

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK



MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK (MSW) ENROLLMENT OPTIONS

- 2 year, Full-time
- 3 year, Part-time (Extended Education)

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS:

Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution. Applicants completing final baccalaureate coursework are eligible to apply. Liberal arts degree preferred but not required. Minimum coursework must be completed with grade of "C" (not C-) or better, 1 Human Lifespan Development (see website for course equivalents), 1 Elementary Statistics (see website for course equivalents), 2 Humanities, 3 Social and/or Behavioral Sciences.

All applicants must submit a personal statement; financial and time management statement; and experience profile. Three (3) academic and/or professional references are required; each reference must submit a letter and reference form. GPA of 2.75 in last 60/90 units of coursework preferred. GRE optional, but strongly recommended if below 3.0.

Download detailed application instructions and RSVP for information sessions:
[csudh.edu/social-work/admissions](https://www.csudh.edu/social-work/admissions)

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Fall 2021 application deadline is **January 15, 2021**.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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ABOUT THE CSUDH MSW PROGRAM

Accredited by the Council of Social Work Education (CSWE), the program requires sixty (60) units of coursework in addition to 1,028 hours of fieldwork. Our graduates meet educational requirements to register as an Associate Social Worker (ASW) toward a License of Clinical Social Work (LCSW) through California Board of Behavioral Sciences.

COMMUNITY PRACTICE CONCENTRATION

Our orientation to social work practice is community based; areas of practice with any population operate within a social context. Graduates are prepared to provide contextually competent interventions with client systems of various sizes at all levels (e.g. individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities) in their selected fields of service.

SPECIALIZATION AREAS

In their final year of study, students complete specialized courses that are complemented by their second field practicum. Part-time students specialize in Community Mental Health. Full-time students choose among the following:

- **Children, Youth, and Families (CYF)**
For individuals interested in working in traditional and non-traditional child welfare settings, including family service agencies, adolescent services, family preservation services, etc. Students engage in practices that honor diverse family structures and learn to navigate complex systems in order to promote child, youth, and family well-being.

- **Community Capacity Building (CCB)**
For individuals planning to work in community agencies designing services, administering service delivery, conducting community needs assessments and research, and organizing groups for empowerment purposes. Students learn the multiple ways in which social workers provide effective services with the premise of inherent community strength, where disenfranchised groups are best equipped to define obstacles they confront, and plan for change.
- **Community Mental Health (CMH)**
For individuals interested in working in community health and mental health agencies. Students engage in practices to enhance access to quality mental health, crisis intervention, case management, and other services for those affected by mental health conditions.

UNIQUE FEATURES:

- The only CSWE-accredited program that uses Critical Race Theory as its core curricular framework.
- Small, cohort-based, on-campus classes offering individualized attention and a close-knit community with life-long connections.