Department of Social Work

Fall 2015 Admissions Information Session
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Department of Social Work
History

- Program was developed by Dr. Jean Daniels from CSUN’s Sociology Department

- First cohort consisted of 24 students in the Fall of 2005 and graduated in the Spring of 2007

Department of Social Work
First CSUN MSW Class of 2007

Department of Social Work
Admit over 200 students each academic year

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Department of Social Work
Urban Family Practice

What does it mean?
- Generalist Approach
- Micro, Mezzo, Macro
- Non-Traditional
The mission of California State University Northridge, Department of Social Work, is to prepare professional social workers to promote the well being of individuals, families and communities in the urban setting.

The Department will teach students research-informed knowledge, values and skills, to:

- **Prevent** social, emotional and behavioral problems; improve the well being of individuals and families; and support the recovery process
- **Develop** programs and policies which build on the strengths of urban families
- **Empower** and be relevant to the needs of the multi-national, multi-ethnic, multi-cultural San Fernando Valley and its surrounding communities
- **Advocate** for a diverse and just society
CSWE Accreditation

- What is CSWE?
- Importance of accreditation
- Ten Core Competencies
California Board of Behavioral Sciences

- http://www.bbs.ca.gov/app-reg/lcs_requirement.shtml

Supervised Hours

- 3,200 total hours of post-master's degree experience

Additional Courses

- 6 additional courses, however some may be covered by courses taken in the CSUN MSW program
Our MSW Programs

On Campus
Two-year Program

On Campus
Three-year Program

Off Campus Programs
(Tseng College):
College of the Canyons (COC)
Three-Year Program

Online
Two-Year Program

Department of Social Work
On-Campus Two Year Program

- 20 Classes totaling 60 units over 4 semesters (15 units per semester)

Class Schedule
- First Year:
  - Tuesdays- 7:45am - 4:45pm
  - Fridays- 9:00am - 4:00pm
- Second Year:
  - Tuesdays- 9:00am - 4:45pm
  - Thursdays- 7:45am - 4:45pm

Field Requirement (Must be completed during regular business hours Mon-Fri)
- First Year: 16 hours per week
- Second Year: 24 hours per week

Tuition: Approximately $16,500**

**Please see notes regarding non-California residents, [http://www.csun.edu/stufin/tuition](http://www.csun.edu/stufin/tuition)

Department of Social Work
On-Campus
Three Year Program

- 20 Classes totaling 60 units over 8 semesters (9 units a semester including Summer Sessions)

- Class Schedule
  - Same throughout the program:
    - Tuesdays- 6:00pm - 9:45pm
    - Thursdays- 6:00pm - 8:45pm
  - Also includes 4 Saturdays per semester

- Field Requirement (Must be completed during regular business hours Mon-Fri)
  - First and Second Year Only: 16 hours per week
  - DCFS employees will complete field during 2nd and 3rd years of the program

- Tuition: Approximately $27,500

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Off-Campus Programs
Tseng College

College of the Canyons (COC)

Three Year
Online
Two Year

Contact: Rachel Navarro, Off-site MSW Program Coordinator
818-677-5902 or rachel.navarro@csun.edu

Cost: between $36,225 and $41,700

Flexibility and location

Department of Social Work
College of the Canyons
Three Year Program

- 21 Classes totaling 63 units over 8 semesters (9 units a semester including Summer Sessions)

- **Class Schedule**

  Similar throughout entire program:
  
  - Years One and Two – Wednesdays: 4:00pm-10:00pm
  
  - Year Three – Wednesdays: 4:00pm-9:00pm

- **Field Requirement** (Must be completed during regular business hours Mon-Fri)

  - First and Second Year: 16 hours per week
    
    - Including summer of first year only

- **Tuition**: Approximately $36,225

Department of Social Work
Online Two Year Program

- 20 Classes totaling 60 units over 4 semesters (15 units a semester)

- **Class Schedule**
  - Asynchronous except for Field Class

- **Field Requirement** (Must be completed during regular business hours Mon-Fri)
  - 16 hours per week both years

- **Tuition:** Approximately $41,700

- Please visit [http://tsengcollege.csun.edu/programs/MSW](http://tsengcollege.csun.edu/programs/MSW) for more information about COC and Online Programs
Capstone Projects
Culminating Experience

- Offered as the culminating experience of the Graduate Program, students complete an individual or group research project reflecting the students’ interests and needs in working with urban families.

- Outcomes of this seminar will require students to collect, analyze and report direct observations; write a research paper that includes a title page, abstract, background, methods and discussion sections conforming to APA Publication Manual guidelines; and present a poster in an open community-invited forum.

- This project meets the culminating experience requirements.
Overview of Field Education

- Signature Pedagogy of Social Work
- Application process
  - 1st year
  - 2nd year
- Practical Aspects of Field Practicum
  - Travel, car, etc.
  - Stipend Programs
  - Background checks and other requirements
  - Travel up to one hour each way from home
  - Availability during regular business hours
    - Monday-Friday, 8-5pm

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Field Application Process

Online application through Intern Placement Tracking (IPT)

In person interview with Field Department

Interview with prospective field placement(s)

Stipend programs
- CalSWEC
- Child Welfare
- GSWEC
- Gerontology
- Department of Mental Health (DMH)
- Mental Health
- UCCF
1st Year of Field Practicum

Schedule
• 16 hours a week

Strategy
• We pick for you
• New learning environment

Benefits
• Learn something new about the field and yourself

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2nd Year of Field Practicum

Schedule
- 24 hours week (Two-year Stateside)
- 16 hours a week (All other cohorts)

Strategy
- Department arranges placement with your input.
- We will consult with you regarding your learning strategy.

Benefits
- Well rounded social work field experience.
- Marketable
Practical Aspects of your Placement

- Travel
- Background checks and other requirements
  - Drug Tests
  - Criminal Record
  - Health Screening
Steps in the Application Process*

*ON-CAMPUS PROGRAMS ONLY

Part One

CSUN Graduate Application Checklist

- CSUN Graduate Application (http://csumentor.com/admissionapp/grad_apply.asp) *This must be done BEFORE all other steps. Otherwise, the MSW Department and the Admissions & Records Office will have no record of you as an applicant.
- Graduate application fee ($55)
- Official transcript in a sealed envelope for every college and/or university attended
- Official TOEFL score (if applicable)
- Activate CSUN email address – official communication will only be sent to your CSUN email address
- Additional test scores may be required and are due by October 1, 2015, if admitted:
  - Official Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores (Required if cumulative GPA is below a 3.0)
  - Official Upper Division Writing Proficiency Exam (UDWPE) score (Required for non-CSU graduates)

Part Two

MSW Program Application Checklist

- Application for the MSW Program
- Applicant Contract (signed)
- Official transcript in a sealed envelope for the last 60 semester/90 quarter units of your undergraduate degree and any post-graduate or graduate transcripts.
  - For current and past CSUN students only: Unofficial CSUN transcripts may be substituted for official transcripts. The transcripts must include 60 graded units. Otherwise you will need to submit official transcripts from your previous college/university.
- Personal Statement
- Resume

Department of Social Work
1. How to Apply

*ON-CAMPUS PROGRAMS ONLY

**REMEMBER:** You are applying to the University AND to the Department

**Department Application**
- [http://www.csun.edu/social-behavioral-sciences/social-work/admissions](http://www.csun.edu/social-behavioral-sciences/social-work/admissions)

**University Application**
- [http://csumentor.com/admissionsapp/grad_apply.asp](http://csumentor.com/admissionsapp/grad_apply.asp)

Make sure you read ALL of the information on the admissions website.

Department of Social Work
1. How to Apply*

*ONLINE / OFF-CAMPUS PROGRAMS ONLY

**DO NOT** submit a CSUMentor online application if your intention is to apply to the Online or COC off-campus cohorts. The CSUMentor online application is for CSUN’s on-campus MSW program ONLY.

All applicants interested primarily in the ONLINE or COC cohort, follow specific application instructions found here:

http://tsengcollege.csun.edu/programs/MSW/apply

**NOTE:** If you are interested in being considered for BOTH the on-campus program and one of our online or off-campus cohorts, follow the **on-campus program’s application process** and submit ONLY the CSUMentor online application. On the “Department Application,” indicate which of the above cohorts you are interested in and your application items will then be forwarded to The Tseng College after the Department of Social Work considers you for the on-campus program.

Applicants may submit only one online application to one program/cohort per academic term.
2. Applicant Contract

- Must be signed and submitted with packet
- Please read it as you are agreeing to follow the department and university policies and procedures in regards to admissions and field placement.
- Must be submitted with original signature (no copies)
3. Recommendation Packets

- Three (3) are required
  - 2 academic and 1 professional
    - If you graduated over 5 years ago then a total of 3 professional is acceptable
- Must be in a signed and in sealed envelope with a signature on envelope flap
- Must include the recommendation form, the evaluation and the recommendation letter

Choose authors that can speak to your academic and/or professional strengths and abilities.

No relatives!
4. Transcripts

University

- Requires transcripts from every college and/or university attended.

Department (8226)

- Requires transcripts for the last 60 semester/90 quarter units of your undergraduate degree and any post-grad or graduate level coursework.

Order your transcripts as soon as possible. If you have them mailed, include the last 4 of the zip. This is how the university mail department determines where to deliver them!

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5. Personal Statement

- 5-7 pages total
- Double Spaced
- 12pt font in Times New Roman
- 1” margins
- Must be in Q&A format

Have someone read it.
Does it reflect you as a person?
A future social worker?
Does it highlight your strengths and experiences?

Need more information about the Social Work field? Check out
www.beadasocialworker.org
http://www.learnhowtobecome.org/social-worker/
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6. Resume

- Please include any paid experience, volunteer experience, or internships you have in the field of human services.

- Indicate how many hours you spent on each job/activity.
  - (ex. 05/2010-06/2011, 40 hours/week)

- 1-2 pages, double spaced, 12pt font, 1” margins.
  - We should be able to easily calculate the total number of hours you spent on each activity/job.
  - Make sure you include any training you have received.

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## 7. Other Requirements

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*These are University requirements. For more information contact Admissions and Records at 818-677-3700.*
Priority Deadline

- **DEADLINE:** December 1\(^{st}\), 2014

- *Priority Deadline means that we will review the packet for completeness and inform the applicant if they are missing anything or if anything needs editing. Priority Deadline does not mean we read the application and give feedback nor does it mean that the applicant has a better chance of getting into the program.*

- Applicants will receive Department decision on or before May 15, 2015

- **We will only contact applicants via their CSUN email address**
  - i.e. `john.smith.007@my.csun.edu`

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Regular Review

- **DEADLINE:** January 14, 2015
- Complete applications received by the priority deadline will be reviewed first.
- An opportunity to correct any formatting errors will **NOT** be given.
- Applicants will receive Department decision on or before May 15, 2015.
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Department of Social Work
CSUN MSW Events

- Graduation
- Capstone Projects
- Diversity Day
- Social Work Society (SWS)
  - Lobby Days
  - Lunch and Learn
  - Docs and Talks
Graduation

Department of Social Work
Social Work Society (SWS)

California State University
Northridge
Department of Social Work

Master of Social Work
CSUN
Inspire
Be inspired

Department of Social Work
Diversity Day

➤ An annual, day-long event of guest speakers and breakout sessions that focus of the many facets of one central issue. Past events have focused on Critical Race Theory (CRT), LGBTQ rights, immigration, trauma and mental health
Lobby Days

MSW students travel to Sacramento each Spring to learn how to lobby. They then get a chance to meet with elected officials from across the state to advocate for issues that are important to them.
Docs and Talks

- Students watch a documentary on a specific subject and then discuss with facilitation by faculty members
- Past Documentaries
  - Which Way Home
  - For the Bible Tells Me So

This Fall Doc's & Talk's Presents:

National School Backpack Month
September 5, 2013 at 6pm
“Education Under Arrest”
Tavis Smiley looks at the connection between the juvenile justice system and the dropout rate among African American teens, as well as the efforts by educators, law enforcement professionals, judges, and youth advocates to end what has been known as “the school-to-prison pipeline.” The host, Tavis Smiley, takes his camera across the country to present a narrative of what is working on the front lines of reforming the juvenile justice system.

Hunger Awareness Month
October 3, 2013 at 7pm
“A Place At the Table”
“50 Million Americans - 1 in 4 children - don’t know where their next meal is coming from. A Place at the Table tells the powerful stories of three such Americans, who maintain dignity even as they struggle just to eat. In a riveting journey that will change forever how you think about the hungry. A Place at the Table shows how the issue could be solved forever, once the American public decides - as they have in the past - that ending hunger is in the best interests of us all.”

Professor Paez Pick of the Month
November 4, 2013 at 7pm
“Bomb It”
“Graffiti isn’t simply vandalism; it’s an artistic expression employed around the world. Filmmaker Jon Reiss travels five continents to reveal graffiti’s history, cultural impact and social relevance. Noted artists share their stories, bringing this vital form of expression out of the shadows. It’s on freeway overpasses, buildings, and billboards. Now, see the real meaning of the world’s graffiti.”
Lunch & Learns

- Past and future topics:
  - Motivational Interviewing
  - Mindful Meditation
  - Role of MSWs in State Government
  - Grant Writing
  - The State Prison System
  - Bio Ethics

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Questions

Contact the CSUN MSW Department
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msw@csun.edu

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• Off-Campus - 818.677.5902 or rachel.navarro@csun.edu

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