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.

**Department Vision:** Community engagement; Inclusion; 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)**

**STIPEND PROGRAMS**

**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 admissions 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 13, 2023

Completed applications are reviewed as they are received
CURRICULUM

*Areas of Focus Courses

YEAR ONE

FALL SEMESTER
MSW 503 Social Work Perspectives 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 Perspectives 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 Perspectives 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

HOW TO APPLY

Applications are available October 1st at http://hhd.fullerton.edu/msw/.

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