



SCHOOL OF
SOCIAL WORK

MSW One-Year Advanced Standing Program (ASP) Summer 2020 Application Information



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MSW Advanced Standing Program (ASP)

- Offered at Cal State LA Downtown, 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.



The Cal State LA Advantage

- Excellent and affordable education targeting a wide range of students.
- Ranked #59 among top social work schools by the 2019 U.S. News and World Report.
- One of the most ethnically diverse colleges (students and faculty).
- Students receive individual attention from faculty and staff.
- Students have an opportunity to make a contribution to social work research with the completion of their thesis.





Cal State LA Downtown | 801 S. Grand Avenue | 6th Floor

- Modern and inviting space designed to meet the needs of 21st century learners.
- Equipped with the latest in educational technology
- Located in the heart of Downtown Los Angeles
- Accessible to public transit, freeways, and parking available on-site
- Financial aid available in Summer



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The Urban Generalist Focus

- The urban generalist focus prepares students to provide service across the spectrum of practice.
- Capitalizing on Cal State LA Downtown'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, and multi-cultural communities that surround the campus (Downtown L.A., East L.A., South L.A., Pasadena, Alhambra, Glendale, and other nearby communities).
- Applicants will still be able to work with specific populations through course content, electives, fieldwork (internship), and thesis. Concentration specific content (e.g. children, youth, women and families, aging, forensic, LGBT etc.) are incorporated across the MSW curriculum.



Admission Requirements

- The MSW Advanced Standing Program (ASP) at Cal State LA is a one-year 36 semester unit program for candidates who hold a BASW degree.
- Admission to the program 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 demonstrate their field readiness to perform at the level of a second-year MSW student.
- The ASP program begins with 6 semester units (2 courses) in the summer prior to the beginning of the advanced courses, which are completed in two semesters.
- ASP students attend classes Mondays and Tuesdays at Cal State LA Downtown located at 801 S. Grand Avenue, Los Angeles on the 6th Floor.
- Field internship for ASP students are on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays during regular business hours for a total of 24 hours per week.



Requirements for Advanced Standing

- Bachelor's degree in Social Work from a CSWE accredited college or university (completed with the last 5 years)
- Minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale.
- Three recommendation letters using our reference form. Letters must be from each of the following:
 1. **One academic (A)**
 2. **One from your Integrative Seminar Instructor (F)**
 3. **One from the field instructor from your BASW internship (F)**
- 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.

One year of work experience in social services or human services is preferred



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Curriculum Courses for the One Year

Summer Semester (4 Weeks)				Fall Semester (16 Weeks)				Spring Semester (16 Weeks)			
Course	Title	Unit	Pre-Requisite	Course	Title	Unit	Pre-Requisite	Course	Title	Unit	Pre-Requisite
SW 5401	Social Welfare Research & Statistics	3		SW 5950 C	Field Practicum	3		SW 5204	Advanced Evidence-based SW Practice	3	SW 5203
SW 5805	Child Welfare (Elective 1)	3		SW 5203	Mental Health Assessment & Diagnosis	3		SW 5804	Trauma, Substance Abuse & Violence (Elective)	3	
	Summer Workshop for Field Readiness	0		SW 5303	Administration of Social. Service Agencies	3		SW 5304	Advanced Policy Analysis & Practice	3	
				SW 5970	Advanced Social Work Research	3		SW 5995	Research Project	3	SW 5970
								SW 5950D	Field Practicum	3	SW 5950C
Total Units: 6				Total Units: 12				Total Units: 15			

Total Required Units: 33



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Applying to the ASP Program

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

Step 1: Starting October 15, 2019, complete and submit an MSW ASP application online here: www.calstatela.edu/dtla/msw

Application Packet includes:

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

Application Deadline is February 15, 2020



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Applying to the ASP Program (Cont'd)

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

**College of Professional & Global Education
Golden Eagle Building, Room 220B
5151 State University Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90032**

Reference Forms are required for each of the following:

- 1. One academic (A)**
- 2. One from your Integrative Seminar Instructor (F)**
- 3. One from the field instructor from your BASW internship (F)**



Applying to the ASP Program (Cont'd)

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

- Pay the \$55 application fee
- Apply for the **Summer 2020** MSW ASP Graduate Program
- Send your official transcripts and any other required documents to:
Office of Admissions
- Setup your **GET Account** and check your “To Do” list for missing documents
- Once your application has been submitted, you will be assigned a Campus Identification Number (CIN), which you will receive within 2-weeks
- Your complete application will be reviewed by the School of Social Work and the Office of Admissions
- Admission decisions will be provided by e-mail



Tuition and Fees

One Year ASP	\$17,325 (\$525 per unit)
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Please Note:

All CSU listed fees should be regarded as **estimates** that are subject to change upon approval by the Board of Trustees.

*Total cost does not include books, parking fees, student health insurance, and other related expenses.



Financial Aid

Students are encouraged to apply for federal aid through the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) application.



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Additional Financial Aid Opportunities

- For information on financial aid resources for graduate students at Cal State LA, please visit: www.calstatela.edu/nisfep/fellowships
- The California Pre-Doctoral Program
- The California Forgivable Loan/Doctoral Incentive Program
- International Graduate Student Tuition Waiver Program



The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health Stipend

- The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) Stipend Project was designed in response to the shortage of MSW level mental health professionals in California. The stipend is funded by Mental Health Services Act (MHSA, formerly Proposition 63).
- The LACDMH Stipend Program provides \$18,500 for the academic year and comes with a one year commitment to work for LACDMH or a LACDMH contracted agency.
- Students must be placed at a LACDMH directly operated or contracted agency for their field placement experience in order to be eligible for the stipend.
- Preference for this stipend will be given to qualified applicants of ethno-cultural minority groups who are served in increasing numbers by LA County DMH agencies.
- Fluency in a second language as needed by mental health agencies in Los Angeles County is also a plus.
- This stipend is for students committed to the field of mental health.
- For more information, please contact Dr. Colleen Friend at (323) 343-4680 or cfriend@calstatela.edu



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The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health Stipend

Please Note

Stipend recipients who do not graduate on time (at the end of the academic year in which the stipend was received) or complete the employment obligation may be required to repay in cash the full cost of the stipend received plus interest.



Application Recap

Step 1

Two-Step Application Process

1. Apply to the MSW ASP Program
2. Apply to the University (Cal State Apply)

Step 2

MSW ASP Application Packet Includes:

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

Step 3

October 15, 2019: Start accepting ASP Application Packets

February 1-28, 2020: Apply to the University (Cal State Apply)

February 15, 2020: ASP Application Packet Deadline



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