



Master of Social Work Degree Program

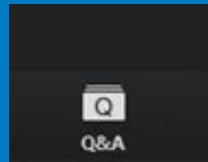
Information Session

2027-2028 Academic Year

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HOUSEKEEPING

- Today's Webinar is scheduled for 2 hours including Q & A
- Please hold questions till topic is covered
- Open the Q & A window to type in questions
- Responses to questions will be live or typed in the Q & A window.
- Use chat only for technical difficulties
- Attendees will receive the powerpoint presentation following webinar



MSW Information Session

Agenda

CSUSB School of Social Work

Program options & structure

- Curriculum and sample cohort schedules
- Pathway Distance Education (online option)
- Title IV-E Public Child Welfare Stipend Program
- Practicum Education

Admission to the program

- Program requirements and Applying to the Program/
- Questions & Answers

➤ Nationally
accredited by
CSWE since
1989

➤ Largest
Graduate
program on
campus

➤ Up to 200 new
MSW students
admitted/year

➤ 400+ current
MSW students

➤ 200+ options
for practicum

➤ Approximately
450 apply
each year

➤ Approximately
50% are
admitted



Master of Social Work Program Options

- **2 Year MSW Program (60 units)**
 - Two academic years of coursework
 - Instruction offered between 9:00AM and 5:15PM two days per week in SBC
 - Instruction offered between 4:00PM and 9:45PM two days per week in PDC
- **3 Year MSW Program (60 units)**
 - Same coursework as 2 year option, offered over 3 academic years
 - Instruction offered between 5:30PM-9:45PM two days per week in SBC
 - Instruction offered between 4:00PM and 9:45PM two days per week in PDC
 - Also offered online through the Pathway Distance Education Program
- **1 Year Advanced Standing Option (35 units)**
 - Must have a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work
 - Completed in 12 months
 - Instruction offered between 9:00AM and 5:15PM two days per week
- **2 Year Advanced Standing Option (35 units)**
 - Must have a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work
 - Same coursework as 1 year option, offered over 2 academic years
 - Instruction offered between 5:30PM and 9:45PM two days per week

All options offered at both the **San Bernardino Campus** and **Palm Desert Campus**. Instruction is face to face



Master of Social Work Program Options

Masters of Social Work & Master of Public Administration Concurrent Degrees Program MSW / MPA

- Available to students applying to the 2 or 3 year MSW program (not Advanced Standing)
- The concurrent degrees plan is 23 fewer units than if both degrees were taken separately (73 units total).
- This is not a dual program; it is concurrent degrees program.
- The purpose of the concurrent degree is to serve students who envision a career path that includes high level administrative roles in social service agencies. Earning a degree in both fields provides students the skills and knowledge to facilitate well-being and change at all system levels.
- Must be admitted to both MSW program AND MPA program.
- Student in the Concurrent Degrees Program will complete all required MSW curriculum in addition to MPA courses.

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK AND MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

CONCURRENT DEGREES

The School of Social Work and the Department of Public Administration offer a concurrent degrees program for students seeking a Master of Social Work and a Master of Public Administration (MSW/MPA). The 73 unit degrees provide students with the skills and knowledge to facilitate well-being and change at all system levels.

MSW/MPA CONCURRENT DEGREES PROGRAM

Students will apply to the MSW/MPA Concurrent Degrees Program through Cal State Apply. Applicants must be accepted under the current admission procedures for both the School of Social Work Master Degree Program and the Department of Public Administration, Master of Public Administration. Program capacity is limited. Contact each program directly for admission requirements.

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
socialwork@csusb.edu | (909) 537-5501
csusb.edu/social-work/msw

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
mpa@csusb.edu | (909) 537-5758
csusb.edu/mpa

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Must apply at time of submitting application.

The Field of Social Work

Social Workers produce change in the lives of individuals, groups, communities, organizations, and across the globe. People have been empowered, relieved of suffering, and gained confidence to affect social change because of the work of a Social Worker. A degree in Social Work provides countless career options.

The demand for Social Workers in various settings continues to increase.



What Can I do with an MSW?

Campaign Manager
Case Manager Supervisor
Child Abuse Investigator
Clinical Therapist
College Professor
Community Organizer
Community Outreach Director
Crisis Intervention Counselor
Domestic Violence Counselor
Executive Director
Family Therapist

Forensic Social Worker
Geriatric Specialist
Human Rights Spokesperson
International Program Manager
Mediation Counselor
Medical Social Worker
Mental Health Therapist
Policy Analyst
Politician
Probation Officer
Program Director

Protective Service Worker
Psychiatric Social Worker
Researcher
Residential Care Manager
School Social Worker
Social Services Worker
Substance Abuse Counselor
Trainer / Consultant
Vocational Counselor

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Advanced Generalist Model *with Specialization*

Broad competencies of knowledge and skills to work with clients and systems *on all levels*

“Generalist”

Social Work Education Focused
Students are educated to facilitate change with individuals, groups, families, organizations, communities, and policies at all levels.



Micro: Individuals

Therapist, Case Manager, Medical Social Work



MEZZO: Small to medium groups

Neighborhoods, community organizing, social/cultural change



MACRO: Conditions/policies affecting organizations and communities

Lobbying to change health care laws, community activist



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Curriculum Overview

Generalist Year:

The 1st year for students in the MSW Program 2 year program option

The 2nd year for students in the MSW 3 year program option (for both online and on campus students)

- Preparation working within Micro, Mezzo, and Macro
- Understanding of Generalist model of Social Work Practice

Advanced Generalist Year:

The 1st year for students in the MSW 1 year Advanced Standing Program

The 2nd year for those students in the MSW 2 year program option

The 3rd year for those students in the MSW 3 year program option (for both online and on campus students)

- Advancing your knowledge & skill of Generalist Model
- Area of specialization (mental health, medical social work, child welfare, etc.)
- Research Project



MSW 2 Year Program Plan

	Course	Units
Fall Semester	SW 6041 Human Behavior in the Social Environment: Lifespan Development I	3 units
	SW 6042 Human Behavior in the Social Environment: Critical Topics	3 units
	SW 6021 Generalist Micro Practice I	3 units
	SW 6061 Generalist Macro Practice I	3 units
	SW 6181 Field Work	4 units
Winter Intercession***		
Spring Semester	SW 6011 Social Work Research I	3 units
	SW 6022 Generalist Micro Practice II	3 units
	SW 6062 Generalist Macro Practice II	3 units
	Elective*	3 units
	SW 6082 Generalist Field Work II	3 units
Summer 2025 **		

	Course	Units
Fall Semester	SW 6012 Social Work Research II	3 units
	SW 6023 Advanced Generalist Micro Practice I	3 units
	SW 6063 Advanced Generalist Macro Practice I	3 units
	SW 6183 Advanced Generalist Field Work I	4 units
	Elective*	3 units
Winter Intercession***		
Spring Semester	SW 6016 Social Work Research III ****	3 units
	SW 6024 Advanced Generalist Micro Practice II	3 units
	SW 6064 Advanced Generalist Macro Practice II	3 units
	SW 6184 Advanced Generalist Field Work II	4 units



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MSW 3 Year Program Plan

Year 1	Course	Units
Fall Semester	SW 6041: Human Behavior in the Social Environment: Lifespan Principles	3 units
	SW 6042: Human Behavior in the Social Environment: Critical Topics	3 units
	SW 6061: Generalist Macro Practice I	3 units
Spring Semester	SW 6062 Generalist Macro Practice II	3 units
	SW 6011 Social Work Research Methods I	3 units
	SW Elective	3 units
Year 2	Course	Units
Fall Semester	SW 6012 Social Work Research II	3 units
	SW 6021 Generalist Micro Practice I	3 units
	SW 6181 Generalist Field Work I	4 units

Spring Semester	SW 6016 Social Work Research III	3 unit
	SW 6022 Generalist Micro Practice II	3 units
	SW 6082 Generalist Field Work II	3 units
Year 3	Course	Units
Fall Semester	SW 6023 Advance Generalist Micro Practice I	3 units
	SW 6063 Advanced Generalist Macro Practice I	3 units
	SW 6183 Advanced Generalist Field Work I	4 units
Spring Semester	SW Elective	3 units
	SW 6024 Advanced Generalist Micro Practice II	3 units
	SW 6064 Advanced Generalist Macro Practice II	3 units
	SW 6184 Advanced Generalist Field Work II	4 units



MSW 1 Year Advanced Standing Program Plan

	Course	Units
Summer Semester	SW 6015 Social Work Research Bridge	2 units
	SW 6035 Generalist Practice Bridge	3 units
	SW 6085 Generalist Field Work Bridge	1 unit
	NOTE: SUMMER CLASSES ARE INTENSIVE SYNCHRONOUS ONLINE COURSES THAT REQUIRE YOUR FULL ATTENTION!!	
Fall Semester	SW 6012 Social Work Research II	3 units
	SW 6023 Advanced Generalist Micro Practice I	3 units
	SW 6063 Advanced Generalist Macro Practice I	3 units
	SW 6183 Advanced Generalist Field Work I	4 units
	Elective*	3 units
Winter Intersession***		
Spring Semester	SW 6016 SW Research III	3 units
	SW 6024 Advanced Generalist Micro Practice II	3 units
	SW 6064 Advanced Generalist Macro Practice II	3 units
	SW 6184 Advanced Generalist Field Work II	4 units



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MSW 2 Year Advanced Standing Program Plan

2Year 1	Course	Units
Summer Semester	SW 6015 Social Work Research Bridge	2 units
	SW 6035 Generalist Practice Bridge	3 units
	SW 6085 Generalist Field Work Bridge	1 unit
Fall Semester		
	SW 6012 Social Work Research II	3 units
Spring Semester	SW 6063 Advanced Generalist Macro Practice I	3 units
	Elective*	3 units
	SW 6016 Social Work Research II	3 units
	SW 6064 Advanced Generalist Macro Practice I	3 units
	Elective*	

Year 2		Units
Summer Semester		
Fall Semester	SW 6023 Advanced Generalist Micro Practice I	3 units
	SW 6183 Advanced Generalist Field Work I	4 units
Spring Semester	SW 6024 Advanced Generalist Micro Practice II	3 units
	SW 6184 Advanced Generalist Field Work II	4 units



Pathway Distance Education

Online Option

Why might you choose the Pathway Distance Education option?

- Accredited, professional education
 - You live too far away from the CSUSB main campus or any other on campus MSW program
 - You have a work/personal situation that makes on-campus attendance at CSUSB or any other on campus MSW program impractical.
 - You prefer distance or online learning.
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- **Remember!** Students are required to complete in-person practicum hours (Monday-Friday between the hours of 8am-5pm – 16-20 hours per week) and synchronous Practicum Seminars when in Practicum.

Pathway Distance Education Program

- Courses held at a distance
- Same structure as the 3 year on campus program

Year 1

9 units per Semester (18 / Year1)

Fall Semester

SW 6041 HBSE I	3 units	
SW 6042 HBSE II	3 units	
SW 6061 Macro Practice I		3 units

Spring Semester

SW 6062 Macro Practice II		3 units
SW 6011 Research I		3 units
SW Elective		3 units

Generalist Year

10 and 9 units per Semester (19 / Year2)

Fall Semester

SW 6021 Micro Practice I	3 units
SW 6012 Research II	3 units
SW 6181 Practicum Seminar	4 units

Spring Semester

SW 6022 Micro Practice II	3 units
SW 6016 Research III	3 units
SW 6182 Practicum Seminar	3 units

Advanced Generalist Year

13 and 10 units per Semester (23 / Year3)

Fall Semester

SW 6023 Micro Practice III	3 units
SW 6063 Macro Practice III	3 units
SW Elective	3 units
SW 6183 Practicum Seminar	4 units

Spring Semester

SW 6024 Micro Practice IV	3 units
SW 6064 Macro Practice III	3 units
SW 6184 Practicum Seminar	4 units

❑ **First year:** 3 online classes per semester

❑ **Generalist year:** In Practicum 16 hours per week as arranged geographically convenient; monthly online seminar, synchronous as arranged; 1-2 virtual practicum events (attendance required), and occasional special events.

❑ **Advanced Generalist year:** In Practicum 20 hours per week as arranged geographically convenient; monthly online seminar, synchronous as arranged; occasional; 1-2 virtual practicum events (attendance required), and occasional special events.

Pathway Distance Education

- Courses are asynchronous with weekly deadlines (with exception of Practicum (field) Seminar)
- Regardless of personal/work situation, applicants must be available to meet practicum requirements. (Refer to the [Practicum Education Manual](#) for more information on requirements)
 - ✓ Year 2 – Generalist Year Practicum: 16 hrs. per week with traditional business hours (M-F 8am-5pm)
 - ✓ Year 3 – Advanced Generalist Year Practicum: 20 hrs. per week with traditional business hours (M-F 8am-5pm)
- \$689 per unit / \$41,340 (subject to change)
- Mandatory orientation in August (subject to change)

Title IV-E Public Child Welfare Stipend Program

Available to social work BASW and MSW students who intend to pursue or continue a career in the field of public child welfare.

- Financial Support
- Employment Opportunity in Public Child Welfare & Career Advancement
- Professional growth in child welfare
- Contingent on available funds yearly

Title IV-E Stipend Program

Funded through the California Title IV-E Education Program

Program Goals

- To increase the number of public child welfare (PCW) workers in California with BASW and MSW degrees
- To prioritize the enrollment of current state/county/Tribal social services staff
- To prioritize the enrollment of Students who reflect the diversity of California's child welfare population
- To provide specific program support through the provision of monetary support to Students
- To provide specific program support through a specialized competency-based child welfare curriculum



Who should apply for the Title IV-E Stipend?

- **Are you interested in continuing a career in public child welfare?**
 - *You already work for a state, county, Tribal child welfare or juvenile probation agency*
 - *Priority consideration given to current employees of public child welfare*
- **Are you interested in pursuing a career in public child welfare?**
 - *You want to work for a state, county, Tribal child welfare or juvenile probation agency*

If you answered yes to either of these questions - you should apply!

Recipient responsibilities of Title IV-E Stipend

- Complete MSW program and child welfare practicum as a Title IVE Stipend Recipient
- Agreeing to secure employment in a state, county or Tribal public child welfare agency or county juvenile probation department within 1 year of graduation.
- Employment obligation – Commitment to be employed with a qualifying agency for each year of receiving stipend; max of 2 years

Default

Students who are awarded a Title IV-E stipend, but fail to complete the MSW Program or their required employment obligation, will be considered in default, and will be required to repay all of the Title IV-E funds received with interest.

How do I apply?

- Submit Title IV-E Application with Social Work application during the application process. Instructions and forms can be found in Social Work application via Cal State Apply.
- **Reimbursement option:** Employer support letter required but not required during application process. Request and submit once applicant receives admittance letter from the School of Social Work.

Selection Process

1. Admission to MSW Program
 2. Title IV-E applications reviewed & eligibility confirmed
 3. Selected candidates invited to interview
 4. Notifications prior to start of MSW Program
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- *For additional information attend a Title IV-E Information Session*
 - *Dates to be announced on Website by end of November*

Practicum Education Program

Practicum education gives students the opportunity to develop a broad range of social work knowledge and skills that can transfer across populations and practice settings.

Although we recognize that many students enter the program with an interest in a particular population or agency, the primary goal of practicum is not necessarily to place students in one specific area. Instead, our goal is to provide meaningful learning opportunities that support students' professional growth and development.

Practicum also allows students to apply the knowledge, theories, and skills they learn in the classroom to real-world social work practice.

Three Components to the Practicum Education Program

1. Practicum (Internship)

Foundation year: 16 hours per week / 480 hours

Advanced year/Advanced Standing: 20 hours per week / 600 hours / Specialization

Total Hours: 1080

2. Seminar

Monthly (8 times per year)

Campus –based program (Fridays from 8:00-10:30 a.m. on Zoom)

Pathway Distance Education (Designated Weekday from 5:00-7:30 p.m. on Zoom)

3. School of Social Work Trainings and Event

One to two times per year attend an event

First Year Practicum

16

hours each week

4

minimum hours per
practicum day

- Hours generally occur Monday through Friday during regular agency operations, typically 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Two-year students usually attend practicum on Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday.
- Three-year and Pathway students develop a weekday schedule with the agency.
- Placements emphasize foundational generalist skills that transfer across settings.
- Title IV-E students complete practicum in agencies that meet stipend requirements.
- Students usually receive one agency referral after meeting with a practicum coordinator.

Advanced Year Practicum

20

hours each week

More specialized

Placements align as closely as possible with professional interests and learning goals.

- Weekday hours occur during regular agency operations.
- Two-year students usually attend on Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday.
- Three-year and Pathway students develop their weekday schedule with the agency.
- Title IV-E recipients complete advanced practicum in an approved child welfare setting.
- Students generally interview with two agencies because advanced placements are more competitive.
- When neither agency offers placement, the program gathers feedback, supports the student, and considers a third referral.

Seminar and Professional Learning

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synchronous online seminars
during the academic year

- Seminar helps students connect classroom theory with field experience.
- Campus-based seminars currently meet Fridays from 8:00 to 10:30 a.m.
- Pathway seminars currently meet monthly from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. on a designated weekday evening.
- Students can expect about one required professional training or event each semester.
- Professional Development Day connects students with approximately 45 to 50 agencies.

Schedules may change. Students receive dates at the beginning of the academic year.

Placement Planning

- Students may share placement ideas with their practicum coordinator but may not independently arrange a placement.
- Students should contact agencies only when directed by the practicum coordinator.
- The program aims for placements within 45 miles of the student's residence when appropriate opportunities are available.
- Students in remote or rural areas may need to travel farther for qualified supervision and learning opportunities.
- Pathway students outside the primary service areas may be asked to identify four local agencies for the university to explore.
- Students with background concerns should contact Practicum Education early so the team can discuss possible placement limits and supports.

A specific agency, location, or practice area cannot be guaranteed.

Scheduling and Employment-Based Practicum

Availability

- Students need weekday availability during typical agency hours, generally 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Evening and weekend opportunities are rare and cannot be guaranteed.
- The program does not approve evening only or weekend only placements.

Employment-based placements

- The employment site must meet formal practicum criteria.
- The program reviews requests after admission during the placement process.
- Approval is not guaranteed, so students need an alternative plan.

Regular agency hours provide access to supervision, staff meetings, training, and direct service.

Program Readiness

Can I realistically meet the program's academic and practicum commitments?

- Is this the right time for graduate study given my current responsibilities?
- Can I meet the classroom, practicum, seminar, and training schedules?
- What support and practical adjustments will I need for work, caregiving, or transportation?
- What is my alternative plan if an employment-based placement is not approved?

Full-time students should expect commitments on approximately four to five weekdays each week, generally between 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

PPSC (Pupil Personnel Services Credential)

CSUSB does not have a PPSC program

We offer a practicum where there is a qualified PPSC supervisor to oversee the 600 hours required by Post MSW PPSC programs, which allows you to:

- Complete 600 hours of practicum either foundation or advanced year. This will meet both the MSW program requirement and the Post MSW PPSC hour requirement.
- Once you graduate apply to a Post MSW PPSC program and request that your practicum hours be waived, given you have completed the required practicum hours during your MSW program.

NOTE: We do not guarantee you will be accepted into a Post PPSC program, that we provide all necessary or accurate information, nor do we guarantee all hours will be accepted when you ask for a waiver. It is your and the Practicum Supervisor's responsibility to ensure you meet the guidelines, not CSUSB.

We have had excellent success in students being accepted into various programs, but we make no guarantees and interested students need to complete their own research to ensure they understand the guidelines of the PPSC.

Admission to the Program

Financing your education \$

Great resources!

Financial Aid & Scholarships

✉ financialaid@csusb.edu

☎ (909) 537-5227

📍 UH-150

Office Hours

Monday - Friday:
8:00 am-5:00 pm

Saturday - Sunday:
Closed



SCHOLARSHIP HOTLINE: 909-537-7399
FA Scholarships@csusb.edu

Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 5:00pm

PDC students can
email pdcfinancialaid@csusb.edu

School Code: 001142

Graduate Studies

✉ gradstud@csusb.edu

☎ (909) 537-5058

📍 CE-356

Office Hours

Monday - Friday:
8:00 am-5:00 pm

Saturday - Sunday:
Closed



Graduate Student Success Center

SMSU South Room 202

Phone: 909-537-3628

Email: GSSC@csusb.edu

- Loans & grants (HCAI, FAFSA, etc.)
- Employment Opportunities (tuition reimbursement, etc.)
- New regulations
- Military benefits

*Costs of program

**Costs are approximate of total program; dependent on # of books/materials required per semester and current CSU tuition fees.*

Contact Student Financial Services for actual costs. 909.537.5162 sfs@csusb.edu Costs below does not include MPA fees for concurrent degree students

Advanced Standing (1 year) tuition (in state):

\$13,692.91

Advanced Standing (2 year) tuition (in state):

\$21,162.76

2 year tuition (in state):

\$22,115.76

3 year program (on campus) (in state):

\$33,173.64

3 year program (online, Pathway Distance Education)

\$41,340 / \$689 per unit (subject to change)

Admission Requirements



Baccalaureate degree: Preferably in Behavioral & Social Sciences but not required.

Current students who are in progress of obtaining their degree are eligible to apply and be accepted on the condition, degree is met by the start of program.

GPA: A cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better.*

AND/OR A grade point average of 3.0 or better in the last 90 quarter units or last 60 semester units*

**A GPA of 2.8 or higher (cumulative OR last 60/90 units) may be considered with significant social service experience and overall application.*

Experience: Social work-related employment, internship, or volunteer service (the equivalent of at least one year of full-time experience, i.e., 2,080 hours), is preferred, but applicants with less experience will be considered.

Evidence of Personal qualifications, motivation, and potential that gives promise of a successful social worker.

Additional requirements for MSW 1 or 2 Year Advanced Standing Program:

- BASW from a CSWE Accredited program
- 3.0 overall GPA or 3.0 GPA for last 60 semester units /90 quarter units
- 3.0 or higher grade in every Social Work required course.

GRE is not required

Prerequisite Courses

1 course in each area of study:

Description of prerequisite courses or their equivalents

a. Social Research Methods: Course(s) within Social Sciences that would provide knowledge of **research methods**, logic, and data analysis. *Example of approved courses: Social Work Research Methods, Experimental Psychology, Quantitative Research Methods, and Sociological Research Methods.*

b. Human Behavior: Course(s) that would provide knowledge of the social and/or psychological determinates of human behavior. *Example of approved courses include Human Behavior and the Social Environment, Socialization, Introduction to Psychology, Introduction to Sociology, Human Development, and Social Psychology.*

c. Human Physiology: Course(s) that would provide student an understanding of basic human physiology. *Example of approved course(s) include Biology, Biological Psychology, Human Physiology, and Human Sexuality.*

Those with the following **bachelor's or master's degrees** would automatically qualify (in lieu of our prerequisite courses). This includes the following degrees:

- Social Work
- Child Development
- Criminal Justice
- Education
- Human Development
- Human Services
- Nursing
- Psychology
- Public Health
- Sociology.

Prerequisites not currently met? Can I apply still? Yes, you can still apply and be admitted conditionally on contingent that all courses have met by start of Fall 2027 classes.

Prerequisite review upon request. If you are not sure if a course you took meets the prerequisite, a request to review the course can be submitted to: SocialWork@csusb.edu In your email, include the official course name, course number, official course description, the year the course was completed, the grade earned, and the name of the school where the course(s) was/were taken. If you completed any prerequisites outside of CSUSB, include the unofficial transcript from that institution.

Currently accepting applications for 2027

- Summer 2027 - MSW Advanced Standing Program (1 year & 2 year)
- Fall 2027 - MSW 2 year, and 3 year

To be considered:

#1 –Apply and be admitted to the **University (CSUSB)**

#2 – Apply to the **School of Social Work** & meet minimum admission requirements

SAME APPLICATION PORTAL for #1 & #2

CAL STATE **APPLY**

Where do I apply?

Cal State Apply

Apply to your TOP CHOICE!

Fall 2027

All MSW 2 and 3 year programs

Summer 2027

All Advanced Standing Programs

Personal Information



1/8 SECTIONS

- Extended Profile
 - Release Statement
 - Biographic Information
 - Contact Information
 - Citizenship/Residency Information
 - Race & Ethnicity
- VIEW ALL SECTIONS ▾



Academic History



0/3 SECTIONS

- Colleges Attended
- Standardized Tests
- GPA Entries

Supporting Information



0/1 SECTIONS

- Experiences

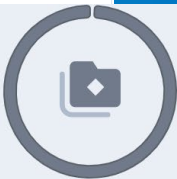
Program Materials



0/1 PROGRAMS

- ▼ Social Work
San Bernardino Graduate

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PROGRAM MATERIALS 0/1

- Social Work
San Bernardino Graduate

WHAT'S NEXT?

Have you added all the programs you want to apply to?
[ADD PROGRAMS](#)

Entering your colleges and universities attended is required for subsequent sections of the application. Enter them early to get a head start!
[COLLEGES ATTENDED](#)

Request recommendations in advance for each of your programs. It can take some time for them to get completed.
[RECOMMENDATIONS](#)

STATUSES



Social Work

San Bernardino Graduate

- DETAILS
- ORGANIZATION QUESTIONS
- PROGRAM QUESTIONS
- DOCUMENTS
- RECOMMENDATIONS



The [Master of Social Work degree program](#) is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) and also accredited and approved by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and the Chancellor's Office of the California State University. See our website for: [MSW Admission Requirements](#)

APPLICATION DEADLINES

- **Priority deadline January 15, 2027.** We review all completed applications submitted by this date. Submit by this deadline for your best chance.
- **Closing deadline May 1, 2027.** We review completed applications submitted after the January 15 priority deadline only if we have seats available. Check our website to determine if the program you want is still accepting applications: [MSW Admission Deadline](#)

Details

Source: Campus
Campus Name: CSU San Bernardino
Degree Type: MSW
Start Term: Fall
Delivery Format: Face to Face
Academic Year: 2027
Deadline : May 1, 2027, 11:59 PM PDT

Applying to the MSW Program

PERSONAL STATEMENT

➤ Will be used to assess your written communication skills and to evaluate your knowledge of your career choice, **your availability to complete practicum hours** and your commitment to the social work profession.

➤ Answer prompts 1-5

➤ Make sure your responses are at least the requested length, where noted.

➤ Failure to address all prompts will affect your overall application.

➤ Address academic or professional history that may be considered "questionable"



Personal Statement Instructions

The Personal Statement of Education, Career Goals, and Critical Thinking: The statement is required of all applicants and will be used to assess your written communication skills and to evaluate your knowledge of your career choice, your availability to complete practicum hours, and your commitment to the social work profession.

There are five questions. Reply to each question separately. Number your responses to the corresponding question, double-spaced, and using a 12-point font. Failure to address all prompts will affect your overall application. Once completed, upload it to the **Documents** Tab of your MSW Application in CSU Apply, under **Personal Statement**.

It is strongly recommended that you address any academic or professional history that could negatively impact the strength of your application. Examples of items to address include low GPA and limited social service experience.

1. Discuss your understanding of a social worker's roles, responsibilities, and ethical obligations. (250 words maximum) Please incorporate the NASW Code of Ethics into your response.
2. How will you use your background and experience to serve people, families, and communities? If you have social work-related experience, please reference it here. (250 words maximum)
3. The social work Code of Ethics requires social workers to "continuously seek knowledge and improve their skills and ability to meet the needs of people of diverse cultures and backgrounds" (Standard 1.05, Cultural Awareness and Social Diversity). Explain your understanding of this statement and any concerns you may have with upholding this professional requirement. (250 words maximum)
4. Practicum (Internship) Plan (250 words maximum).

Be specific when discussing your schedule and your ability to meet the time requirements below.

PRACTICUM (INTERNSHIP) REQUIREMENTS:

- Students entering their first year of practicum education are required to be at their practicum a minimum of 240 hours per semester (16 hours per week), a minimum of 480 hours for the year.
- Students entering their second year of practicum education are expected to complete a minimum of 300 hours per semester (20 hours a week), a minimum of 600 hours for the year.
- Students are required to be available for practicum placement during regular business hours, which is M-F 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Securing an internship outside of regular business hours is NOT possible. Weekly schedule is 2 full, 8-hour days for the first

year of practicum, plus an additional ½ day for the second year of practicum. All practicum (internship) placements are completed in person. There are NO alternative schedules available.

Part 1: Describe your plan to complete the practicum (internship) in your foundation (1st) generalist year (first year of practicum, 16 hours a week) and advanced generalist (2nd) year (second year of practicum, 20 hours a week)?

Part 2: If your primary plan for practicum requires employer approval for time off, but is not approved, what is your alternative plan?

Part 3: Employee-Based Practicum (Internship)

- o If you do not plan to apply for an employee-based practicum, please state **Not Applicable** (NA) and move to question 5.

- o If you plan to request a practicum at your place of employment, complete the following questions. *Tip: A clear response to the following questions will be carefully considered when reviewing applications.*

- a) Have you read the Employee-Based Practicum (Job Conversion) requirements on the website?
- b) Does your agency support employee-based practicum, and will you be allowed to gain skills outside of your current job description? (Note: Practicum experience must be at an MSW level.)
- c) Have you spoken to management at your agency to determine if you are eligible for an employee-based internship (Job Conversion)?
- d) Have you spoken to your current supervisor? Do they support your release time for practicum? (A reference from a current supervisor who supports your educational journey will strengthen your application).
- e) If your original plan for an employee-based internship is not possible, what is your backup plan?

Note: Admission to the program does not guarantee that a Job Conversion will be approved. The information provided will assist the admission committee in making its decision.

5. Assessment of Professional Judgment: Make sure you do not use names or information that might violate the confidentiality of the individuals you decide to use in your answers. **Be sure to explain how you may have grown or learned from the experiences you describe.**

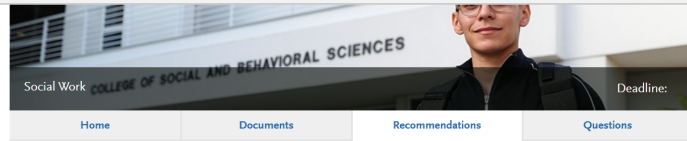
- a. Discuss a difficult situation or a dangerous situation you encountered either during employment, internship, or volunteer work. (250 word maximum)
 - i. How did you handle the situation?
 - ii. What would you do differently in the future and why?

- All applicants: Three (3) references required to complete an online **Graduate Social Work Program Recommendation** on your behalf. **Letters not required or accepted.**
- Preferred/recommended references include an employer, volunteer supervisor, or instructors who are in a position to judge your potential for social work practice***. It is best to request references from people who supervise and/or who evaluate your work, studies, commitment to the helping professions, professionalism, work ethic, etc., and not from co-workers, family, friends, etc. References are confidential and must be submitted by individuals selected to be your reference.

***Applicants applying to the **MSW Advanced Standing Program Option** require one Graduate Recommendation Form completed by a Practicum supervisor or liaison. If neither of these are available, then a direct supervisor of a social work experience will be accepted.

Applying to the MSW Program

Graduate Social Work Recommendation



Create a Recommendation Request!



Once you have saved the recommendation request, an email request will be sent to the recommender on your behalf. Please advise your recommender to look for this email in their inbox, as well as their spam or junk-mail folder, as emails do occasionally get filtered out. Please note: All references submitted within this section of your application are program specific. If you choose to remove this program from your application, please understand your letters will be deleted along with the program.

* Indicates required field.

Recommendation Type

Recommender's Information

* First Name

* Last Name

* Email Address

* Due Date MM/DD/YYYY

* Personal Message/Notes

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Waiver of Recommendation

* I waive my right of access to this Recommendation. ☐ Yes ☐ No

* Permission to Contact Recommender

☐ I hereby give permission to contact this recommender via email to request the completion of the recommendation form and letter of recommendation. If my recommendation does not submit an online recommendation form in response to the email request, it is my sole responsibility to contact the recommender directly to ensure all recommendations required by my designated schools are received by the deadline.

* Permission for Schools to Contact Recommender

☐ I understand that the schools to which I am applying may contact the recommender either to verify the information provided and/or for further clarification of the information provided, and I hereby give permission for the schools to do so.

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Reminder!



School of Social Work

Graduate Social Work Recommendation Online Form

(After submitting a Recommendation request, the following is **emailed to references via Cal State Apply**)

Likert Analysis

	Not Observed ①	Poor (1) ②	Below Average (2) ③	Average (3) ④	Good (4) ⑤	Excellent (5) ⑥
❏ Maturity	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
❏ Accountability and Dependability: skills and ability to comply with agency requirements, regulations, and timeliness	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
❏ Capacity to Work with Diverse Populations	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
❏ Empathy and ability to work effectively with diverse groups of people from various social, cultural, and economic backgrounds, recognizing the strengths that exist in all cultures	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
❏ Commitment to Social and Economic Justice, and Advocacy	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
❏ Ability to Accept and Incorporate Constructive Feedback	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
❏ Collaboration: Ability to work collegially as a member of a team	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
❏ Academic Potential for Graduate Learning	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
❏ Oral Communication Skills: Ability to articulate complex ideas and perspectives to diverse populations	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
❏ Effective Writing Skills	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
❏ Computer Literacy	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
❏ Compared to other students/workers/volunteers, I would rate this applicant as	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Relationship

* Indicates required field

* How long have you known the applicant?

Choose an option

* In what capacity do you know the applicant?

Choose an option

Please comment if the applicant speaks a language (or languages) other than English and his/her competence level in using that language(s) in social work practice.

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Overall Recommendation

* Please provide your overall recommendation for this applicant

Choose an option

Evaluator Comments

* Please address the applicant's suitability for graduate studies and a career in the field of social work. Please type your narrative here or copy-paste from a different program.

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Save & Exit

Preview & Submit

Title IV-E Application & Instructions
4 pages including Essay Questions



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY
SAN BERNARDINO
School of Social Work

MSW Title IV-E APPLICATION

Title IV-E Public Child Welfare Stipend Program

Application for: Fall 2025

Date of Application _____

All applicants must be admitted into the CSUSB MSW program to be considered for the Title IV-E Public Welfare Stipend Program (Title IV-E). Once an applicant is admitted into the program, applications will be reviewed and selected candidates for Title IV-E will be contacted for an interview. Notification of awards is provided prior to the start of the MSW program.

Stipends are limited. Only applicants that submit a completed MSW application by the priority deadline (of January 15th) will be guaranteed consideration for the Title IV-E Stipend Program.

Prior to applying, refer to the [Program Overview](#) for Title IV-E program requirement and eligibility of Title IV-E options.

Stipend Option
\$25,000 per year up to two years.

Reimbursement Option
Up to \$19,141 per year for up to three years.
*Must be a current employee of a qualifying agency to be considered. If you are unsure if your place of employment is a qualifying agency, please contact SHTI@eliv@CSUSB.edu before applying.

Complete the following Title IV-E application. Once completed, upload in the **Documents Tab** of your MSW Application in CSU Apply, under **Optional Documents**. Before uploading, make sure that you have answered all the prompts including Essay Questions

APPlicant IDENTIFICATION

Last Name	First Name
Gender Identification	Place of Birth

Ethnic Identification: ☐ African / African American / Black ☐ Latinx / Caribbean / Central / South American
 ☐ Middle Eastern / Arab ☐ Native American / American Indian / Alaska Native ☐ Pacific Islander
 ☐ South / East / South Asian ☐ Other (please specify) _____ ☐ Decline to State

	YES	NO
Do you identify as Native American?		
If so, with which tribe(s) do you identify citizenship or descendency?		
Have you received Title IV-E funding from any other University?		
Are you a Title IV-E BASW Graduate?		
If yes, have you completed your employment obligation?		

COUNTY LETTER OF SUPPORT



COUNTY LETTER OF SUPPORT
MSW, Title IV-E Child Welfare Stipend Program
Admissions (Semester, Year): _____

This letter must be signed by the Director of the County, State or Tribal Public Child Welfare Agency or their designee if you will be an employee at one of those agencies while enrolled in the MSW Program. This letter does not have to be submitted with application.

_____ is applying to the Master of Social Work program at California State University, San Bernardino, and for Title IV-E financial support in the 1 year on campus _____, 3 year part-time on campus _____, 3 year part-time online Pathway Distance Education Program _____ or 2 year full time on campus _____ program. (Please check one)

This letter of support attests to the following: _____

Applicant's Name

- Should be capable of completing the program. ____Yes ____No
- Will be eligible to apply for a child welfare position upon completion of the program, if such a position is available. ____Yes ____No
- Will be eligible for the opportunity to participate in the internship portion of the program.
 Arrangements for the internship will be negotiated when the internship opportunity is identified.
 ____Yes ____No
- ____County/Agency agrees to inform the Title IV-E Program of any significant changes in the student's employment status that would affect continued support or employability. ____Yes ____No
- ____County/Agency agrees that support for the student will only be withdrawn if there are changes in the employment, financial, and/or other related matters that would affect the relationship with the student. ____Yes ____No
- ____County will make every effort to accommodate employment and work expectations and the student's class and fieldwork requirements. ____Yes ____No

Comments: _____

Children's Services Agency Director/Designee: _____

Print Name: _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

MSW Program Priority deadline to apply is January 15th, 2027

- Most admitted students submitted their application by the priority deadline. Applications submitted after priority deadline are not guaranteed application review.
- Application close date: Once slots are full and/ or before May 15th, 2027.
- January 15th is the priority deadline for the School of Social Work. This date differs than the deadline to the University and CSU.
- Contact SocialWork@csusb.edu with questions related to deadline or assistance with application.

Does your application?...

- ✓ Share your personal values
- ✓ Show readiness & potential to thrive in academic & practicum setting
- ✓ Demonstrate Graduate level writing skills
- ✓ Give evidence of understanding the profession of Social Work

Have you?...

- ✓ Review Home Tab of applicant responsibilities
- ✓ Double check & cross referenced required documents
- ✓ Upload transcripts
- ✓ Complete and make sure that your experience section demonstrates paid and unpaid experience requirement & capability to be successful in a professional practicum setting
- ✓ Make a plan to ensure references and transcripts are submitted by the deadline

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK APPLICATION CHECKLIST

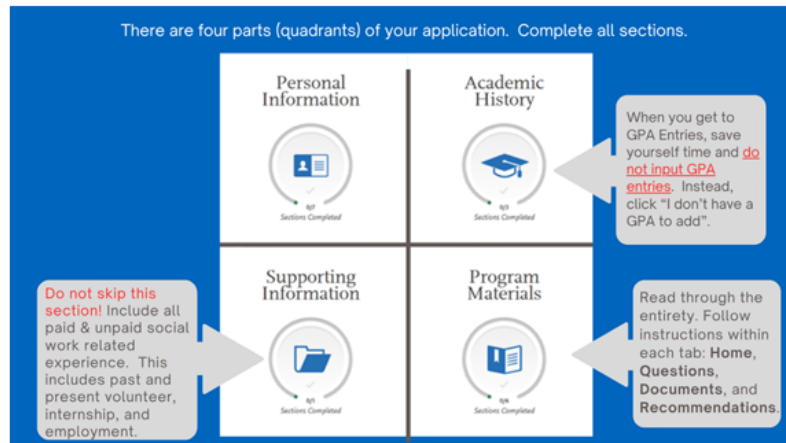
ADMISSIONS 2027



Application instructions and materials are accessed & submitted through the [Cal State Apply online Portal](#). Interested applicants must create an account to gain access. Visit the school's website for further details on [applying to the MSW Program](#).

Priority Deadline	Close Date (if slots still available)
January 15 th , 2027	May 1 st , 2027.
Completed applications submitted by the priority deadline are guaranteed consideration.	

There are four parts (quadrants) of your application. Complete all sections.



Did you upload?	Upload required documents:
	Personal Statement: Follow instructions to answer questions 1-5.
	Unofficial Transcripts: Upload all transcripts as requested.
	Title IV-E Application: <u>Only</u> if you want to be considered for the Title IV-E Public Child Welfare Stipend .

Done?	After you submit your application:
	Download your completed application. Review for inaccuracies.
	Monitor your references in your Cal State Apply portal. Follow up with references until the portal shows all references have been completed.
	Respond to emails regarding your application. Check your spam so that you do not miss any emails.

After application is submitted

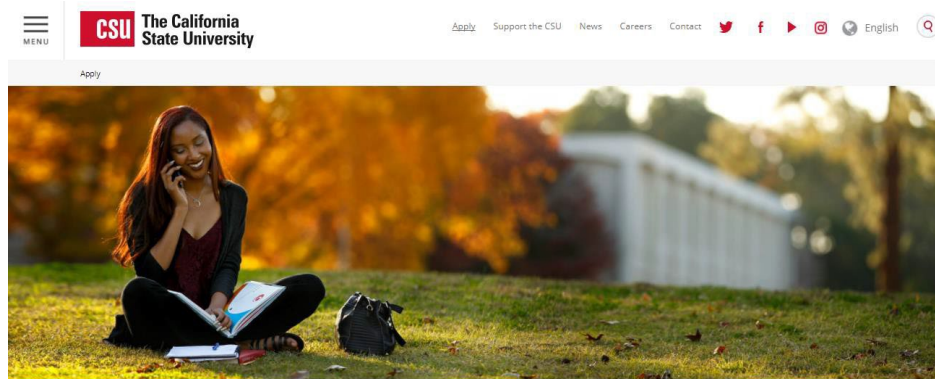
- ✓ Review application
- ✓ Double check downloads
- ✓ Review and respond to all emails requesting a response/document. Emails/letters from the University differ; Office of Graduate Studies, School of Social Work, Office of the Registrar, Office of Financial Aid.
- ✓ Create coyote portal to view messages via Graduate Students. (Will receive instructions once application is submitted)

Admissions Committee

- Reviewed by a minimum of 2 faculty in addition to full admissions committee
 - Notifications begin early Spring

CAL STATE **APPLY**

(administered through CSU/graduate studies)



- The site offers immediate assistance via email, FAQ., help desk Very responsive.
- You can also contact Graduate Studies **The Office of Graduate Studies** Phone: (909) 537-5058 Fax: (909) 537-5078 Email: gradstud@csusb.edu



Email us regarding applying, requirements, prerequisites, application questions at:
SocialWork@CSUSB.edu

Application Status (after you submit your application):

San Bernardino Campus / Face to Face

Janelle Gonzales: janelle.gonzales@csusb.edu

Pathway Distance Education Program

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Associate Practicum Director & Pathway Practicum Coordinator: Shyra Harris sharris@csusb.edu