

# Master of Social Work

## MSW Flex Program

### IRVINE CENTER

**Department Vision:** **Community engagement; Inclusion; Social justice**

The mission of the Department of Social Work at California State University Fullerton is to educate emerging and committed professionals for social work practice with vulnerable, marginalized, and underrepresented populations. We are committed to developing competent, ethical, and effective social workers who will promote integrity in the profession and provide leadership in advancing social work knowledge, addressing social problems, and advocating for social justice.

**Core values:** Service; Social justice; Dignity and worth of the person; Importance of human relationships; Integrity; Competence

**Accreditation by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)**

**Funding:** This is a self-supported (non-state funded) program administered through CSUF Extension and International Programs. Fees are slightly higher (\$525 per unit) than the state-funded two year program. This program is held exclusively at the CSUF Irvine Center.

### PROGRAM GOALS

- Prepare students to become leaders in effecting change
- Promote faculty, student, and community collaboration in research
- Promote and integrate social and economic justice across the curriculum
- Advance an innovative and effective program led by competent and diverse faculty
- Enhance engagement with diverse communities through mutually empowering partnerships

### 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

### SPECIALIZED PRACTICE 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 Center
- Field Placement at affiliated community agencies

### METHOD

- Direct practice

### TYPICAL SOCIAL WORK JOB SETTINGS

- Family service agencies (domestic violence; homeless shelter)
- County social services agency
- County health care agency
- Adoption agencies/child protective services
- Community mental health agencies
- Medical/Psychiatric facilities
- Social welfare research & policy analysis
- Probation and correctional facilities
- Rehabilitation facilities
- Schools

# CURRICULUM

\*Concentration-Specific Courses

## YEAR ONE

### FALL SEMESTER

**MSW 501**

Social Work Perspective on Human Behavior I

**MSW 520**

Social Welfare Policy and Services I

**MSW 550**

Social Work Practice with Diverse Populations

### SPRING SEMESTER

**MSW 502**

Social Work Perspective on Human Behavior II

**MSW 521**

Social Welfare Policy and Services II

**MSW 510**

Social Work Practice I

### SUMMER

Elective

## YEAR TWO

### FALL SEMESTER

**MSW 503**

Social Work Perspective on Human Behavior III

**MSW 511**

Social Work Practice II

**MSW 540**

Social Work Field Instruction I

### SPRING SEMESTER

**MSW 512/514**

Advanced Practice I\*

**MSW 522/523**

Policy and Social Work\*

**MSW 541**

Social Work Field Instruction II

### SUMMER

**MSW 530**

Applied Social Work Research Methods

## YEAR THREE

### FALL SEMESTER

Practice Oriented Elective

**MSW 542**

Advanced Social Work Field Instruction I

**MSW 596**

Master's Project Development

### SPRING SEMESTER

**MSW 543**

Advanced Social Work Field Instruction II

**MSW 564**

Macro Social Work in Communities and Organizations

**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/>.

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