Department of Social Work

Fall 2018 Admissions Information Session

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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

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Urban Family Practice

- What does it mean?
  - Generalist Approach
  - Micro, Mezzo, Macro
  - Non-Traditional

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Department Mission Statement

The mission of California State University Northridge, Department of Social Work, is to prepare professional social workers to promote the wellbeing 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

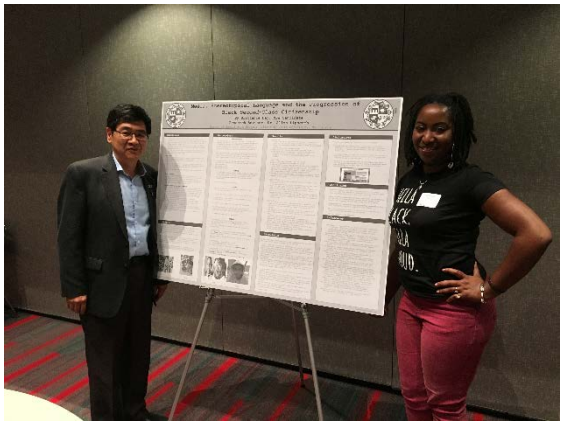
CSWE Accreditation

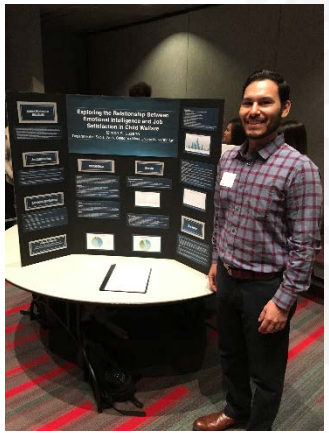
- What is CSWE?
- Importance of accreditation
- Nine Core Competencies

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





On-Campus (State-Support)	Off-Campus (Self-Support)
Two Year Program	Online – Two Year
Three Year Program	College of the Canyons – Three Year

Admit approximately 200 students each academic year

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On-Campus Two-Year Program

(State-Support)

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

Class Schedule

First Year:

- Tuesdays- 7:45am - 4:45pm
- Fridays- 9:00am - 3:45pm

Second Year:

- Tuesdays- 9:00am - 4:45pm
- Thursdays- 7:45am - 4:45pm

Total Tuition: Approximately $16,500*

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

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

First Year: 16 hours per week

Second Year: 24 hours per week

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On-Campus Three-Year Program

(State-Support)

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

Class Schedule

Same throughout the program:

- Tuesdays - 6:00pm - 9:45pm
- Thursdays - 6:00pm - 8:45pm

Can include up to 4 Saturdays a semester

Total Tuition: Approximately $27,500*

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

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

First and Second Year: 16 hours per week

DCFS Employees will complete field during the second and third years of the program

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Off-Campus Programs

Tseng College (Self-Support)

Online

Two-year Program

College of the Canyons

Three-year Program

Contact: Rachel Navarro

Online & Offsite MSW Program Coordinator

818-677-5902 or rachel.navarro@csun.edu

Cost: between $37,296 and $44,220**

***Tuition rates from Fall 2016*

Online Two-Year Program

Tseng College (Self-Support)

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

Class Schedule

- **Asynchrononous class meetings** *except for weekly Field Classes*
- **Live online classes on Zoom** or watch the recorded sessions
- 16-week semesters with 8-week courses

Total Tuition:
Approximately $44,220**

Tuition rates from Fall 2016

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

16 hours per week both years

Please visit http://msw.csun.edu/ for more information about Online/Off-Campus Programs

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COC Three-Year Program

Tseng College (Self-Support)

20 Classes totaling 60 units over 8 semesters (9 units per semester including Summer Sessions; 6 units a semester in final year)

Total Tuition: Approximately $37,296*

******Tuition rates from Fall 2016***

Class Schedule

Similar throughout the entire program:

- **Years One and Two**: Wednesdays - 4:00pm – 10:00pm
  Can include up to 4 Saturdays during Summer term
- **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

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University Requirements

- Have a baccalaureate degree from an accredited university or college prior to Fall 2018
  - While a major in Social Work, Sociology, Psychology, Liberal Arts, or a related field is preferred, other majors will be considered for admission
- Have at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA or a 2.5 GPA in the last 60 semester/90 quarter units of their undergraduate degree
  - **Ideally, applicants should have a GPA of 3.0 or above for the last 60 semester/90 quarter units**
  - Lower-division courses or courses taken in extension, after obtaining the undergraduate degree, will be included in the last 60 semester/90 quarter unit GPA calculation given that they are in the areas of social or behavioral sciences
- Be in good standing at the last institution attended

Steps in the Application Process*

***ON-CAMPUS PROGRAMS ONLY (State-Support)**

- Cal State Apply Application – ***Application Opens October 1, 2017***
  - Official Transcripts
  - Activate CSUN email address
- Department Application- ***Application Opens September 15, 2017***
  - Department Application
  - Applicant Contract
  - GPA Worksheet
  - Unofficial Transcripts
  - Personal Statement
  - Resume
  - Three Recommendation Packets

How to Apply*

*ON-CAMPUS PROGRAMS ONLY (State-Support)

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

Department Application

- http://www.csun.edu/social-behavioral-sciences/social-work/admissions

University Application

- https://www2.calstate.edu/apply

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

How to Apply*

*ONLINE/OFF-CAMPUS PROGRAMS ONLY

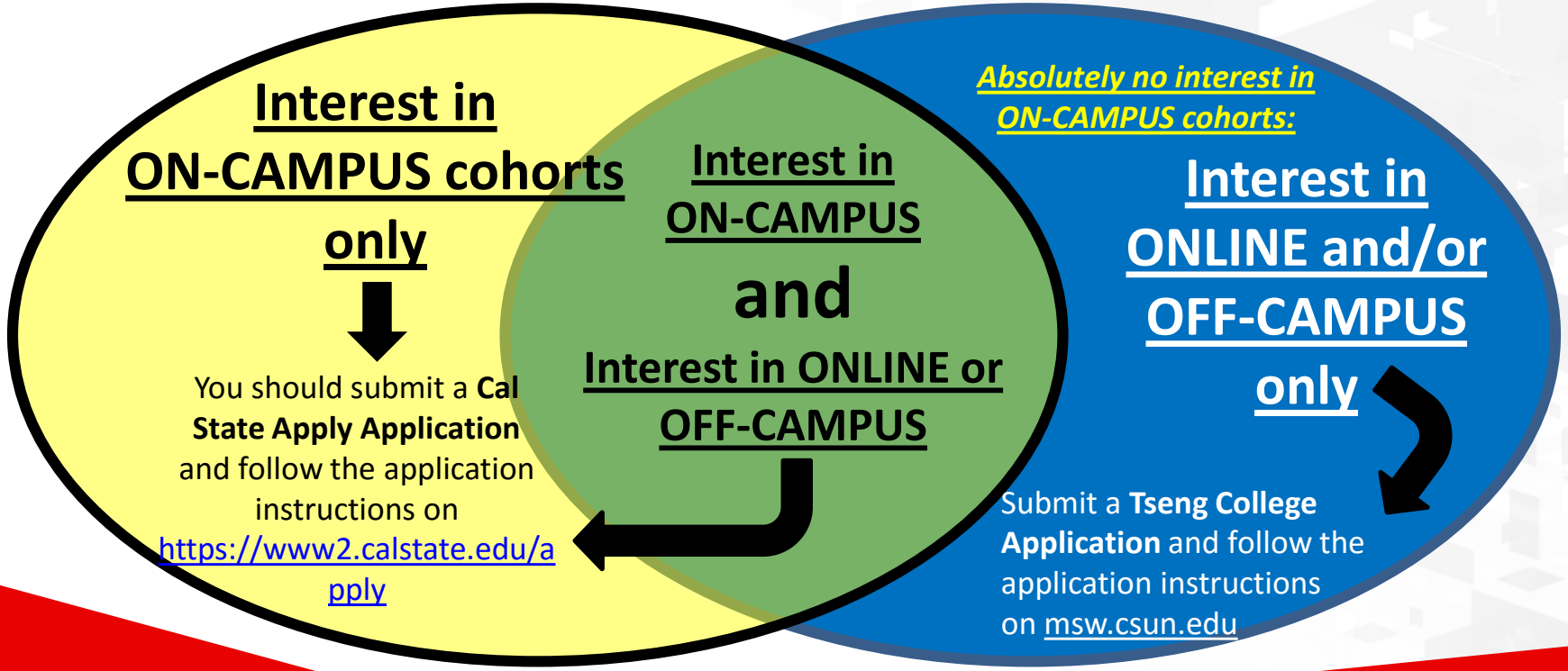
(Self-Support)

- All applicants interested primarily in the ONLINE or COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS cohorts should follow specific application instructions found here:
- **http://tsengcollege.csun.edu/programs/MSW/apply**

- **DO NOT submit a Cal State Apply** online application if your intention is to apply solely to the Online or COC cohorts. Instead, submit the application through Tseng College. *The Cal State Apply online application is only for applicants applying to CSUN's on-campus MSW program*

- ***NOTE:*** *If you are interested in being considered for BOTH the on-campus program and any of our online or off-campus cohorts, follow the on-campus program's application process and submit the Cal State Apply online application. When completing the Department Application portion, indicate which of the multiple cohorts you are interested in, and your application items will be considered accordingly*

FAQ: Should I fill out a Cal State Apply or a Tseng College Application?



REMEMBER: You should not submit both versions of the MSW application. Submit only one Cal State Apply **OR** one Tseng College Application.

Department Application

- Program Cohort Preferences
- Basic applicant information
  - CSUN email address (Sent through mail)
- Emergency contact information
- Academic History
- Prior Graduate Social Work School/Program

Applicant Contract

- Must be signed and uploaded to the online application system
  - *Please read it as you are agreeing to follow the department and university policies and procedures in regards to admissions and field placement*

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 uploaded to the online application system by the admissions deadline (December 15, 2017)
- No paper copies will be accepted, all materials must be submitted online

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

No relatives!

Transcripts

University (Admissions and Records)

- Requires transcripts from every college and/or university attended

Department

- Requires unofficial transcripts and GPA Calculator for last 60 semester or 90 quarter units

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!

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. 05/2010-06/2014, 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*

Personal Statement

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

Did you answer all the questions?
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.beasocialworker.org

http://www.learnhowtobecome.org/social-worker/

Other Requirements

Graduate Record Exam (GRE)

- Required if applicant's cumulative undergraduate GPA is below a 3.0
- www.gre.org

Writing Proficiency Exam (WPE)

- Required if the applicant did not graduate from a CSU
- www.csun.edu/udwpe/

These are University requirements.

For more information contact Admissions and Records at 818-677-3700.

International Students

- Official TOEFL score (www.toefl.org)
  - All applicants from countries in which the official language is not English are required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Applicants who do not possess a bachelor's degree from a postsecondary institution where English is the principal language of instruction must obtain a minimum score on the internet (iBT) version of the TOEFL of 88 and score a minimum of 22 on each of the four individual. All scores should be sent directly to CSUN using code 4707. Additionally, the University now accepts the IELTS and PTE Academic tests.
- Affidavit of Financial Support
- Official transcripts from all universities/colleges attended, and all official English translations
- International applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the International Admissions Office at 818-677-3760. Application materials and documents should be mailed to:

International Admissions

18111 Nordhoff Street

Northridge, CA 91330-8207

Deadlines

Preferred Deadline: November 15, 2017

FINAL DEADLINE: December 15, 2017

- No late or incomplete applications will be reviewed
- Applicants will receive Department decision on or before May 15, 2018
- **We will only contact applicants via their CSUN email address**
  - i.e. john.smith.007@my.csun.edu

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, 8-6pm

Field Application Process

Online application through Intern Placement Tracking (IPT)

In person interview with Field Department

Interview with prospective field placement(s)

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1st Year of Field Practicum

Schedule	• 16 hours a week • During business hours M-F, 8-6pm
Strategy	• We pick for you • New learning environment
Benefits	• Learn something new about the field and yourself

2nd Year of Field Practicum

Schedule

- 24 hours week (Two-year Stateside)
- 16 hours a week (All other cohorts)
- During business hours M-F, 8-6pm

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

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Stipends

Child Welfare

- *CalSWEC*
- *UCCF*

Gerontology

- *GSWEC*

Mental Health

- *Department of Mental Health(DMH)*
- *CalSWEC Mental Health*

CalSWEC
California Social Work Education Center

UCCF
University Consortium for Children & Families

HOPE WELLNESS RECOVERY
LAC DMH
LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

Social Work Society (SWS)

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SOCIAL WORK SOCIETY

Listen
Support
Advocate
Empower

CSUN MSW Events

- Diversity Day
- Lobby Days
- Docs and Talks
- Lunch and Learn
- Graduation

Diversity Day

An annual, day-long event of guest speakers and breakout sessions that focus of the many facets of one central issue

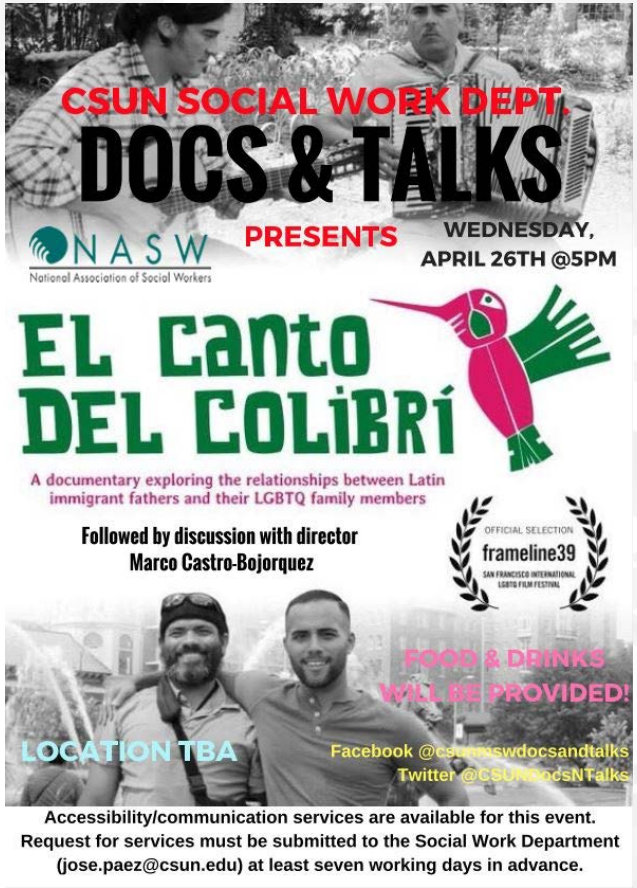
Past events have focused on Critical Race Theory (CRT), LGBTQ rights, immigration, trauma, disability justice and mental health

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 & Talks

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



Lunch & Learns

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INVITES YOU TO SAVE THE DATE!

LUNCH & LEARN with Data-Planet

DATE: Friday, February 24
TIME: 12:00 PM- 3:00 PM
- 12:00 Lunch
- 12:15- 2:00 Introduction & Hands on Skills
- 2:00- 3:00 Questions & Answers

LOCATION: Oviatt Library, Lab A

RSVP by Tuesday, February 21

RSVP AT http://bit.ly/datalunch

CSUN faculty and graduate students are invited to this hands-on introduction to ***Data-Planet***. This cross-disciplinary database was recently made available from Oviatt Library with the support of all nine college deans at CSUN. This workshop and Q&A session will prepare all participants for research and classroom assignments. The CEO and Founder of Data-Planet, Richard Landry, will be leading both sessions.

DATA-PLANET
A UNIVERSE OF DATA

Data-Planet offers one place data from 75 of the most significant data providers covering over 450 databases, and spanning 4.9 billion datasets. This unique database crosses 16 broad subject areas with data relevant to every researcher and student. Data-Planet offers a single interface to quickly find the data you need, compare across a single or multiple sources, and output to the most used formats.

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

Graduation

Questions

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