History of the Social Work Division

• Social Work Department Established in 1964

• Mission Statement

• Faculty Diversity Statement

• Where are MSW Graduates now?
Mission

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.
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 14, 2020

• Provide GRE Analytical Writing Score

• Have passed an approved lower or upper division course in statistics with a grade of “C” (not C-) or better by August 14, 2020

• 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 14, 2020

• 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 3.7 with not specific GRE score OR receive a GRE (Analytical Writing) score of 4.5 or higher AND a cumulative GPA of 3.5
Admissions Process

Apply to Cal State Apply:

Deadline: Friday, January 10, 2020

https://www2.calstate.edu/apply - Application link
https://www.csus.edu/graduate-studies/future-students/_internal/_documents/calstateapplyfaq.pdf - FAQs

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.

Make sure to check the Office of Graduate Studies website for any other requirements needed for the university.

https://www.csus.edu/graduate-studies/
Admissions Process

Submit the Division of Social Work supplemental application and other required materials. SacLink account is required to log in for the application.

Deadline: Friday, January 17, 2020

Other required materials: Deadline January 17, 2020
Reference forms
Liberal Arts form (if required)
See Instruction and Application for more details

Other Options
Pupil Personnel School Credential One-year Program
(This program is now handled by the College of Continuing Education http://www.cce.csus.edu/)
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

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.
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
Department Application (Continued)

• **Application** – read instructions carefully – describe employment and volunteer information clearly to show social work relevance. List courses specializing in cultural diversity, be sure to list 3 courses to receive credit

• **Reference Forms** – current students should include faculty references. Please read the instruction document for detailed information about references

• **Human Biology & statistics prerequisite** – please 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

• **Unofficial transcripts** – must include the last 60 semester units or 90 quarter units
  – an e-mail will come from Kylie requesting unofficial transcripts after the application has been submitted
Evaluation Criteria

- Academic Work (2.8 minimum GPA)
- GRE analytical writing score
- Length and type of field work and unpaid human services experience
- Length and type of employment
- Special knowledge and skills
- Leadership skills
- Professional related criteria
Program Structure

- Two Year Program
- Advanced Standing Program
- Three Year (very limited spots)
  - Part Time
  - Weekend
- Title IV-E Stipend Program

- MSW Specializations
  - Behavioral Health
  - Health & Aging
  - Children & Families
    - Required for Title-IV-E students
# Two Year Program

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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
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 Stipend Program: Pipeline to Child Welfare System

- 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 provides 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 on 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, 2019. Applications are DUE: January 17, 2020. Check the website for updated information:

• 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

1. Complete the CalState Apply Application and MSW Supplemental application.
2. Complete the Title IV-E Supplemental Application.
3. Submit all required supplement materials.
Deadlines

• Cal State Apply Application
  – Friday, January 10, 2020 (available October 1, 2019)

• Division of Social Work Application
  – Friday, January 17, 2020 (separate from the Cal State Apply application and is available October 1, 2019)

• Title IV-E Stipend Application
  – Friday, January 17, 2020 (available October 1, 2019)
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
Q & A

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