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.

STIPEND PROGRAMS

- BHEAL: Integrated Behavioral Health [http://bheal.fullerton.edu/]

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

SPECIALIZED PRACTICE

- 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
- Classes meet in the evenings on the Fullerton campus
- 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

APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 15, 2024
YEAR ONE

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

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

SUMMER
Elective

YEAR TWO

FALL SEMESTER
MSW 503
Social Work Perspectives 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

Areas of Focus Courses

*CHILD WELFARE
MSW 512, MSW 522

*COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH
MSW 514, MSW 523

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

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