



# SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

## ASP Information Sheet

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) earned from a CSWE accredited school. 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.

### **Advantages of Attending Cal State LA**

- Excellent education at an affordable cost. Ranked top 3 MSW schools in Southern California and top 5 in California. Ranked # 59 among top social work schools by 2022 US News and World Report.
- Individual attention to students by faculty and staff.
- Students have an opportunity to make a contribution to social work research with the completion of their thesis.
- One of the most ethnically diverse colleges (students and faculty).
- Great peer support through close interactions and networking.

### **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 Council of Social Work Education (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>

**Cost:**

Total tuition for the Advanced Standing Program is \$17,325 (\$525 per unit).

**How to Apply:**

- 1) Between October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and January 14, 2022, apply to the University by completing the online Cal State Apply application at: [www.calstate.edu/apply](http://www.calstate.edu/apply) for the **Summer 2022** MSW ASP Graduate Program at the Downtown Los Angeles (DTLA) Campus. The MSW portion of the application will be located in Quadrant 4 (Q4) of the university application. **In Q4 you will need to upload the personal statement, resume, unofficial copy of your transcript from all schools attended and the names and email addresses for the individuals who will be completing your reference form.** Reference Forms are to be completed by each of the following:
  - **one from a professor/academic (A),**
  - **one from BASW field liaison (FL),**
  - **one from BASW field instructor/supervisor (FI).**
- 2) \$70 application fee.
- 3) Set up your GET account and check your "To Do" List for missing documents.
- 4) You will be notified of your admission decision via email in April 2022.

For more information about the advanced standing program, please visit <http://www.calstatela.edu/dtla/master-social-work-advanced-standing-downtown-la> . You may contact Ms. Zoraya Gudelman, at [zgudelm@calstatela.edu](mailto:zgudelm@calstatela.edu) or contact Michelle Lightburn at [milightburn@cslanet.calstatela.edu](mailto:milightburn@cslanet.calstatela.edu)