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Professional

Council on Social Work Education

www.cswe.org

National Association of Social Workers

www.socialworkers.org

www.naswdc.org

Financial Resources

www.finaid.org

Academic

www.assist.org (California statewide transfer courses)

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Master of Social Work

The Master of Social Work Program
is accredited by the
Council on Social Work Education.

Web Site:

www.csulb.edu/social-work

Mission

The mission of the social work profession is to improve the quality of life for all people and to enhance the human potential for full and productive participation in society. Based on the history and philosophy of the profession, social work is committed to working with disenfranchised individuals and groups to alleviate poverty and oppression, and to facilitate empowerment.

The mission of the School of Social Work at California State University, Long Beach is to prepare a diverse student population for Bachelor of Arts in Social Work (BASW) and Master of Social Work (MSW) degrees for professional social work practice. The graduates of these programs are able to: demonstrate competent, ethical, and multicultural practice from a base that builds on social work knowledge, values, and skills; enhance the well-being and address the needs of diverse people across the life span; and advocate for social justice, social change, and for the elimination of oppression and discrimination.

MSW Program Description

The School of Social Work offers an array of program models with concentrations in child welfare and aging, all leading to a Master of Social Work (MSW). The goal of the MSW program is to prepare students for advanced level, professional, multicultural social work practice. Students also learn to practice as professional social workers with persons and groups representing the range of human diversity and with all system sizes (individuals, families, groups, communities, and institutions). In addition, students are prepared for advanced specialized practice in concentrations of Children, Youth, and Families (CYF) or Older Adults and Families (OAF).

The MSW program emphasizes ecological and systems perspectives that focus on the fit and interactions of a person or system in relation to the various environments likely to be encountered. Knowledge, values, and skills are used in a change-oriented process and cross-cultural context to help individuals and social units achieve improved quality of life and social participation. This includes advocacy for just institutions and equitable access to opportunities and resources.

Objectives

The MSW program provides an educational experience that:

- ▲ Provides knowledge and experience with ethnic diversity, teaches skill in ethnic-sensitive practice, and provides motivation and skill to combat oppressive policies and discrimination.
- ▲ Contributes to the quality of social services delivered in adjacent communities (Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura counties) by providing an opportunity for advanced education to students who are already employed in the social services, and those who are not.
- ▲ Prepares social workers for leadership and specialized practice with specific population groups. The program maintains high standards and prepares social workers for the depth and complexity of generic social work practice in a chosen concentration area—CYF or OAF.
- ▲ Teaches analytic skills necessary for reflective and autonomous practice, and for contribution to the advancement of knowledge.
- ▲ Educates students on the values and ethics of the profession.

The Master of Social Work Degree offers opportunity for study in two areas of concentration: Children, Youth, and Families (CYF) or Older Adults and Families (OAF). **Fieldwork courses are underlined.** School, University, and Council on Social Work Education regulations do not permit the substitution of life or work experience for curriculum requirements and expectations.

OAF Program Model

▲ Two-Year (Full-Time)

Term 1 (Fall) 500, 503A, 505, 594A, **596A**
Term 2 (Spring) 503B, 561, 592, 549B, **596B**
Term 3 (Fall) 661, 693, 698A, **680A**, Elective
Term 4 (Spring) 670, 682, 699A, **680B**, Elective

▲ Three-Year (Full-Time)

Term 1 (Fall) 503A, 505
Term 2 (Spring) 503B, 592, Elective
Term 3 (Summer) 693, 594A
Term 4 (Fall) 500, **596A**
Term 5 (Spring) 561, 594B, **596B**
Term 6 (Summer) 698A, Elective
Term 7 (Fall) 661, 699A, **680A**
Term 8 (Spring), 670, 682, **680B**

▲ Advanced Standing

Term 1 and 2 **Summer Bridge**
Term 3 (Fall) 661, **680A**, 693, 698A, Elective
Term 4 (Spring) 670, **680B**, 682, 699A, Elective

CYF Program Model

▲ Two-Year (Full-Time)

Term 1 (Fall) 500, 503A, 505, 594A, **596A**
Term 2 (Spring) 503B, 560, 592, 549B, **596B**
Term 3 (Fall) 660, 693, 698A, **680A**, Elective
Term 4 (Spring) 670, 681, 699A, **680B**, Elective

▲ Three-Year (Full-Time)

Term 1 (Fall) 503A, 505
Term 2 (Spring) 503B, 592, Elective
Term 3 (Summer) 693, 594A
Term 4 (Fall) 500, **596A**
Term 5 (Spring) 560, 594B, **596B**
Term 6 (Summer) 698A, Elective
Term 7 (Fall) 660, 699A, **680A**
Term 8 (Spring), 670, 681, **680B**

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Field Education

Fieldwork is an integral part of the MSW curriculum. It offers students the opportunity to integrate and apply theoretical knowledge with social work practice, including advocacy; in community agencies under the supervision of qualified field instructors. University field faculty select the most appropriate field placement sites for students.

- ▲ Each student has two field placements, each accruing 500 hours, culminating in a total of 1000 hours of fieldwork. Twelve units of academic credit are given.
- ▲ Students are in field internships 16 hours per week (Monday through Friday only) and have the choice between the following time blocks:
 - Two 8-Hour Days
 - One 8-Hour Day and two 4-Hour Blocks
- ▲ The Advanced Standing program requires 16 hours per week during the Summer Bridge.
- ▲ The Pupil Personnel Services Credential (PPSC) requires 600 hours for the second year of field placement.

Thesis Project

This two-semester course (SW 698A and SW 699A) is taken in the last year of the program. It provides students with the opportunity to complete a substantive research project in their concentration area that contributes to the advancement of knowledge in social work.

Community Projects

This two-semester course (SW 592 and SW 693) requires that students develop and implement a community project to alleviate select consequences of a social problem.

Stipend Grants

- ▲ California Social Work Education Center (CalSWEC) Child Welfare
- ▲ Geriatric Social Work Education Consortium (GSWEC)
- ▲ Inter-University Consortium (IUC) Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and the Paramount School District
- ▲ CalSWEC Mental Health
- ▲ IUC—Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
- ▲ CalSWEC Aging Initiative Collaborative

Pupil Personnel Services Credential

The School of Social Work has been approved by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC) to offer the PPSC specializing in School Social Work and Child Welfare and Attendance.

When Are Courses Offered?

Advanced Standing:

Summer Bridge: Monday through Friday — daytime through early evening
Second Year: Monday and Friday — daytime

Two-Year Full-Time:

Monday and Friday — daytime

Three-Year Full-Time:

Fall and spring semesters: Monday and Wednesday evenings and Saturday morning through late afternoon.
Summer sessions: Tuesday and Thursday — evenings.

Required Tests

TOEFL—Applicants who possess a bachelor's degree from a postsecondary institution where English is not the principle language of instruction must pass the **Test of English as a Foreign Language** prior to entering the program in the fall.

GWAR—Applicants to the Advanced Standing program must pass the **Graduate Writing Assessment Requirement** prior to entering the Summer Bridge component in the summer.

For testing information visit:

www.csulb.edu/divisions/students2/testing

Fees and Tuition

For the cost of tuition, please see the schedule of classes or visit:

www.csulb.edu/depts/enrollment/financial_aid/costs.html

For information on tuition, stipends, faculty, course descriptions, thesis policy, PPSC, distance education, the CalSWEC library, the Associated Students of Social Work, community and research projects, and additional admissions details, visit our web site at:
www.csulb.edu/colleges/chhs/departments/social-work

Download School of Social Work application packets in PDF format from the above Web site. **An application packet must contain all required elements in order to be evaluated for admission.**

Admission to the MSW Program

Applicants are encouraged to attend an MSW information meeting on campus. Check the School of Social Work web site for dates, times, and locations. Utilization of these resources can strengthen an application!

- ▲ Students interested in full- and part-time study are admitted to the MSW program for the fall or summer semester each year. **There are no spring admissions.** The deadline for application to the program is **February 1st.**
- ▲ International students must also apply to the Center for International Education. Visit their Web site for instructions at:
www.csulb.edu/divisions/aa/grad_undergrad/cie

Requirements:

- ▲ Hold an undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university.
- ▲ Have a cumulative GPA of 2.8 or above. Applicants must have at least a 2.8 GPA at the time that the application is submitted.
- ▲ Complete the University application. Applicants must apply to both the School of Social Work **and** the University.
- ▲ Complete the School of Social Work application.
- ▲ Complete the Elementary Statistics prerequisite. (Math and discipline-related courses are acceptable.) The prerequisite must be completed by the end of the spring semester prior to entering the program. Applicants needing to complete a prerequisite course in the summer should wait until the following year to apply.