# CURRICULUM

## First Year, Fall Semester
MSW 501: Social Work Perspectives on Human Behavior I
MSW 520: Social Welfare Policy and Services I
MSW 550: Social Work Practice with Diverse Populations

## First Year, Spring Semester
MSW 502: Social Work Perspectives on Human Behavior II
MSW 521: Social Welfare Policy and Services II
MSW 510: Social Work Practice I

## First Year, Summer
Elective

## Second Year, Fall Semester
MSW 503: Social Work Perspectives on Human Behavior III
MSW 511: Social Work Practice II
MSW 540: Social Work Field Instruction I

## Second Year, Spring Semester
MSW 512/514: Advanced Practice I *
MSW 522/523: Policy and Social Work *
MSW 541: Social Work Field Instruction II

## Second Year, Summer
MSW 530: Applied Social Work Research Methods

## Third Year, Fall Semester
Practice Oriented Elective
MSW 542: Advanced Social Work Field Instruction I
MSW 596: Master’s Project Development

## Third 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

### Concentration-Specific Courses
*Child Welfare Concentration
MSW 512, MSW 522
*Community Mental Health Concentration
MSW 514, MSW 523

## 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.

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

FUNDING
This is a self-support funded (non-state funded) program administered through University Extended Education. Fees are slightly higher than the State-Side Two Year program. This program is held exclusively at the Irvine Campus.

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
  - OC SSA, LA DCFS, and employees of child welfare agencies in other counties may qualify for the Title IV-E stipend program
- Community Mental Health

LENGTH OF PROGRAM
- Three years; 60 semester units
- Each course meets once per week
- 16–20 hours of fieldwork required per week, during the second and third program years
- Program offered evenings at the Irvine Campus
- Field Placement at affiliated community agencies
- Program is accredited by CSWE and results in a fully-accredited MSW degree

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