The Advanced Standing Program (ASP) at Cal State LA’s School of Social Work is a one-year, 33-semester unit Masters of Social Work (MSW) program for candidates who hold a bachelor’s degree in social work (BSW) degree. Admission to ASP allows students to complete their MSW degree in less time than the traditional MSW program by waiving the first-year foundation course requirements. Students applying for this option must have earned a BSW within the last five years and demonstrate readiness to perform at the level of a second-year MSW student via social work experience post-BSW.

Advantages of Attending Cal State LA
- Excellent education at an affordable price (Ranked # 59 among top social work schools by 2019 US News and World Report)
- Individual attention to students by faculty and staff

Class /Field Schedule:
- Students attend classes Mondays and Tuesdays during the daytime at the Downtown Los Angeles (DTLA) campus.
- Field Internship is consecutive days Wed-Thurs-Fri for a total of 24 hours per week.

Field Education Requirements:
Students must complete a minimum of 720 hours of field internship for the academic year (August through May). Students are placed throughout Los Angeles County and must successfully match with a Second Year MSW placement.

Students are expected to develop an increased insight and depth of understanding of agency and client systems and social work practice skills and are exposed to a diversity of experiences. The goal of the second year field placement is to help students develop advanced and more focused social work skills—including clinical interventions with diverse populations, effective treatment strategies on a micro/macro level where appropriate.

Applicant Criteria for the program:
- Bachelor’s Degree in Social Work completed within the last 5 years from a CSWE accredited school with a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA.
- Successful ASP candidates will demonstrate readiness to be placed in a second year field placement if admitted. For example, the candidate has work experience in social or human services post BASW.

Please check the web site for additional requirements: [http://www.calstatela.edu/hhs/sw/msw-applications](http://www.calstatela.edu/hhs/sw/msw-applications)
Cost:
Total cost for the Advanced Standing Program is $525 per unit plus health center fees. Please note; this cost does not include University Student Fees.

How to Apply:
The application for the ASP program is a two-step process:

1) Submit MSW ASP application online once your fall courses have been completed here:

www.calstatela.edu/dtla/master-social-work-advanced-standing-downtown-la

Application Packet includes:
- School of Social Work Supplemental Application (uploaded online)
- Personal Statement (uploaded online)
- 3 Reference Forms (mailed or hand delivered to PaGE)
- Current Resume (uploaded online)
- Unofficial transcript from each college and university attended (uploaded online)

*Application deadline is February 15, 2020*

Reference Forms must be mailed or hand delivered to the College of Professional and Global Education (PaGE):

College of Professional and Global Education
Golden Eagle Room 220B
5151 State University Dr.
Los Angeles, CA. 90032

Reference Forms are required from each of the following:

- one from a professor/academic (A),
- one from BASW field liaison (FL),
- one from BASW field instructor/supervisor (FI)

2) Between February 1st, 2020 and February 28th, 2020 apply to the University by completing the online Cal State Apply application at: www.calstate.edu/apply

- $70 application fee
- Apply for the Summer 2020 MSW ASP Graduate Program
- Set up your GET account and check your “To Do” List for missing documents
- Your complete application will be reviewed by the School of Social Work and the Office of Admissions
- You will receive your admission decision via email

For more information about the advanced standing program, please visit http://www.calstatela.edu/dtla/master-social-work-advanced-standing-downtown-la. You may also contact Michelle Lightburn at 323-343-4684 -mlightburn@cslanet.calstatela.edu