Curriculum

Foundation Curriculum
First Year Fall Semester
MSW 501: Social Work Perspect. on Human Behavior I
MSW 510: Social Work Practice I
MSW 520: Social Welfare Policy and Services I
MSW 540: Social Work Field Instruction I
MSW 550: Social Work Practice with Diverse Populations

First Year Spring Semester
MSW 502: Social Work Perspect. on Human Behavior II
MSW 511: Social Work Practice II
MSW 521: Social Welfare Policy and Services II
MSW 530: Applied Social Work Research Methods
MSW 541: Social Work Field Instruction II

Advanced Curriculum
Second Year Fall Semester
MSW 503: Social Work Perspect. on Human Behavior III
MSW 512/514/516: Advanced Practice I *
MSW 522/523/524: Policy and Social Work *
MSW 542: Advanced Social Work Field Instruction I
MSW 596: Master’s Project Development

Second Year Spring Semester
MSW 543: Advanced Social Work Field Instruction II
MSW 564: Professional Issues in Social Work: Supervision, Grants, and Finance
MSW 597: Master’s Project
Electives (2) - 1 Practice Oriented

Concentration-Specific Courses
*Child Welfare Concentration
MSW 512: Child Welfare: Advanced Practice I
MSW 522: Child Welfare Policy and Social Work

*Community Mental Health Concentration
MSW 514: Community Mental Health: Advanced Practice I
MSW 523: Mental Health Policy and Social Work

*Aging Concentration
MSW 516: Aging: Advanced Practice I
MSW 524: Aging Policy and Social Work

How To Apply
• Applications are available October 1st at http://hhd.fullerton.edu/msw/.
• The application deadline is January 15th.

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MISSION STATEMENT
The mission of the Master of Social Work degree program is to educate committed professionals for direct social work practice with vulnerable children and families, and underserved severely mentally ill individuals and groups in a socially, culturally and economically diverse urban environment, with special sensitivity to the multicultural populations of Orange County and Southern California regions.

ACCRREDITATION
Initial Accreditation by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) as of February 2011.

CORE VALUES
Client self-determination; Respect for clients’ strengths and capacity to change; Commitment to advocacy and social justice; High quality; and Accessibility

PROGRAM GOALS
• To prepare students to take leadership roles in public social service organizations
• To prepare students to enhance the functioning of individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities
• To prepare students to be change agents and to work effectively in increasingly complex, culturally and racially diverse communities
• To prepare students to understand the impact of racism, sexism, homophobia, and other forms of oppression in creating and maintaining barriers to effective participation in American society
• To prepare students to understand the relationship of the economic, political, and social system to the maintenance of poverty and oppression in American society
• To prepare students to develop and use research, knowledge, and skills that advance social work practice

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA
• Fall admission only. Application period opens October 1st.
• Bachelor’s degree required
• Applicants must have an educational foundation in liberal arts/social sciences. Students with a bachelor’s degree from a CSU or UC Campus meet all prerequisite course requirements.
• Minimum GPA of 3.0 for the last 60 units
• Graduate Record Exam (GRE), General Test (Optional)
• Personal statement
• Three letters of recommendation
• Minimum 1 year of paid, volunteer, or internship experience in social services field recommended
• Interview with admission committee

NOTE: Application Deadline is January 15, 2019. Completed applications are reviewed as they are received.

CONCENTRATIONS
• Child Welfare
• Community Mental Health
• Aging

LENGTH OF PROGRAM
• Two years; 60 semester units
• Each course meets once per week
• 16-20 hours of fieldwork required per week
• Field Placement at affiliated community agencies

METHOD CONCENTRATION
Direct Practice

TYPICAL SOCIAL WORK JOB SETTINGS
• County social services agency
• County health care agency
• Adoption agencies/Child protective services
• Community mental health agencies
• Family service agencies (domestic violence; homeless shelter)
• Medical/Psychiatric facilities
• Social welfare research & policy analysis
• Rehabilitation facilities
• Schools
• Probation and correctional facilities

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