



Master of Social Work



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The Department of Social Work offers graduate study leading to the degree of Master of Social Work. The program is designed to prepare students to be social work practitioners in urban multicultural communities in the Bay Area and beyond. Social work is a growing profession with career opportunities in public, private and not-for-profit agencies throughout the state. Currently, agencies are experiencing a critical shortage of MSW level social workers in child welfare and community health.

Locations

The MSW program is offered at both the Concord & Hayward campuses. The two-year program in Hayward is completed in six quarters; the two-year program in Concord is completed in eight quarters.

The Concord program was created for working adults: classes are offered from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. two days a week fall, winter and spring quarters. The 13 week summer quarter requires 40 hours per week participation for two (2) summers.

Faculty

Faculty members in the Department of Social Work actively engage in research, writing, and/or university and community programs. Recent faculty projects include issues in health care; caregivers in the areas of cancer and HIV/AIDS; the elderly; immigrant family issues; disproportionality in the foster care system; child abuse; juvenile justice; underrepresented student populations; after school needs for elementary students and discipline specific practice differences in relation to vulnerable populations.

Options

Students in the MSW program choose one of two options, depending on their interests and goals. The concentrations are: **Children, Youth and Families (CYF) or Community Mental Health (CMH)**.

Admission Requirements

In general, the program is open to graduates of accredited institutions who have:

- a baccalaureate degree from an accredited four-year institution with a liberal arts background;
- achieved at least a 2.8 GPA in all undergraduate work;
- submitted three (3) letters of reference with at least one from a former instructor who is familiar with the applicant's academic work (letters of recommendation should address the applicant's ability to work independently and potential for scholarly research and writing);
- submitted a department application and release form;
- submitted the department application checklist;
- submitted a personal statement and current resume;
- completed both a statistics course and a human biology course

Fieldwork

The profession of social work has always required the integration of academic work combined with "hands on" fieldwork experiences. Fieldwork allows students to apply theories presented in the classroom to closely supervised practice in the field. Students are placed in two different sites over the course of the program and are supervised and evaluated by qualified MSW level social workers and faculty.

Stipends

The program offers the Title IV-E Child Welfare Stipend and the CalSWEC II Mental Health stipend to selected applicants. Recipients receive \$18,500 per year for two years in exchange to committing to work for a county or state public child welfare agency or mental health agency for each year of stipend received.

Program Objectives

Students are evaluated on their knowledge and use of the seven program learning objectives that are thoroughly integrated in the curriculum and practiced in the field. They are: values and ethics, professional use of self, critical thinking skills, ability to apply theory to practice, diversity, and communication.

Degree Requirements

Students must complete all required courses, electives, seminars and capstone experience totalling 89 quarter units satisfactorily and complete the university WST requirements.

Accreditation

The MSW program is seeking accreditation with the Council on Social Work Education. The MSW program has been advanced to candidacy and is expected to be fully accredited by June 2006.

COURSE OFFERINGS

SW 6000	Human Behavior & Social Environment I
SW 6001	Human Behavior & Social Environment II
SW 6002	Human Behavior & Social Environment III
SW 6010	Race, Gender and Inequality in Social Work
SW 6011	Generalist Practice I (Micro)
SW 6012	Generalist Practice II (Mezzo)
SW 6020	Field Instruction I
SW 6021	Field Instruction II
SW 6022	Field Instruction III
SW 6400	Title IV-E Seminar
SW 6500	Advanced Micro Practice: CYF
SW 6505	Advance Micro Practice: CMH
SW 6510	Advanced Mezzo Practice: CYF
SW 6515	Advanced Mezzo Practice: CMH
SW 6520	Advocacy & Macro Practice: CYF
SW 6525	Advocacy & Macro Practice: CMH
SW 6530	Field Instruction IV
SW 6531	Field Instruction V
SW 6532	Field Instruction VI
SW 6550-6562	Electives
SW 6932	Quantitative & Qualitative Research
SW 6935	Social Work Research: Program Eval
SW 6959/6909	Integrative Seminar

Further information is available at the department website: <http://class.csueastbay.edu/socialwork/>

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