



SACRAMENTO
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Master of Social Work (MSW) Program

Division of Social Work

College of Health & Human Services

Redefine the Possible™

History of the Social Work Division (Established 1964)

- Our Mission Statement:
 - The Division of Social Work, located in the California state capital, strives to prepare ethical and competent social workers who can both lead and serve our richly diverse populations in the development and delivery of services that contribute to human well-being and social justice. The Division offers professional undergraduate and graduate degree programs that prepare competent and reflective social workers who apply critical thinking in social work practice and research. Rooted in long standing and evolving partnerships with community-based agencies, educational institutions, local and state government, we prepare students to effectively serve culturally-diverse and vulnerable individuals, families and communities in various areas and capacities including as practitioners, leaders and social justice advocates.

Diversity Statement

- It is expected that students entering and participating in our program learn to honor and respect diverse life experiences while challenging biases, prejudices, and discriminatory practices perpetuated by themselves or others. This includes biases, prejudices, and discriminatory practices held toward LGBTQ+ individuals, people of color, people living with mental or physical disabilities, the aging, people from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds, and people of different genders.
- Therefore, any prospective student contemplating applying to the Division of Social Work should examine carefully their own issues or beliefs which might impede their ability to comply with the values expressed in the above statement

Where are MSW Graduates Now?

- Clinical Mental Health Social Work
- Medical Social Work
- Child Welfare Workers
- Geriatric Social Work
- Substance Abuse
- School Social Work
- Management and Administration
- Corrections and Probation
- Ministry

Admissions Requirements

- Have attained a grade point average of at least 2.8 in the last 60 semester (90 quarter) units attempted
- Have completed a four-year college course of study and hold a baccalaureate degree from an institution accredited by a regional accrediting association by August 2022
- Provide GRE Analytical Writing Score (waived for Fall 2022)
- Have passed an approved lower or upper division course in statistics with a grade of “C” (not C-) or better by August 2022
- Have passed an approved lower or upper division biology course that includes human biology content passed with a “C” (not C-) or better by August 2022
- Have completed a liberal arts perspective (Note: Degrees completed after 1978 at a CSU or UC satisfy this requirement).

Advanced Standing Admission Requirements

- Applicants that are interested in applying for the Advanced Standing Program must have:
 - Graduated from a CSWE-BSW program within the last five years
 - A cumulative GPA of 3.5
 - Additional references from your Field Instructor and Field Liaison (these will be requested after you submit your MSW application)

Admissions Process

- Complete Cal State application – Due January 7, 2022
 - This is to apply to the University and is application 1 of 2
- Once you complete the application you will receive an email from the Office of Graduate Studies to set up your SacLink account and student CSUS e-mail. This process can take several days and you may need to check your junk/spam folder for the e-mail

Link to Cal State Apply:

<https://www2.calstate.edu/apply>

Link to FAQs for Cal State Apply:

<https://www.csus.edu/graduate-studies/future-students/internal/documents/calstate-applyfaq.pdf>

Office of Graduate Studies website for any other requirements needed for the university:
<https://www.csus.edu/graduate-studies/>



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Admissions Process

- Complete the supplemental MSW application – Due January 14, 2022
 - This is to apply to the Division of Social Work and is application 2 of 2
 - SacLink account is required to log in for the application

Other Materials to submit:

- 3 References
- Liberal Arts form (if needed)

MSW Application and Instructions:

<https://www.csus.edu/college/health-human-services/social-work/application-process.html>

MSW FAQs:

<https://www.csus.edu/college/health-human-services/social-work/internal/documents/mswdocs/msw-applicant-faq.pdf>



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MSW Application/Evaluation

- Academic Work (2.8 minimum GPA in last 60/90 units)
- GRE analytical writing score (Waived for Fall 2022)
- Length and type of field work, employment and unpaid human services experience
 - Describe employment and volunteer information clearly to show social work relevance
- Special knowledge and skills
 - Courses specializing in cultural diversity, be sure to list 3 courses to receive credit
 - Fluency in a second language
- Leadership skills
 - Provide any experience that you feel demonstrates your leadership qualities
- Reference forms
 - Submit 3 professional references. Current students should include faculty references.
- Human Biology & Statistics prerequisite
 - Review information on our website – if you still have questions or want to verify your class, contact the Admissions Support Coordinator at kylie.agosta@csus.edu for more information

MSW Application

Steps to Apply

1. Apply online to the university.
2. Set up your SacLink account to access supplemental application.
3. Complete all required materials for the Division of Social Work MSW Application.

Please review the Instructions and Application below for more details.

Instructions And Application (Available October 1)

Contact Admissions

MSW Application

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Masters of Social Work Application

Application Ethnic Identity Specialized Area of Practice Survey

Student Information

CSUS Student ID * Email Alternative Email *

Last Name First Name Middle Name

Other Name(s), if different from above, that may appear on documents or records:

Present Address:

Address Line 1 (Street & Street Number)

Address Line 2 (Additional Address Information)

City State Zip

Phone * Secondary Phone

Age Gender

1. Greyed out fields will be filled out when you insert your Student ID
2. The application **CANNOT BE SAVED** and must be finished in one sitting. Please have all required information ready before starting.
 - a. You can log into the application more than one time

MSW Application

*See Instructions to Applicants to the Fall 2018 MSW Program for more information on "Acceptable" courses and deadlines for completion or see the MSW Application website for the same information.

[Sample Statistics Courses](#) 1 ←

[Sample Biology Courses](#)

List the Statistics and Human Biology course(s) and date(s) completed below or expected completion date. Click the 'Add' button to enter data for each course. Add

Course Number *	Course Title *	Institution *	Term/Year *	Grade *	Date of completion (or Expected Completion Date) *
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List three or more courses specializing in cultural diversity. Click the 'Add' button to enter data for each course. Add 2 →

Course Number *	Course Title *	Institution *	Term/Year *	Grade *	Date of Completion (or Expected Completion Date) *
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Course content should be related to modern populations you may interact with in your capacity as a social worker.

[Sample of Cultural Diversity Courses](#)

Experience(s)

List paid employment, full and part time, beginning with present or last position held. Designate full-time (F) or part-time (P). Please do not include volunteer work or field placement in this category.

Human Service Employment Record (paid). Click the 'Add' button to enter data for each employer. Add

Name, phone number and location of employers in setting related to human services.	Title and Duties	From (Month/Year)	To (Month/Year)	Hours/Week	Total Hours
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Sum of Total Hours

1. Links will take you to list of sample courses
2. Use the "Add" button on the right hand side to add one more rows when needed

Program Structure

- Two Year Program
- Advanced Standing Program
- Title IV-E Stipend Program
- Three Year (currently limited to IV-E Applicants)
 - Next application available Fall 2024
- MSW Specializations
 - Behavioral Health
 - Health & Aging
 - Children & Families
 - Required for Title-IV-E students

Two Year Program

<u>Fall 2022</u> Swrk 202 Diversity & Social Justice Swrk 204A Practice Swrk 250 Policy Swrk 235A HBSE Swrk 295A Field	<u>Spring 2022</u> Swrk 210 Research Swrk 204B Practice Swrk 235B HBSE Swrk Elective Swrk 295B Field
<u>Fall 2023</u> Swrk 206/7/8A Advanced Practice Swrk 296/7/8A Advanced Field Swrk 500/501 Thesis/Project Swrk 252/3/4 Advanced Policy Swrk Elective	<u>Spring 2023</u> Swrk 206/7/8B Advanced Practice Swrk 296/7/8B Advanced Field Swrk 500/502 Thesis/Project Swrk Elective



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Three Year Program

(next application Fall 2024)

<u>Fall 2024</u> Swrk 235A HBSE Swrk 250 Policy	<u>Spring 2024</u> Swrk 235B HBSE Swrk Elective
<u>Fall 2025</u> Swrk 202 Diversity & Social Justice Swrk 204A Practice Swrk 295A Field Swrk Elective	<u>Spring 2025</u> Swrk 210 Research Swrk 204B Practice Swrk 295B Field
<u>Fall 2026</u> Swrk 206/7/8A Advanced Practice Swrk 296/7/8A Advanced Field Swrk 500/501 Thesis/Project Swrk 252/3/4 Advanced Policy	<u>Spring 2026</u> Swrk 206/7/8B Advanced Practice Swrk 296/7/8B Advanced Field Swrk 500/502 Thesis/Project Swrk Elective



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Behavioral Health Specialization

The focus is to train graduate level practitioners to work with people living with severe and persistent mental illnesses and substance use problems (among other comorbid conditions), work within the community mental health system, conduct complex clinical assessments, differential psychodiagnosis, perform time-limited psychotherapeutic interventions, conduct clinical case management, integrate autonomous practice with advanced ethics and mental health law, be a liaison with the courts and other forensic services.

Behavioral Health Specialization

Recommended Electives

- 218 Alcohol and Other Drugs: Use, misuse, abuse
- 223 New Developments in Psychodiagnosis (DSM-5)
- 224 Advanced Mental Health Practice
- 262 Social Work Practice and Rehabilitation
- 228 Clinical Intervention in Sexual Abuse

Health & Aging Specialization

The focus is to train graduate level practitioners in medical social work and interprofessional practice, to work in acute and chronic care settings, to provide a range of services including health education, to conduct crisis and brief interventions, to conduct individual, family and group supportive counseling, and to do case management to with individuals of all ages.

Health & Aging Specialization

Recommended Electives

- 219 Social Work Practice in Health Care Settings
- 230 Geriatric Health/Mental Health
- 245 Death, Grief and Growth
- 269 Aging Policy and Services

Children & Families Specialization

The focus is to train graduate level practitioners in child welfare, with couples and families, with school and social service settings to conduct brief interventions and case management.

Children & Families Specialization Recommended Electives

- 213 Public Child Welfare Practice
- 226 Family Interventions
- 246 Child Maltreatment
- (Title IV-E required electives)

Other Electives

- 215 Mediation and Restorative Justice
- 218 Chemical Dependence: Strategies and Tactics for Social Work Practice
- 220 Administration and Consultation
- 221 Community Organizing Practice
- 225 Advanced Group Work Methods
- 229 Human Sexuality for Social Work Clinicians
- 232 Spirituality in Social Work
- 259 International Social Work
- 261 Grant Writing and Resource Development
- 296D Working with LGBTQ+ Publics
- 296D Developmental Disabilities and Practice

Other Options

- Pupil Personnel School Credential One-year Program
 - This program is now handled by the College of Continuing Education: <https://www.cce.csus.edu/pupil-personnel-services-credential-school-social-work>

Financial Aid

- Students should contact the Bursar's Office about payment plans.
 - <https://www.csus.edu/administration-business-affairs/bursar/>
- MSW scholarships include
 - The Isabel Louisson Memorial Scholarship
 - Louis Bronson Scholarship
 - David Humphers Scholarship
 - Sutter Health Scholarship

Title IV-E

Title IV-E Stipend Program: Pipeline to Child Welfare System

- Information available at: <https://www.csus.edu/college/health-human-services/social-work/title-ive.html> OR <http://calswec.berkeley.edu/>
- In 1990 , the deans and directors of California's graduate schools of social work and the County Welfare Directors Association collaborated to create the California Social Work Education Center (CalSWEC).
- CalSWEC's goal was to improve the education and training of social workers for the publicly supported social services.
- In 1992, CalSWEC entered into a contract with the California Department of Social Services to develop the MSW Title IV-E Stipend Program to prepare students for careers in public child welfare.

Title IV-E Stipend Program

- How much financial aid is provided?
 - The Title IV-E Stipend Program provide two years of support for full-time students who complete the MSW program. The stipend amount is \$18,500 per year for both new and continuing students.
 - Part-time students, limited to current employees of a county or the state Department of Social Services, receive full tuition and fees, costs for required books, and a travel allowance for each day of class.
- How many stipends are available?
 - Up to 20 stipends per class of full-time students are awarded each academic year. The part-time program may award up to 20 slots of student support per class of part-time students, for a maximum of 26 students. Numbers vary depending previous years graduates.
- How are students selected to receive the financial aid?
 - Applicants may apply for the Title IV-E Stipend Program financial aid by completing an application. An awards committee consisting of both faculty and agency representatives from county child welfare services makes award decisions.
 - Priority is given to current county and state Department of Social Services employees and applicants who intend to pursue a career within public child welfare agencies in California.

Title IV-E Stipend Program

- What academic requirements must students fulfill to receive the financial aid?
 - Students must complete the entire MSW child welfare program with a minimum 3.0 GPA, including the equivalent of two years of fieldwork.
 - One year of fieldwork must be in a county child welfare agency serving Title IV-E children and families.
- What is the student's commitment after graduation?
 - Upon graduation students must work in a county child welfare services agency or California Department of Social Services (CDSS) child welfare division for a period of two years.
 - A student who is employed in a county or the state Department of Social Services must return to that agency and render one year of full-time employment for each year of stipend award.

Title IV-E Stipend Program

- Application for the Title IV-E Stipend Program will be available on the website on October 1, 2021. Applications are DUE: January 14, 2022. Check the website for updated information:
- <http://www.csus.edu/hhs/sw/title-ive/title-iv-e-application.pdf>
- Dr. Tracy Kent
 - Project Coordinator
 - (916) 278-4161
 - E-mail: kentt@csus.edu
- Royce Gonzales
 - Administrative Support Coordinator
 - (916) 278-5057
 - E-mail: rgonzal@csus.edu

Title IV-E Admissions Process

Complete the CalState Apply Application and MSW Supplemental application. (Application 1 and 2)

Complete the Title IV-E Supplemental Application (3rd application)

Submit all required supplement materials

Title IV-E website: <https://www.csus.edu/college/health-human-services/social-work/title-ive.html>

Field Education

Mission of Field Education

- Social work education provides students with a unique opportunity to apply what they are learning in the classroom to practice in the field.
- Working in a social work field agency allows students to leverage classroom theory and knowledge to develop their professional competence and identity, as well as begin their commitment to serving clients and communities.
- The profession of Social Work uses field education as the avenue through which it “professionalizes” its members. It is through a field placement that the student learns how to think and act like a professional social worker.

Field Requirements

- Hours/Days
 - MSW₁- Th/F (16 hours per week)
 - MSW₂- M/T/W (24 hours per week)
- Evening & Weekend Policy
 - Student needs to be at their field practicum when the “life of the agency exists”
- Employment-Based Field Internships
 - Protocols and Procedures
- Field Instructors
 - Degreed social workers, approved and trained by Division of Social Work Field Office

Deadlines

- Cal State Apply Application
 - Friday, January 7, 2022 (available October 1, 2021)
- Division of Social Work Application
 - Friday, January 14, 2022 (separate from the Cal State Apply application and is available October 1, 2021)
- Title IV-E Stipend Application
 - Friday, January 14, 2022 (available October 1, 2021)

Accepted or Denied?

- The number one reason why students are not accepted is.....INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS
- YOU are responsible for ALL materials being turned in ON TIME!
- All application materials are located online:
<https://www.csus.edu/college/health-human-services/social-work/application-process.html>