The MSW Program at California State University, Los Angeles educates students to assume leadership roles in professional practice. Our advanced urban generalist graduates analyze, intervene, evaluate and advocate with diverse, underserved and oppressed clients and communities. Our Urban generalist focus prepares students to provide service across the spectrum of practice.

Capitalizing on CSULA’s location, this focus offers students the opportunity to learn effective and responsive strategies for working in any urban environment at the micro (individual/family), mezzo (group/community) and macro (policy/societal) levels. Our MSW program also allows students to empower and be relevant to the needs of the multi-national, multi-ethnic, multi-cultural communities that surround the campus (Alhambra, downtown Los Angeles, East Los Angeles, Glendale, Lincoln Heights, Monterey Park, Pasadena and other nearby communities).

The ASP at CSULA’s School of Social Work is a one-year, 33-semester unit, program for candidates who hold a BSW (BASW) degree. Admission to the 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 (BASW) 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.

Class /Field Schedule:

Students attend classes in accordance with their program plan as follows:

- 1 YEAR - Advanced Standing Program (ASP) 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 placement 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 an accredited school 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 $17,325. Please note; this cost does not include University Student Fees.

**How to Apply:**

Applying to ASP is a dual application process between the University (CSULA) and the School of Social Work. Below is the step-by-step process:

**Step 1:** Complete the MSW supplemental application packet, which is available through the College of Professional and Global Education (PaGE) [http://www.calstatela.edu/dtla/master-social-work-advanced-standing-downtown-la](http://www.calstatela.edu/dtla/master-social-work-advanced-standing-downtown-la)

1) Create an account at PaGE online portal  

2) Complete the online MSW supplemental application

3) Upload the following documents to PaGE portal:
   4) Personal Statement
   5) Current Resume
   6) Unofficial Transcripts
   7) Mail in letters of recommendation to:

   College of Professional and Global Education  
   Golden Eagle room 211  
   5151 State University Dr.  
   Los Angeles, CA 90065

**Application filing period:**

The ASP application-filing period is October 16, 2017 to February 15, 2018. Please note that all application materials must be in by the February 15, 2018 deadline.

**Step 2:** Complete the university (CSULA) online application at [https://www2.calstate.edu/apply/graduate](https://www2.calstate.edu/apply/graduate)

The university filing period for Summer Semester 2018 is February 1 to 28, 2018.

For more information about the advanced standing program, please visit [http://www.calstatela.edu/dtla/master-social-work-advanced-standing-downtown-la](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 or Hope Velarde at 888-541-3852 - hvelard@calstatela.edu