Master of Social Work
Two-Year Program

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FULLERTON

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)

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

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

SPECIALIZED PRACTICE AREAS OF FOCUS
• Child welfare
• Community mental health
• Aging

METHOD
• 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
• Probation and correctional facilities
• Rehabilitation facilities
• Schools

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
January 14, 2022

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS ARE REVIEWED AS THEY ARE RECEIVED
**CURRICULUM**

*Areas of Focus Courses*

**YEAR ONE**

**FALL SEMESTER**
- MSW 503 Social Work Perspective on Human Behavior III
- 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

**SPRING SEMESTER**
- MSW 501 Social Work Perspective on Human Behavior I
- 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

**YEAR TWO**

**FALL SEMESTER**
- MSW 502 Social Work Perspective on Human Behavior II
- 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

**SPRING SEMESTER**
- MSW 543 Advanced Social Work Field Instruction II
- MSW 564 Macro Social Work in Communities and Organizations
- MSW 597 Master’s Project
- Electives (2)
  - 1 Practice Oriented

**Areas of Focus Courses**

*CHILD WELFARE*
- MSW 512 Child Welfare: Advanced Practice
- MSW 522 Child Welfare Policy and Social Work

*COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH*
- MSW 514 Community Mental Health: Advanced Practice
- MSW 523 Mental Health Policy and Social Work

*AGING*
- MSW 516 Aging: Advanced Practice
- MSW 524 Aging Policy and Social Work

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**HOW TO APPLY**

Applications are available October 1st at [http://hhd.fullerton.edu/msw/](http://hhd.fullerton.edu/msw/).

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