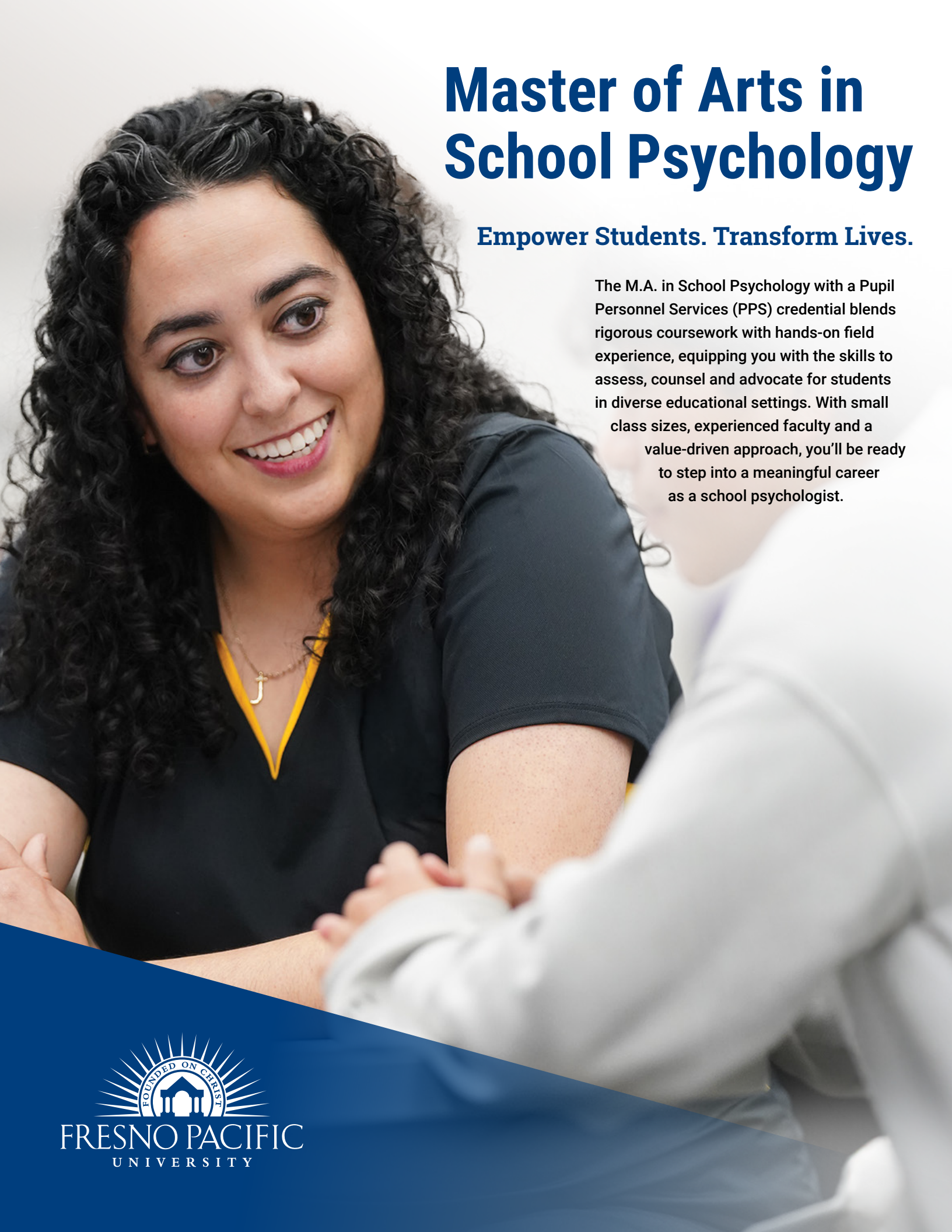
Master of Arts in School Psychology

Empower Students. Transform Lives.

The M.A. in School Psychology with a Pupil Personnel Services (PPS) credential blends rigorous coursework with hands-on field experience, equipping you with the skills to assess, counsel and advocate for students in diverse educational settings. With small class sizes, experienced faculty and a value-driven approach, you'll be ready to step into a meaningful career as a school psychologist.



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Make a Difference in the Lives of Students

The M.A. in School Psychology with a Pupil Personnel Services (PPS) credential equips you with the skills to support students' academic, social and emotional well-being. This in-demand career path offers meaningful opportunities to advocate for children, collaborate with educators and create positive changes in school communities.



Why Choose This Path?

- **High Demand Career** – School psychologists are in high demand nationwide, with strong job stability and growth.
- **Impact Student Success** – Help students overcome learning barriers, mental health challenges and behavioral concerns.
- **Diverse Career Opportunities** – Work in K-12 schools, district leadership, special education programs or private practice.
- **Comprehensive Training** – Gain expertise in assessment, counseling, intervention and consultation with educators and families.
- **Hands-On Experience** – Complete fieldwork and internships that prepare you for real-world school settings.
- **Competitive Salary & Benefits** – Enjoy a fulfilling career with strong earning potential and benefits.



FPU Program Highlights

Unit Count of Program: 62

- **FPU's M.A. in School Psychology degree** includes coursework for the California Pupil Personnel Services (PPS) Credential. This authorizes you to work as a credentialed school psychologist in a public school setting.
- Approved by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (www.ctc.ca.gov).
- **Progress through coursework** in a cohort format.
- Eleven units are embedded in the program that meet part of the requirements towards becoming a **Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA).**
- A dual M.A. School Counseling/School Psychology with PPS credential degree program is also available.
- Study under experienced and highly rated university faculty.
- **Two program delivery offerings:**
  - On-site blended with synchronous online component.
    - Offered at North Fresno, Visalia and Bakersfield campuses.
  - Online – Attend classes synchronously online.
- 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**.

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curriculum covers psychological assessment, intervention strategies, consultation and fieldwork, ensuring graduates meet state certification requirements.

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Course Prefix	Required Courses	Units
PPP 741	Basic Principles of Behavior	3
PPP 748	School Psychology Supervised Practicum Experience I	1
PPP 749	School Psychology Supervised Practicum Experience II	1
PPP 750	Professional Theory and Practice: School Psychology	3
PPP 751	Family School Collaboration and Support	3
PPP 752	Legal and Ethical Practices in School Psychology	3
PPP 753	Assessments in the Schools	3
PPP 754	School Wide Practices to Promote Learning	3
PPP 755	Social, Emotional and Behavioral Assessment	3
PPP 756	Interpretation	3
PPP 757	Identify and Monitor Effective Interventions	3
PPP 758	Intervention Based Instructional Support: Development of Academic Skills	3
PPP 759	Human Diversity: Best Practices for Assessing Children	3
PPP 760	Practices to Promote Behavioral and Mental Health in Today's Schools	3
PPP 761	Mental Health Services to Develop Social and Life Skills	3
PPP 767	Action Research and Program Evaluation	3
PPP 768	School Psychology Internship I*	2
PPP 769	School Psychology Internship II	2
PPS 772	Issues and Values in Schools and Society	3
PPP 776	Behavior Assessment	3
PPP 778	Behavior Change: Selecting Interventions I	1
PPP 779	Behavior Change: Selecting Interventions II	1
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**Students may only register for PPP 768 Internship I after passing the Exit to Internship Oral Exam and Portfolio Review.*

These courses provide a sample program overview. 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 Psychology 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 a regionally accredited institution and any post-baccalaureate work.
  - 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 Psychology 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, prior to your interview time.
- ☐ **Evidence of application** for a Certificate of Clearance for a valid California Teacher Commission credential.
- ☐ **Prerequisite classes for the M.A. in School Psychology 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 Psychology program: Child Growth and Development, General Psychology, Introduction to Statistics and Research Methods. This requirement is waived for graduates with a bachelor's degree in psychology or sociology from FPU or a CSU or UC school. Please contact your admissions counselor about your options if you don't have one of the prerequisite classes.

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