



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, STANISLAUS

# Master of Social Work Online Hybrid Program

## *Integrative Clinical Practice Specialization*

Final Submission  
Deadline for the  
Application is

**February 1**

**MISSION STATEMENT** The Master of Social Work Program at California State University, Stanislaus prepares social workers to advance social justice. This education is committed to social change based on an analysis of social, political and economic structures and their impact. This teaching and learning environment enables faculty, students and graduates to collaborate with others to transform the conditions which contribute to privilege and oppression. Graduates are prepared to use an advanced integrative practice approach to work with individuals, families and communities to promote personal and collective liberation.

### Program Overview

The MSW Hybrid Program is a 60-unit, 24-month fully-accredited degree program focusing on socially-just clinical social work practice. Students develop core social work practice competencies with a specialization in integrative clinical practice in health and behavioral health settings. The curriculum is delivered in a hybrid format with most coursework completed online and in-person class sessions one Saturday per month. Field practicum courses are scheduled in the summer. Advancing social justice and enhancing individual and community well-being are primary program goals.

### Who Should Attend?

The MSW Hybrid Program is designed for California-based social service professionals and other individuals unable to travel to the traditional on-campus program who are interested in advancing their education and professional careers in social work. The program focuses on preparing graduates to use an integrative clinical practice approach to work with individuals, families, and communities and to meet the social service workforce needs of the central California region.

### Socially-Just Clinical Practice Curriculum

Students focus on developing core competencies related to professional social work practice. The advanced curriculum prepares graduates to use an integrative clinical practice approach to engage in socially-just clinical practice. Students take courses in practice, policy, research, and human behavior. Direct social work practice courses are included in every academic session. The program is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education and approved by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

### Accelerated Program

The MSW Hybrid Program is designed to be completed in 24 months while employment is maintained. Courses are scheduled in eight-week sessions with only two courses taken at a time. Students take classes online and meet in-person one Saturday per month. Field internships are completed in the summer.

### Summer Block Placements

Students will be in a field internship full-time (40 hours per week) for 3 months during the summer during both years of graduate study. Internship sites are located primarily in the central California region. Students work directly with agency field instructors and MSW faculty to enhance their competency-based skills in direct social work practice. It is not expected that students will be able to work during the placement period, and students who are currently employed should make arrangements in advance with their employers in order to be available to complete the summer placements on a full-time basis.

**Non-Discrimination Policy:** The CSU Stanislaus MSW Program does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, physical disability, and sexual orientation.

## MSW Hybrid Application Requirements

# ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

You may only apply to either the Turlock campus-based program OR the Hybrid Program in Stockton.

You cannot apply to both.

- Complete University / Graduate School application requirements—APPLY online via [calstate.edu/apply](http://calstate.edu/apply) (see University Graduate School Eligibility below). You will be applying to the program through CalStateApply. Hard copies of the department application will NOT be accepted.
  - Autobiographical Statement.
  - Criminal History Statement (required later in the admissions process if selected for admission or waitlist position).
  - Resume or vita.
  - A minimum of three academic and/or professional references from individuals who can address qualifications for graduate study in social work, academic readiness, work performance and proficiency.
- GPA of 2.5 required; 3.0 in the last 60 units preferred.
  - Liberal arts background demonstrated by having met the CSU undergraduate general education requirements or a comparable course of study.
  - Academic background including instruction in the behavioral and biological sciences related to the human condition.
  - Voluntary and/or paid experience in human services.
  - For hybrid applicants, it is recommended that applicants be computer literate and have reliable internet access.

### Autobiographical Statement

This autobiographical statement should reflect your experience in light of the MSW Program mission statement, should be type-written (1200-1500 words), and should enable the Admissions Committee to know something of you as a person, your writing ability, your understanding of social work, and your own life experiences.

**Please address each of the following in your autobiographical statement:**

1. Describe what you imagine yourself doing with an MSW degree.
2. Explain your development of interest in becoming a social worker. If this is a change in occupations, indicate the reasons for the change.
3. Describe your background and life experiences that were of value in preparing you for entry into professional social work.
4. Describe any paid and/or volunteer social work experiences.
5. Explain how you have prepared yourself for the rigors of this graduate program.
6. Explain your ideas related to social justice.
7. Explain what you have learned in your experiences with diverse populations.
8. Having read the MSW Program's Mission Statement (front page), describe how your education and professional goals fit with the MSW Program's Mission Statement.
9. Explain your interest in an accelerated Hybrid program.
10. Please describe any online or hybrid courses you have taken. Please include information about the technology you have used in participating online or in submitting assignments. Also include a brief discussion of the strengths and areas of challenge you experienced in these online courses.
11. If you have not taken an online course, please include a brief description of how you have prepared yourself for participating in an online program. Please include information about any special courses you have taken to familiarize yourself with online education and the technologies used in online education. Also include a brief discussion of the strengths and challenges you anticipate experiencing in an online/hybrid program format.

### University Graduate School Eligibility

- A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.
- A grade point average of 2.5 or better in the last 60 units is required.
- Good standing at the last college or university attended.
- Completed on-line University application for admission.
- Paid application fee. (\$70.00)
- Official copies of transcripts for **all** previous college work.📄

### Program Cost

Tuition for the Hybrid Program is \$35,000 (paid in four equal payments), excludes costs for books and living expenses.

### Financial Aid

Financial aid, in the form of unsubsidized student loans, is available for the program. There are no income restrictions, so most will qualify. This program is 2 years in length. Therefore, students may qualify for up to \$41,000 in unsubsidized student loans or \$10,250 per semester. Tuition for the program is charged in four equal semester payments. Before being admitted to the hybrid program applicants should complete and file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form available at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>. Institution code: 001157.

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