



EXTENSION AND INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

California State University, Fullerton



Comparison between MS Counseling and MSW Programs

	MS COUNSELING PROGRAM	MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM
Department Philosophy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We specifically train students to be counselors and psychotherapists. Curriculum focused on counseling children, adults, couples, groups and families Emphasis on doing brief and extended therapy within context of theoretical diversity and a social justice orientation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our goal is to prepare students to enter professional, multicultural social work practice. Curriculum focused on child welfare, community mental health, and aging Dual emphases on the individual in social context and the betterment of society
Admissions Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thirty students accepted to start in Spring for part-time classes (2 classes for all but one semester, the additional semester will have 3 classes) Bachelor's degree 4 pre-requisite courses (research methods; human development; abnormal psychology; counseling theory). Students from all majors with a Bachelor's degree are eligible Minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0 Personal statement Three letters of recommendation Interview with admissions committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application of ecological systems model and strengths perspective Focus on cultural competency, advocacy, and social justice Emphasis on self-reflection for personal and professional growth 2 year fieldwork experience in various agencies appropriate for students' concentrations, e.g., hospitals, schools, child welfare agencies, mental health settings, healthcare, etc. Courses in clinical social work practice, social welfare policy, human behavior, diversity, research methods
Length of Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 63 units (3.3 years all part time) Classes held on Mondays and Wednesdays in spring, summer, and fall, with two Saturdays each summer and 2 in the second fall semester 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 60 units (2 years FT; 3 years PT) Students progress in cohorts

Questions?

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Class Schedules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part time only • Each class meets once a week from 7-10 p.m. during fall/spring; and once a week from 6-10 p.m. in summers (for 10 weeks of summer) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full-time and part-time • FT: 2 days in class (Tu & Thurs) /2 days in fieldwork (Mon & Wed) per week • PT: 3 nights in class (Tu, Wed, & Thurs) / 2 days in fieldwork per week starting 2nd year
Accreditation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National accreditation by CACREP. Visit cacrep.org for more information. • Approved BBS Training program for LMFT and LPCC training program by State of CA. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National accreditation by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). Visit cswe.org for more information. • Approved BBS training program for LCSW by State of CA
Typical Jobs/Work Settings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private practice • Therapy in mental health agencies • Medical/Psychiatric facilities (e.g. Kaiser, CHOC, VA Hospital) • Child and family therapy in schools • Counseling veterans and their families • Coaching • Career counseling • Couples counseling and divorce mediation • Drug and alcohol programs • University student services • Human resources • County mental health agencies • School settings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public child welfare agencies • County mental health agencies • Medical/Psychiatric facilities (e.g. Kaiser, CHOC, VA Hospital) • Older adults services • Probation department • Family service agencies (domestic violence; homeless shelter) • Rehabilitation facilities • Family resource centers • Social welfare research & policy analysis • School settings
Licensure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligibility for LMFT and LPCC licenses • Visit BBS at bbs.ca.gov for more information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligibility for LCSW license • Visit BBS at bbs.ca.gov for more information
To Apply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit our website at hhd.fullerton.edu/counsel • Contact the Prospective Student Advisor at applycounseling@fullerton.edu (657) 278-3042 or office in EC-479 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit our website at hhd.fullerton.edu/msw • Contact the Prospective Student Advisor at applymsw@fullerton.edu (657) 278-8452, or office in EC-207

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