The Department of Social Work at California State University, Bakersfield (CSUB) offers a Master of Social Work (MSW) that is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

Characteristics of the Program

- Full-time program – takes two years
- Part-time program – takes three years
- Courses in the part-time program are hybrid (partly online) with face-to-face classes only one evening each week.
- Advanced Standing program for qualified BSW graduates
- Low student/faculty ratio
- Individual attention from experienced social work faculty and professionals

Program Information

Detailed information about the MSW program is available on the department website: www.csub.edu/socialwork

Admission Requirements

- Possession of an accredited Bachelor’s Degree with a liberal arts foundation
- GPA of at least 2.5 (on a four-point scale) in the last 60/90 units
- A complete Department of Social Work application and a California State University Graduate School application.
- Writing proficiency requirement. All applicants must submit test results from one of the following exams: GWAR, CBEST, GRE, or GMAT
- Official sealed copies of transcripts from all colleges attended
- Writing prompts (according to the department application)
- Three letters of reference

Cost

CSUB is part of the California State University system, one of the most affordable university systems in the nation. For more information and a current fee schedule, visit the university website at www.csub.edu/admissions under “Registration.”

Financial Assistance

All applicants are encouraged to apply with the Financial Aid Office for student loans, grants, and graduate school scholarships (FAFSA).

CalSWEC (California Social Work Education Center) offers assistance to a limited number of students who commit to working in a public child welfare agency after graduation. Full-time students receive up to $18,500 per year. Part-time students, who must be employed in a California public child welfare agency, receive reimbursement for tuition, books, and school-related travel, up to a limit.

Application Information

The Admissions Specialist with the Department of Social Work is available to provide additional information about the application process.

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