



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY  
SAN BERNARDINO

# THE BASW DEGREE

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# What is Social Work?

Social Work is a practice-based profession that stimulates social change, development, cohesion and the empowerment of people and communities.

## What can I do with a Social Work degree?

- Family Therapist
- Agency Director
- Child Abuse Investigator
- Community Organizer
- Crisis Intervention Counselor
- Domestic Violence Counselor
- Federal Program Administrator
- Residential Care Manager
- Substance Abuse Counselor
- Geriatric Specialist
- Human Rights Spokesperson
- Medical Social Worker
- Mental Health Therapist
- Policy Analyst
- Professor
- Protective Service Worker
- Researcher

# School of Social Work BASW Program

The BASW Program is offered at both the San Bernardino and Palm Desert Campus!

What is the goal?

- To educate students starting their social work practice
- To equip students to work in agency settings with individuals, families, groups and communities encountering problems related to person or social circumstances.

Coursework in the BASW program focuses on social work and related fields, along with upper-divisional general education requirements. In the final year of the program students complete a two-day per week field placement in a social service agency.

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Social Work courses at the San Bernardino Campus are held Mondays/Wednesdays in the evenings and Social Work courses at the Palm Desert Campus are held on Tuesdays/Thursdays in the daytime. In the final year of the program students will be in placement on the days not scheduled for SW courses.

**Students interested in applying to the Social Work program need to submit a complete supplemental application.**

The supplemental application can be found on the [CSUSB BASW webpage](#).

# Admissions Requirements

- **Transfer students need to simultaneously apply to the university via Cal State Apply and complete the supplemental application.**
- Complete Prerequisite Courses
  - View prerequisite equivalent list for local community colleges
- Overall GPA of 2.50 or better
- Professional Statement
  - 3-to-4-page statement about your understanding of and "fit" with the social work profession
- References
  - 2 references (*forms will be provided in the application packet*)

# Prerequisite Courses

## CSUSB Courses:

- **Written Communication:** ENG 1070A
- **Oral Communication:** COMM 1006
- **Mathematics:** MATH 1101, 1201,1301,1401, 1601, 2210
- **Critical Thinking:** See the CSU GE Critical Thinking Category
- **Biology:** BIOL 1000 & 1000L
- **Intermediate Spanish:** SPAN 1112
- **Psychology:** PSYC 1100
- **Sociology:** SOC 1000
- **Criminal Justice:** CJUS 1101
- **Statistics:** MATH 1201, PSYC 2210 or ADMN 2210
- **Intro to Social Work:** SW 2000

Prerequisite Equivalent List

<https://assist.org/>





## Keep in mind...



- Some prerequisite courses have a minimum grade (C) required: SW 2000, CJUS 1101 and Statistics.
- Your goal is to have all or nearly all your social work prerequisites completed so that it is feasible for you to complete the program within two years.
- If accepted, you will begin the program in the Fall.

# BASW Supplemental Application

- Where can I find the application?
- What is in the application packet?
- When will decisions be sent?

- Admissions packet can be found online at the [CSUSB BASW page](#).
- Admissions Packet:
  - Application Form
  - Work / Volunteer Experience Form
  - Personal Statement
  - Title IV-E Interest Form
  - Demographic Information
    - For Statistics only.
  - Provisional Plan of Study
  - Transcript / PAWS (unofficial OK)
  - Professional Letters of Reference (2)
- Deadlines
  - **Check the webpage for deadlines.**



# Title IV-E Public Child Welfare Stipend Program



For those students who are...

- Interested in working in public child welfare
- Willing to commit to working for a county child welfare agency in California for at least one year upon graduating from the BASW program
- The stipend is \$15,000 (2 installments of \$7,500) granted in your second year of the BASW program.

You must apply separately once admitted to the program.

*Note: Program is currently only offered to SB campus SW students.*

# For Further Assistance...



Double-check our website to see if you can get your question answered.

<https://www.csusb.edu/social-work/basw>



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