

Master of Social Work

Three-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)

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

- **CalSWEC: Public Child Welfare** <http://hhd.fullerton.edu/msw/prospective/CalSWEC.php>
- **BHEAL: Integrated Behavioral Health** <http://bheal.fullerton.edu/>
- **GSWEC: Geriatric Social Work** <http://hhd.fullerton.edu/msw/prospective/GSWEC.php>

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 AREAS OF FOCUS

- 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



CURRICULUM

*Areas of Focus Courses

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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