

Admissions Requirements

Applicant Criteria

- Have a baccalaureate degree from an accredited university or college.
- Be in good standing at the last institution attended.
- Have at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average (GPA) or in the last 60 semester/90 quarter units of their undergraduate degree.
 - The departmental preference is a 3.0 GPA or above.

Application Materials

- Select one application process:
 - On-campus cohort:** *Cal State Apply* (\$70 fee) **AND** *Department application* (\$35) – *required for on-campus cohort(s)*
 - Online cohort:** *Tseng College application* (\$70 fee)
- Official transcripts in a sealed envelope for every college and/or university attended must be mailed to CSUN Admissions and Records
- Applicant Contract
- Supplemental Questions– *current prompts found in application*
- Resume
- Three Letters of Recommendation– *uploaded to application*
- Official TOEFL score (if applicable)

Mission Statement & Program Goals

The mission of California State University, Northridge, Department of Social Work, is to prepare professional social workers to be anti-oppressive, socially just agents of change who promote well-being in urban settings. As an advanced generalist program with a focus on urban communities, the Department will teach and create collaborative learning experiences with students.

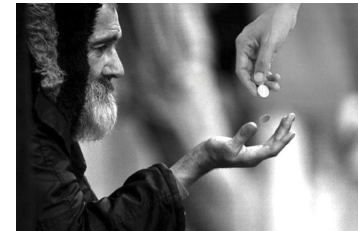
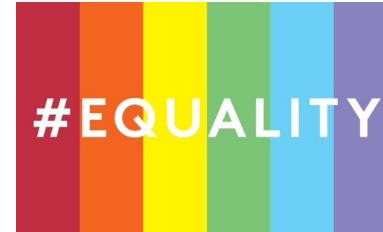
Focus: Urban settings describe communities with densely populated areas and a vast array of subcultures. Utilizing a lens that espouses an anti-racist, intersectional, trauma-informed, collaborative perspective, the Department celebrates a strengths-based inclusive of identity, emphasized by the shared experiences of community, culture, and location.

We will:

- Examine and apply an intersectionality, power, and privilege lens to address social, political, and systemic change.
- Empower and be relevant to the diverse needs of the multi-national, multi-ethnic, multi-cultural San Fernando Valley and its surrounding communities.

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Admissions Information

Fall 2023 Application Available : October 1, 2023

On-Campus applicants submit application via Cal State Apply; or Online applicants submit application via Tseng College. DO NOT SUBMIT BOTH VERSIONS.

Application Deadline: January 10, 2023

Information Sessions will be offered

September 12, 2022

October 19, 2022

November 14, 2022

December 7, 2022

Zoom link will be provided upon RSVP

To RSVP, please visit:

[Social Work Department Admissions Page](#)

On-Campus: www.csun.edu/msw

Contact msw@csun.edu

Online & Off-Site: msw.csun.edu

Contact Gretchen Serrano at gretchen.serrano@csun.edu



Cohort Options

Cohort	Required Hours of Internship	Field Education Internship	Class Date/Times	Total Program Tuition Cost
On-Campus Two-Year	1 st Year: 16 hours per week	Monday, Wednesday, and/or Thursday	Tues: 7:45am-4:45pm Fri: 9:00am-4:00pm	\$16,944* (state-support)
	2 nd Year: 20 hours per week	Monday, Wednesday, and Friday	Tues: 9:00am-4:45pm Thurs: 7:45am-4:45pm	
On-Campus Three-Year	1 st Year: 16 hours per week	Must be available at least TWO days per week during regular business hours	Tues: 6:00-10:00pm Thurs: 6:00-8:45pm	\$27,350* (state-support)
	2 nd Year: 16 hours per week			
	3 rd Year: No Internship			
Online Two-Year	1 st Year: 16 hours per week	Must be available at least TWO days per week during regular business hours	Varies	\$45,120** (self-support)
	2 nd Year: 16 hours per week			

*Cost of tuition is estimated and will be different for non-California residents, please visit <http://www.csun.edu/stufin/tuition>

**Tuition rates determined by Tseng College; figure is based from Fall 2021 (TBD for Fall 2023)

Field Education Internships: Field practicum is the signature pedagogy in graduate social work education. It is in field education where theory, practice concepts, and skills, values, and social policy and research information are applied and internalized. Field education provides the guided practice needed to prepare MSW students to become advanced social work professionals.

Tuition Rates and Other Cohort Differences: Applicants may be interested in more than one cohort at the time of application. On-campus (state-support) and online/off-campus (self-support) cohorts may differ by tuition cost, eligibility for various types of financial aid and grants, and/or eligibility for other types of resources and services (ie. limited stipend opportunities that have specific eligibility criteria). If offered admission to the program, it is the applicant's responsibility to clarify which type of aid, resources, and services they may be eligible for based upon their cohort choice prior to joining the program.