



***Virtual Tour***  
***of our***  
***MSW Program***  
***and***  
***Application Process***



## **Welcome to SDSU School of Social Work!**

Thank you for your interest in our MSW program.

Ranked # 46 by US News and World Reports in 2004, the School of Social Work offers a challenging and diverse curriculum for undergraduate and graduate students preparing for professional practice in the new millennium.

For more information about SDSU, please see the following link:

<http://www.sdsu.edu>



## **How do I know if Social Work is right for me?**

For info on a career in social work, please check out the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics' "Occupational Outlook Handbook"

<http://bls.gov/oco/ocos060.htm>

For info on the profession, please check out the National Association Of Social Workers Website

<http://www.naswdc.org/>



## Application Requirements

- Meet requirements for SDSU Graduate Admissions (<http://gra.sdsu.edu/Graduate/admissions/index.htm>) & SDSU School of Social Work (<http://socialwork.sdsu.edu/applying.php> )
- BA/BS with Liberal Arts Foundation
- GPA of at least 2.85 (preferably 3.0) including completion of a statistics class
- GRE scores (Faculty will be reviewing analytical writing score only – send to SDSU Graduate Admissions)
- Personal Statement (see application for details)
- References (3)
- One Official Transcripts for each college attended (send to SDSU Graduate Admissions)
- Completion of Undergraduate Statistics Course
- Volunteer or paid experience (approximately 500 hours) in human or social services

**NOTE:** Other requirements apply to joint degrees/special programs. Please see application for specifics.



## How to Apply

- SDSU Graduate Admissions at

<http://www.csumentor.edu>

(submit application online with transcripts and GRE scores)

- SDSU School of Social Work

Access application from this web site or at Aztec Shops after Nov. 1.  
(Packet includes school application, liberal arts form, personal statement, references & certification)



## Program Options

### Master of Social Work Degree With Focus in

Direct Practice

Administration

### Master of Social Work Joint Degrees

Social Work & Public Health

<http://socialwork.sdsu.edu/msw-mph.php>

Social Work & Juris Doctorate

<http://socialwork.sdsu.edu/msw-jd.php>

### Pupil Personnel Services Credential for School Social Work

<http://socialwork.sdsu.edu/pupil.php>

### Title IV-E Public Child Welfare Stipend Program

<http://socialwork.sdsu.edu/stipend/>



## **MSW Program “At A Glance”**

Total of 60 units

Students are admitted in the fall semester only

Can be completed in 2, 3, or 4 year program

Day classes are 8am - 4pm (open to 2, 3, or 4 year students)

Evening classes are from 4pm - 9:40pm (open to 2, 3, or 4 year students)

Choice of writing a thesis or taking comprehensive exam

4 semesters of Field Experience is required:

Foundation Year - 16 hours per week for the Academic Year

Advanced Year - 20 hours per week for the Academic Year

Note: Two Years (4 semesters) of Field Practicum in 2 different agencies are required



## **How competitive is the application process?**

Each year we receive approximately 350 applications and are able to admit about 120 applicants (80 into the full time MSW program and 40 into the part-time program and joint MSW-MPH program).



## **If admitted, what classes would I take?**

The following links are helpful in understanding the course sequence and learning more about the programs:

<http://socialwork.sdsu.edu/sequence.php>  
[http://socialwork.sdsu.edu/grad\\_handbook/](http://socialwork.sdsu.edu/grad_handbook/)

## **What are the faculty research interests?**

To learn more about our faculty, please see the following link for information on academic emphasis and publications:

<http://socialwork.sdsu.edu/faculty.php>  
<http://socialwork.sdsu.edu/publications.php>



## **Interested in adding an International Social Work experience to your graduate studies?**

**SDSU School of Social Work offers student the opportunity to participate in international trips or exchanges focused on social work issues. The school has a strong commitment to the international dimensions of social problems and social justice.**

**Some opportunities include:**

- **Thailand Summer Internship Program**
- **La Paz Intensive Language and Cultural Immersion**
- **Tijuana Collaborative**



## **Does SDSU School of Social Work offer advanced standing?**

Yes, this option is new for Fall 2008. Advanced Standing applicants must possess an undergraduate degree in social work that was earned within 5 years of admission to the Advanced Standing program. The undergraduate degree must come from a program that is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. The cumulative GPA for social work courses taken must be at least a 3.0 or better. Please see application for more information.



## **Does SDSU School of Social Work allow students to "test out" of courses?**

Yes, we allow students who are admitted to challenge three graduate courses (SW 601, SW 619 and SW 690). To challenge these courses you must have received a grade of B or better in the undergraduate equivalent courses and pass an exam on each course. If you are admitted, you will receive more information on this process.



## **Do I need to take the GREs if I already have a graduate degree?**

SDSU Graduate Admissions will waive the GRE requirement if your graduate school was a member of the Council of Graduate Schools (refer to [www.cgsnet.org](http://www.cgsnet.org) to see if your school is listed. You may also call Graduate Admissions at 619-594-0884).



## What are the transfer requirements?

Transfer students are considered if their previous school is an accredited program. At least 30 units of the program must be completed at SDSU, with a maximum of 30 units transferable.

Please contact the Student Affairs Coordinator,  
Liz Marucheu, for more information  
([emaruche@mail.sdsu.edu](mailto:emaruche@mail.sdsu.edu) ).



## Campus Tours

For information about SDSU tours, please see the following link:

<http://arweb.sdsu.edu/es/admissions/yours/tours.html>



## Financial Aid, Scholarships and Graduate Assistantships

- Teaching Associate or Graduate Assistantship Application

<http://socialwork.sdsu.edu/ga-application.pdf>

*Please complete and bring to Hepner Hall 119.*

- SDSU Graduate Equity Fellowship - Applications for the Graduate Equity Fellowship are available from the Graduate and Research Affairs office

[http://gra.sdsu.edu/file\\_upload/GradEquityFlshpApp07.doc](http://gra.sdsu.edu/file_upload/GradEquityFlshpApp07.doc)

- Scholarships

<http://socialwork.sdsu.edu/scholarships.php>

- SDSU Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships

<http://www.sa.sdsu.edu/fao/>



## Important Contacts and Information

**General School of Social Work questions:**

[socwork@mail.sdsu.edu](mailto:socwork@mail.sdsu.edu)

**Graduate Admissions:**

<http://gra.sdsu.edu/Graduate/admissions/index.htm>

**Registrar:**

<http://arweb.sdsu.edu/sic/>

**Cost info:**

<http://bfa.sdsu.edu/fm/co/cashiers/regfees.html>

**International Student Center:**

<http://www.sa.sdsu.edu/isc/iscindex.html>



## Application Timetable

	Priority Admission	Final Admission
Complete application packet due by	<b>January 15<sup>th</sup>*</b>	<b>March 1*</b> (if received after Jan. 15, considered on a space available basis for part-time program only)
Admission decision sent no later than	<b>March 1<sup>st</sup>*</b>	<b>June 1<sup>st</sup>*</b>

\*These are *not* postmark deadlines; application materials must be received in the appropriate offices by these dates.



## Why Choose the SDSU School of Social Work?

Among the most affordable universities in the nation, SDSU also offers students a national reputation for academic excellence

Faculty with diverse academic emphases & special focus on international social work, community outreach & research

Rich “field experience” -- Last year 313 social work students interned in 267 agencies, providing over 173,000 hours of community service

General School of Social Work questions:

[socwork@mail.sdsu.edu](mailto:socwork@mail.sdsu.edu)

or

(619) 594-6865



## 2010 Application

The Fall 2010 Application will be posted on the School of Social Work website (under "prospective students") on Nov. 1, 2009.

You may also purchase the application after Nov. 1st at SDSU Aztec Shops.

### REMINDER:

*Transcripts and GRE scores are required by SDSU Graduate Admissions and must be sent directly to:*

Enrollment Services  
Graduate Admissions Document Processing Unit  
San Diego State University  
San Diego, CA 92182-7416



## Fall 2009 Info Seminars

Please check the School of Social Work web site for upcoming information session dates.

RSVP is not required to attend.

For assistance in locating these rooms on campus, please check <http://www.sdsu.edu/map/>

Questions about Info Seminars? Contact the School of Social Work Office ([socwork@mail.sdsu.edu](mailto:socwork@mail.sdsu.edu), 619-594-6865).

