Master of Social Work
MSW Flex Program (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. 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 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
- 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

APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 14, 2022

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS ARE REVIEWED AS THEY ARE RECEIVED
CURRICULUM

*Areas of Focus 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

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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