The MSW Flex program at Cal State Fullerton prepares social workers to take leadership roles in public social service organizations charged with responding to societal problems such as poverty, family instability, mental illness, and child abuse.

What makes this program different is that it allows students the flexibility to earn their degree while maintaining employment.

**Program Features:**
- Accreditation by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)
- The program is 60-units in length
- Students can complete the program in three years
- Classes are scheduled in the evenings during Fall, Spring, and Summer terms
- Classes are held at the CSUF Irvine Campus
- Students progress through the program as part of a cohort
- Concentrations in Child Welfare or Community Mental Health
- Classes are guaranteed and the program follows a pre-determined schedule
- Fieldwork placements are tailored to a student’s area of social work practice interest

**Information Sessions**
Participants will learn about the program, admission requirements, application instructions and specific course information. Visit the website for specific dates and times.

**Apply Now for Fall 2016**
The application period for Fall 2016 is October 1, 2015 to January 30, 2016. Applicants are required to have a Bachelor’s degree. A complete list of admissions criteria is available on the website. If you have questions regarding admissions, prerequisites, transfer credits or student advising, please contact the MSW Admissions Coordinator: Duan Tran at 657-278-2584 or email applymsw@fullerton.edu

**Tuition**
Tuition is currently $425 per unit. Textbooks, parking and other instructional materials must be purchased separately.

**Financial Aid**
Federal financial aid is available in the form of long-term, low interest loans. CalSWEC stipends are available if you are currently employed by a public child welfare services agency in California. Since the MSW Flex program is not supported by state funds, students admitted to this program are not eligible for State University Grants, Cal Grants or graduate Equity Fellowship Grants.

**Program Administration**
Curriculum, designation of faculty, and academic advisement are managed by the CSUF Department of Social Work. All student services and administrative procedures, such as registration and payment of fees, are managed through CSUF University Extended Education.

**Non-State Funded Program**
The MSW Flex program is not funded by state tax revenue. Therefore, the tuition reflects an unsubsidized rate which is slightly higher than the state-based rate. The MSW Flex program uses the same curriculum, faculty, textbooks, and accreditation standards as the MSW program on main campus. Students graduating in the MSW Flex or MSW on main campus will receive the same accredited degree from Cal State Fullerton.

For more information visit [extension.fullerton.edu/masters/msw](extension.fullerton.edu/masters/msw) or contact applymsw@fullerton.edu, 657-278-2584
Foundation Curriculum
The foundation curriculum provides students with general knowledge of social work practice and skills, as well as the ability to think critically within the social work context. The foundation curriculum also provides students with knowledge of social welfare policies and services; fundamental research skills; theories of human behavior; and an understanding of the ethical values, standards and principles of the social work profession.

The entire social work curriculum emphasizes diversity and a multicultural perspective. Given the cultural diversity of the southern California region, the MSW program prepares students to practice social work effectively in an increasingly diverse social environment.

All courses in the MSW curriculum are 3 semester units.

The foundation curriculum consists of:
- MSW 501: Social Work Perspectives on Human Behavior I
- MSW 502: Social Work Perspectives on Human Behavior II
- MSW 510: Social Work Practice I
- MSW 511: Social Work Practice II
- MSW 520: Social Welfare Policy and Services I
- MSW 521: Social Welfare Policy and Services II
- MSW 530: Applied Social Work Research Methods I
- MSW 540: Social Work Field Instruction I
- MSW 541: Social Work Field Instruction II
- MSW 550: Social Work Practice with Diverse Populations

Advanced Curriculum
The advanced curriculum builds upon the foundation curriculum by preparing students for autonomous professional social work practice in multiple areas of social work practice. At the advanced level, students take courses in advanced social work practice, including proper utilization of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM) in social work practice. The advanced generalist curriculum provides students with coursework in advanced social welfare policy and services, and supervision and organizational management. All students are required to complete a master's project as their culminating educational experience in the MSW program.

The advanced curriculum consists of:
- MSW 503: Social Work Perspectives on Human Behavior III
- MSW 512/514: Advanced Practice I – in Concentration (CW or CMH)
- MSW 522/523: Policy and Social Work – in Concentration (CW or CMH)
- MSW 542: Advanced Social Work Field Instruction I
- MSW 543: Advanced Social Work Field Instruction II
- MSW 564: Professional Issues in Social Work: Supervision, Ethics, and Finance
- MSW 596: Master's Project Development
- MSW 597: Master's Project

Electives
Students will select two electives from the courses listed below, one must be a practice-specific course. MSW 571 does not meet this requirement.
- MSW 570: Social Work Practice in Substance Abuse Treatment
- MSW 571: Social Work Perspectives on Developmental Psychopathology and Family Context
- MSW 572: Spirituality, Religion, and Social Work
- MSW 573: Trauma-Focused Social Work Practice

Field Learning Experiences
Under the supervision of program-approved field instructors, students complete two field learning experiences that allow them to apply social work knowledge and skills learned in the classroom. Typically, field learning experiences involve 16 hours per week of internship at a community-based social work agency. Each internship lasts for approximately 9 months (Fall and Spring semesters) Students are placed in internships by the MSW Program Director of Field Education; students are not required to find their field placements. Field learning experiences are tailored to each student’s area of practice interest.

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