

# CALSWEC

## MISSION STATEMENT

The California Social Work Education Center (CalSWEC) is a partnership between the schools of social work, public human service agencies, and other related professional organizations that facilitates the integration of education and practice to assure effective, culturally competent service delivery and leadership to the people of California.



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MSW PROGRAM

## WHAT IS CALSWEC?

Funded by Federal Title IV-E dollars, CalSWEC is a program of financial assistance for students interested in pursuing a career in public child welfare. This is linked to a curriculum developed jointly by educators and professionals in public child welfare practice.



The part-time CalSWEC program is limited to current employees of County and State Departments of Social Services or Public Child Welfare Agencies.

Each part-time CalSWEC student recipient receives reimbursement for tuition, fees, costs for required books, and a travel allowance for each day of class or fieldwork.



## CALSWEC RECIPIENT EXPECTATIONS

- Recipients must complete the part-time model in the Children, Youth & Family (CYF) Concentration to which they were accepted and maintain a 3.0 grade point average.
- First-year field must be completed in an agency that works directly with IV-E eligible children.
- Second-year field must be completed in their host public child welfare agency with a focus on either direct practice or administration (in an area other than where they work).
- Recipients must complete a specialized child welfare curriculum that includes an elective course in child welfare, attend required meetings, and complete a thesis with a focus on child welfare.
- CalSWEC recipients are not eligible to pursue the PPS credential program while in the MSW program.
- **Recipients participating in the program sign a contract to return to their home agency to render 6 months of continuous and satisfactory full-time employment for each 15 semester units of CalSWEC educational support, at a level appropriate to a new MSW in public child welfare.**



## HOW DO I APPLY?

- To apply for the CalSWEC award, one must first apply and be admitted to both the University and CSULB Department of Social Work part-time model of the CYF Concentration.
  - Next, incoming students must attend a CalSWEC information meeting held in late spring, after students are admitted and prior to fall enrollment.
  - A written application is required, including information regarding past work experiences in public child welfare, and other experience related to work with at-risk children.
  - Applicants are required to answer a series of four questions in writing. These questions relate to the student's thoughtful planning regarding their graduate studies, their commitment to and understanding of, public child welfare.
  - Applicants must have a letter of support from the director (or designate) of their county's child welfare services.
  - The CalSWEC Awards Committee selects recipients. Students are notified in the summer.
- ### WHAT ABOUT FULL-TIME STUDENTS?
- Public Child Welfare employees may participate if they are on educational leave.

For more details see the CalSWEC full-time brochure.