC 741	Clinical Practice in School Counseling II	2
PPC 742	Clinical Practice in School Counseling III	4
PPC 771	Measurement, Experimental Design and Behavioral Research	3
	Master of Arts Core	
PPC 743	Qualitative Research I	3
PPC 744	Qualitative Research II	2
PPC 745	Qualitative Research III	1
PPC 772	Issues and Values in Schools and Society	3

The courses listed above provide a sample overview of our program. Please meet with your academic advisor or visit **fpu.edu/catalog** to finalize your course registration and sequence.



Application and Admission Information

To be considered for admission to the M.A. in School Counseling program, please submit the following items:

- ☐ **Completed Application for Admission: fpu.edu/applygrad**
- ☐ **Official college/university transcript(s)** verifying receipt of a bachelor's degree from an accredited program.
  - If you are currently finishing up your degree, please submit current transcript.
  - A final transcript will need to be submitted before you may enroll in classes.
  - Transcripts can be sent electronically by your institution to **trans.evaluator@fresno.edu** or via mail in an envelope sealed by your institution to:

    Fresno Pacific University
    Office of the Registrar
    1717 S. Chestnut Ave.
    Fresno, CA 93702
- ☐ If your cumulative GPA for your bachelor's degree is below a 3.0 (4.0 scale), a letter of explanation is required.
- ☐ **Reference Forms** – Two references are required for the M.A. in School Counseling program. These references should attest to your professional qualities and your academic qualifications, noting your ability to complete graduate-level work.
  - After you submit your application, your listed references will be contacted via email with a link to provide their recommendation.
- ☐ **Statement of Intent** – Provide a written statement explaining your interest in the program, long-term goals and your experience in the field.
- ☐ **Program Interview** – After submitting your application materials including transcripts, a representative will contact you to schedule an interview.
  - Program applicants will be required to submit an impromptu writing sample, one page in length, during the interview time.
- ☐ **Evidence of application** for a Certificate of Clearance for a valid California Teaching Commission credential.

Prerequisite classes for the M.A. in School Counseling program

FPU requires students to have the following courses (all with a grade of a "C" or better) before starting the M.A. in School Counseling program: Child Growth and Development, General Psychology, and Introduction to Statistics. Please contact your admissions counselor about your options if you don't have one of the prerequisite classes.

View our State Professional Licensing and Certificate Disclosure at **fpu.edu/about/disclosure-documents**.

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