

<b>MSW OPTIONS</b>	<b>SDSU</b>	<b>CSUSM Extended</b>	<b>CSUN Online</b>	<b>ASU Online</b>	<b>USC (Traditional and Online programs available)</b>
<b>General Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bachelor's degree with a liberal arts background</li> <li>• Undergraduate statistics course</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bachelor's degree</li> <li>• Undergraduate statistics course</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bachelor's degree, Liberal Arts preferred</li> <li>• Upper Division Writing Proficiency Exam (Non-CSU graduates), may be waived by score of 3 or higher on analytical writing section of GRE</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bachelor's degree with at least 30 units of liberal arts coursework</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bachelor's degree with at least 18 units of liberal arts coursework</li> </ul>
<b>GRE</b>	GRE required (only analytical writing score considered)	Not Required	GRE required if GPA is lower than 3.0	GRE or MAT required if GPA is lower than 3.2	Not Required, may be used to highlight academic achievement
<b>Required Volunteering for Admission</b>	500 Hours of human services experience (may be paid, volunteer, or internship) Successfully completed undergrad stats course	None, but a resume including experience in social work and a personal statement describing the relevant work is required	Work experience, ideally that demonstrates maturity, respect for others and the ability to withstand emotional challenges	At least 240 hours of volunteer or work experience in social services over a period of 6 months within the last 5 years	1-2 Years of social work related or volunteer experience preferred
<b>Average Undergraduate GPA</b>	3.2 (minimum 2.85)	3.26 average in 2016, expected to increase in the next application cycle	Many students in the 2.5-3.5 range	3.2	3.3
<b>Concentrations Offered</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct Practice</li> <li>• Administration/Community Development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children, Youth and Families</li> <li>• Behavioral Health</li> </ul>	N/A	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children, Youth and Families</li> <li>• Adults and Healthy Ageing</li> <li>• Community, Organization, and Business innovation</li> </ul>
<b>Program Length</b>	2-4 years depending on chosen track	2 years full time, 3 years part time	2 years full time	2 years full time, 3 years part time (limited availability)	2-4 years depending on chosen track
<b>Accommodating for Working Adults</b>	The longer tracks have lighter course loads that may be more accommodating for working adults, however field hours may interfere with full time employment	The part time track is moderately flexible in the first year but required practicum hours may interfere with full time employment	Classes are online and lectures meet live once a week between 5pm and 9pm, field placement only available M-F 9am-5pm	The part time track offers a lighter course load but with all programs practicum hours may interfere with full time employment	Part Time and Online options may allow for greater flexibility than traditional full time programs but field education may interfere with full time employment

<b>Time Required On Campus</b>	Traditional Format Program (not online)	Traditional Format Program (not online)	No Time required on Campus, Fully Online Program	No Time required on Campus, Fully Online Program	Traditional Format Program (not online) and fully online programs offered, on campus orientation may be required
<b>Practicum/ Program Internship Hours</b>	2 Years of Field Practicum, 16 hours per week in the first year, 20 hours per week in the second year	16 hours per week in the first year (flexible if on the 3-year track) and 20 hours per week in the second and third years	16 Hours per week in first and second year	240 hours per semester, 480 hours per year	14-20 hours per week in first and second year, field hours may vary based upon program length chosen
<b>Thesis Required?</b>	Plan A- Thesis Required Plan B- Comprehensive Exam Required	Yes, Thesis	Yes, Thesis/ Capstone Project	Yes, Capstone Project	No
<b>Program Cost</b>	Estimated \$8350/year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$499/Unit (60 Units required= \$29,940)</li> <li>And \$787/ Semester</li> </ul>	\$737/Unit (60 units required= \$44,220)	\$599/Unit (60 units required= \$35,940) Additional \$100 course fee for field education courses	\$1,733/ Unit (if enrolled in 1-14 units) \$25,721 flat rate (if enrolled in 15-18 units)  Estimated Total Cost: 2 Year Program: \$99,966 3 Year Program: \$103,980 4 Year Program: \$103,980
<b>Application fee</b>	\$55	\$55	\$55	\$70	\$90

**Additional Resources:**

Accredited Schools of Social Work in California: [http://www.bbs.ca.gov/app-reg/lcs\\_schools.shtml](http://www.bbs.ca.gov/app-reg/lcs_schools.shtml)

A list of online MSW programs: <https://www.onlinemswprograms.com/states/california-msw-online.html>

Information on California State Licensure Requirements: <http://www.socialworklicensure.org/state/social-work-licensure-california.html#context/api/listings/prefilter>

Information on Navigating the LCSW Licensing Process: [http://www.bbs.ca.gov/app-reg/lcs\\_presentation.shtml](http://www.bbs.ca.gov/app-reg/lcs_presentation.shtml)

FAQ about the process of becoming a LCSW after registering as a ASW: [http://www.bbs.ca.gov/pdf/publications/asw\\_faq.pdf](http://www.bbs.ca.gov/pdf/publications/asw_faq.pdf)