

Pupil Personnel Services: School Psychology Preconditions

1. Bachelor's Degree (Ed Code §44266)

Persons admitted to programs must have a minimum of a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university.

The University of La Verne offers pupil personnel services programs in school counseling and school psychology. Both programs emphasize the importance of academic advising and require that each credential candidate possesses a Commission-recognized baccalaureate degree. The requirements are clearly described in the University Catalog:

<https://education.laverne.edu/psychology/>

2. Program Curriculum

A college or university that operates a program of professional preparation shall have a curriculum that meets the appropriate requirement as follows:

*A program of study for the **school psychologist specialization** shall be: Equivalent to a minimum of 60 semester units or 90 quarter units; or 900 classroom hours of postgraduate study.*

The University of La Verne school psychology preparation program requires 61 semester-units of graduate level course work in order to be eligible for a credential recommendation. The program curriculum is described in the University Catalog: <https://education.laverne.edu/psychology/curriculum/>

3. For Intern Programs

An entity that operates an approved program of preparation for a PPS credential with an Intern option shall require each candidate who is admitted into the Intern Program to have completed sufficient coursework so that the candidate is ready for supervised practice in the schools. The Intern must be supervised and supported by both the employer and the Commission-approved program.

A student may qualify for the School Psychology Internship Credential if he or she:

- Has passed the CBEST or basic skills requirement
- Has a Certificate of Clearance
- Has successfully completed the following courses:
 - ASCD 503 and 550, SPSY 502, 535, 547, 549, 560, 564, 567, 571, 572, 573, 574, 577, 578, 579, 586A-I, 586A-II, 587 B-III, 587B-IV, and a 3-unit elective with a minimum 3.0 GPA
- Has received district certified letter of intent to hire