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**Re: PPS Credential Candidates**

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Mon, Mar 23, 2026 at 3:37 PM

To: "Saito, L. Erika" &lt;lorine.saito@umassglobal.edu&gt;, Ryan Dreifus &lt;rdreifus@californiaops.org&gt;

Hello,

This sounds like a great opportunity for the Candidates, and yes, they can complete all their hours in an online public-school format. They will still need to show that they have at least 200 hours at two different levels, elementary, middle, and/or high. But apart from that, they'll be able to acquire the other requirements within those levels. I'm happy to meet and discuss any specifics if you would like, and again thank you for making this possible.

*Best Regards,**Thierry***Thierry Kolpin, Ph.D. (he/him)**

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**From:** Saito, L. Erika <lorine.saito@umassglobal.edu>**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2026 11:23 AM**To:** Ryan Dreifus <rdreifus@californiaops.org>; Kolpin, Thierry <tkolpin@umassglobal.edu>**Subject:** Re: PPS Credential Candidates

Hi Ryan,

It is so great to hear from you and being able to meet you in person at the CCSA conference!! I am glad CA OPS is ready to move forward. Attached is our flyer for the MA Educational Counseling with PPSC Credential and CWA authorization.

It is 48 credits x \$750 (tuition subject to change fall 2026) = \$36,000. With our partnership, candidates would receive 15% off tuition, bringing it down to \$30,600.

I am looping in Dr. Thierry Kolpin, who oversees the SOE counseling program and can provide you with the information requested. [@Kolpin, Thierry](#), I know we discussed this some time ago. Could you please confirm and provide the statement requested for CA Online Public Schools? Thank you so much!!

Warmly,  
Erika**L. Erika Saito, Ph.D. (she/her/hers)**

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Hi Erika!

It was so great seeing you at CCSA! We are finally ready to move forward with our 3 PPS Credential candidates, but next steps for us are to pitch it to our school board. I was hoping to get an updated cost of the program for each candidate that I could put into the board memorandum, as well as a statement from the Dean of the School of Counseling that these counselors would be approved to do their counseling hours at California Online Public Schools. Thank you for being so patient with this, we are looking to have them signed up for the May start date if that is an option, but the board approval won't happen until April 14th, so if they have to wait for the Fall cohort, that is fine too. Have a great day!

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