

Master of Social Work, M.S.W.

Embark on a journey of impact.

Gain advanced clinical skills, specialized knowledge and a foundation in social justice and advocacy. We offer the comprehensive training and hands-on experience you need to elevate your career, lead transformative initiatives and provide critical support to individuals and communities. Join us to become a catalyst for positive change in a dynamic field.





A wealth of opportunities for personal and professional development.

- ▶ **Advanced In-Depth Clinical Training:** Prepares you for licensure as a clinical social worker (L.C.S.W.) and allows you to provide therapy and mental health services. Licensure is typically required for independent practice and clinical roles.
- ▶ **Advocacy and Social Justice:** Tools for advocating for marginalized and underserved populations and influencing policy.
- ▶ **Leadership Development and Skill-Building:** Develop effective communication, strategic thinking, decision-making and team management.
- ▶ **Greater Impact:** With advanced training, M.S.W. graduates take on more complex cases and have a greater impact on clients and communities.
- ▶ **Higher Earning Potential:** Access to higher-paying positions and greater advancement opportunities compared to B.S.W. holders.
- ▶ **Leadership Roles:** An M.S.W. qualifies you for leadership, supervisory and administrative roles in social work settings.
- ▶ **Interdisciplinary Collaboration:** Work effectively with professionals from other fields such as education, health care and law.
- ▶ **Job Satisfaction:** Fulfilling work with a strong sense of purpose.
- ▶ **Career Versatility:** Work in a variety of settings, including schools, hospitals, mental health clinics, nonprofit organizations, government agencies and private practice. Social workers can specialize in areas such as clinical practice, social policy, community organizing and more.
- ▶ **Making a Difference:** Impact individuals, families, organizations and communities.



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Program Highlights

Length of Program: Two years

Unit Count of Program: 60

- ▶ **Field internship** in an advanced practice setting, supervised by a skilled practitioner in the social work profession.
- ▶ Study under **experienced and highly rated university faculty**.
- ▶ Progress through coursework in a **cohort format**.
- ▶ On-site: Classes meet **two evenings per week**.
 - Offered at FPU's Southeast Fresno Campus, North Fresno Campus and Visalia Campus.
- ▶ Candidates with advanced standing may be eligible to complete the program in one year.
- ▶ M.S.W. program is in candidacy status by the Council on Social Work Education's Commission on Accreditation (<https://www.cswe.org/accreditation>).

The curriculum is designed to integrate theory and practice along with understanding the relationship between social work and the Christian faith.

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Course Prefix	Required Courses (54 units)	Units
SW 710	Introduction to Generalist Social Work	3
SW 711	Human Behavior in the Social Environment	3
SW 712	Social Welfare and Public Policy	3
SW 713	Diversity and Social Justice	3
SW 714	Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families	3
SW 715	Social Work Practice with Groups, Organizations and Communities	3
SW 716	Social Work Research I	3
SW 717	Social Work Research II	3
SW 718	Ethical Faith Integration and Social Work Practice	3
SW 719	Substance Abuse and Dependency	3
SW 721	Field Seminar 1	1.5
SW 722	Field Seminar 2	1.5
SW 723	Field Seminar 3	1.5
SW 724	Field Seminar 4	1.5
SW 725	Field Seminar 5	1.5
SW 726	Field Seminar 6	1.5
SW 727	Field Seminar 7	1.5
SW 728	Field Seminar 8	1.5
SW 731	Thesis/Project I	3
SW 732	Thesis/Project II	3
SW 745	Advanced Clinical Practice	3
SW 752	Change Agent and Nonprofit Leadership	3
Course Prefix	Specialized Electives (6 units):	Units
SW 744	Human Sexuality	3
SW 746	Psychopathology and Pharmacology	3
SW 747	Domestic Violence	3
SW 748	School Social Work	3
SW 749	Child Welfare Policy and Practice	3
SW 750	Advanced Practice with Children, Youth and Families	3
SW 751	Faith and Social Work Practice in Organizations and Communities	3
SW 753	Serving Resiliently through Crisis and Trauma	3
SW 754	Orientation to Chaplaincy and Grief Counseling	3
SW 755	Global Social Work	3

The courses listed above provide a sample overview of our program. Please meet with your academic advisor or visit fpu.edu/catalog to finalize your course registration and sequence.

Application and Admission Information

To be considered for admission to the Master of Social Work program, please submit the following items:

- ☐ **Completed Application for Admission:** fpu.edu/applygrad
- ☐ **Completed Master of Social Work Application for Admission** at fpu.edu/msw
 - Priority application deadline is January 15.
 - Regular application deadline is May 15.
Applications received after the regular application deadline will be reviewed on a space available basis.
- ☐ **Official college/university transcript(s)** verifying receipt of a bachelor's degree.
 - If you are currently finishing up your degree, please submit current transcript.
 - A final transcript will need to be submitted before you may enroll in classes.
 - Transcripts can be sent electronically by your institution to trans.evaluator@fresno.edu or via mail in an envelope sealed by your institution to:

**Fresno Pacific University
Office of the Registrar
1717 S. Chestnut Ave.
Fresno, CA 93702**
- ☐ **Reference Forms** – Two references are required for the M.S.W. program. One reference should attest to your professional qualities and the other to your academic qualifications, noting your ability to complete graduate-level work.
 - After you submit your application, your listed references will be contacted via email with a link to provide their recommendation.
- ☐ **Statement of Intent** – Provide a written statement explaining your interest in the program, long-term goals and your experience in the field.
- ☐ **Resume** – Submit a personal resume detailing your work experience.

View our State Professional Licensing and Certificate Disclosure at fpu.edu/about/disclosure-documents.

Advanced Standing

Applicants who have graduated from a Council on Social Work Education (C.S.W.E.) Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.) accredited program may be eligible to begin the M.S.W. program in year two of the curriculum.



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