

2-Year Online Master of Social Work Program

Reach your potential in clinical social work serving California's diverse populations

Specialize in Culturally Informed Behavioral Health Practice

Earn your MSW degree in an innovative program that prepares graduates for clinical social work practice with culturally diverse and vulnerable populations in California.

- Obtain an optional certificate in leadership and management;
- Take the first step to becoming a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in California;
- Sub-specialize via two tracks:

Track 1 | Practice with Children and Youth in School and Community Settings

Gain advanced skills and knowledge to provide behavioral health care to children, youth, and their families in schools and public and non-profit organizations. Prepare for work in:

- School social work
- Community-based and clinic-based outpatient care
- Residential treatment
- Early prevention and behavioral health promotion
- Crisis response
- Juvenile justice
- Child welfare
- Foster care and adoptions

Track 2 | Practice with Adults in Public Behavioral Health Settings

Gain advanced skills and knowledge to provide clinical care to adults and older adults in the publicly funded behavioral health system. Prepare for work in:

- County and non-profit behavioral health services
- Services for veterans
- Services for the unhoused
- Jails and prisons
- Psychiatric hospitals
- Community health centers
- Integrated health care services
- Substance abuse programs



Synchronous, Online Classes
on Tue/Thur late afternoons/
evenings & select Saturdays



In-person 3-day immersion
residencies three times
per year



In-person internships in your
local California area, including
employment-based





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Optional Certificate in Leadership and Management in Public Behavioral Health

Prepare for leadership and management roles in public behavioral health. Courses include:

- Public behavioral health funding
- Political savvy and competence
- Communication skills for middle managers
- Leading and managing others
- Budgeting, planning and decision-making
- Managing operations and human resources
- Leading quality improvement

Make a difference in the field of social work. Start your journey by attending a virtual information session!

This program is approved by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC).

The MSW program is currently in pre-candidacy for accreditation by the Council on Social Work Education's (CSWE) Board of Accreditation (BOA). Students will be retroactively recognized as graduates from a CSWE-BOA accredited program as long as the program attains initial accreditation.

Degree Requirements

- 88 units of coursework (taken in 8 quarters)
- 900 hours of internship (with the possibility of employment-based placements)
- 1,000 hours of internship for students interested in pursuing the Pupil Personnel School Credential (PPSC) in School Social Work after graduation

Admissions Requirements

- Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution or the international equivalent
- Online application through PSYCAS (application fee)
- Resume
- Statement of purpose
- Letters of recommendation from three professional or academic references
- Official transcripts
- No GRE
- No prerequisite courses

Advanced Standing

- Individuals who hold a bachelor's degree from a social work program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education may apply for Advanced Standing.
- Advanced Standing students complete 56 units of coursework (taken in 5 quarters) and 450 hours of internship.