



## Distance Education MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

**DISTANCE EDUCATION IS A 3-YEAR PROGRAM AND THE NEXT ANTICIPATED ADMISSION CYCLE IS FOR 2022.**

### MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK (MSW)

The **MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK (MSW)** program at California State University, Long Beach prepares graduates to serve as professional social workers who excel in all levels of practice in economically and socially diverse environments. The MSW program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) and consists of sixty (60) semester units of coursework and 1,000 hours of field internship.

### DISTANCE EDUCATION MSW PROGRAM

The CSULB School of Work has offered a Distance Education MSW Program throughout California since 1995. The program offered in partnership with the College of Continuing and Professional Education. Current distance education sites are located in the Sonoma County and Ventura County areas. Most Distance Education courses are offered via interactive television (iTV) with frequent in-person visits by experienced CSULB faculty. Students enrolled in the Distance Education program have access to online CSULB resources (e.g., library databases) and local site coordinators who attend all classes and help meet student learning needs.

### PROGRAM SCHEDULE

The Distance Education MSW is a three-year program with a specialization in Child and Family Wellbeing. Three academic years (comprised of fall and spring semesters and two summer sessions) are required to complete the MSW degree. All classes are held on Saturdays. Courses are taken in a specific sequence (see sample below):

TERM	TERM
Fall 2022 SW 503A: Behavior & Environment: Prenatal thru Adolescence SW 505: Foundation Social Policy	Spring 2023 SW 503B: Behavior & Environment: Young Adult to Late Life SW 594A: Research Methods I
Summer 2023 SW 500: Foundation Social Work Micro Practice SW 594B: Research Methods II	Fall 2023 600-Level Elective #1 SW 570: Foundation Social Work Practice with Groups SW 596A: Foundation Field Education I
Spring 2024 600-Level Elective #2 SW 592: Foundation Social Work Macro Practice SW 596B: Foundation Field Education II	Summer 2024 600-Level Elective #3 SW 605: Advanced Social Policy
Fall 2024 SW 620: Advanced Social Work Practice: CFW SW 680A: Advanced Field Education I SW 698A or C: MSW Thesis I or Applied SW Project I	Spring 2025 SW 670: SW Leadership and Management SW 680B: Advanced Field Education II SW 699A or C: MSW Thesis II or Applied SW Project II

### FIELD EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Field Placements are arranged locally in a community agency during the second and third academic years of the program. Each student has two fieldwork placements and concurrent enrollment in practice courses during the course of study. Each placement involves 500 hours of field work, with a total of 1000 hours completed to fulfill the degree requirements. Students complete 16 hours of field internship hours completed through either two 8-hour weekdays or one 8-hour weekday and two 4-hour weekday periods.

### STIPEND OPPORTUNITIES

Part-Time CalSWEC Public Child Welfare stipends are available to eligible employees of a County Welfare Service agency, County Departments of Social Services, or the California Department of Social Services. Applicants must provide a letter of support from their agency administrator/director. Each part-time CalSWEC student recipient receives reimbursement for tuition, fees, cost for required books, and a travel allowance for each day of class or fieldwork.

# Distance Education MSW Program

## FALL 2022 MSW ADMISSION AND APPLICATION INFORMATION

The following outline provides tentative information regarding the admission and application requirements for the Distance Education MSW Program at CSULB for Fall 2022 admission. This information is subject to change. Please refer to our School of Social Work website at the following link for the most-up-to-date information: [School of Social Work](#)

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants must meet the following criteria to be considered for the 3-Year Distance Education MSW program:

- Completion of a baccalaureate degree from and accredited college/university no later than Spring 2022
- A cumulative undergraduate GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale
- Completion of an approved prerequisite course in Elementary Statistics (with a letter grade of “C” or better, a letter grade of “C-” does not meet the requirement) no later than Spring 2022

### APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Application to the MSW program is a TWO-STEP process. Please refer to the “MSW Application Guidelines” posted on the School of Social Work website for more details.

#### STEP 1: Apply to the University (CSULB):

- Complete the “Graduate Admission Application” online via [Cal State Apply](#)
- Make sure to apply the “Master of Social Work” under [Long Beach Extension](#)
- Pay the \$55.00 application fee for the University application
- Submit official transcripts from all postsecondary schools directly to University Enrollment Services

#### STEP 2: Apply to the School of Social MSW Program:

Submit a complete MSW application packet directly to the School of Social Work. Forms and detailed instructions are posted on the School of Social Work website. The supplemental application packet must include the following:

- MSW Admission Application form (indicate that you are applying to “Distance Education”)
- Current Résumé
- Personal & Professional Statement
- Three (3) Reference Forms (combination of academic and professional)
- Elementary Statistics Course Syllabus (if applicable; refer to instructions)

### APPLICATION DEADLINE

The MSW Deadline for University Enrollment Services and the School of Social Work applications is **January 15, 2022**.

- Application packets that are mailed to the School of Social Work must be postmarked on or before January 15, 2022.
- Application packets can be dropped off in person to the School of Social Work; the application packets will be accepted through 5:00 p.m. (PST) on Monday, January 17, 2022\*.  
(\*Due to Saturday deadline, walk-in applications only are accepted through January 17, 2022.)

### ADMISSION QUESTIONS?

Contact the School of Social Work Admissions Office:

Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Email Address: [CHHS-SW@csulb.edu](mailto:CHHS-SW@csulb.edu)

Telephone: (562) 985-5654

### PROGRAM QUESTIONS?

Contact the Distance Education Program Coordinator, Marilyn Potts, Ph.D., via email: [Marilyn.Potts@csulb.edu](mailto:Marilyn.Potts@csulb.edu)