STIPEND OPPORTUNITY FOR ADVANCED STANDING STUDENTS
Are you interested in pursuing a career in mental health after you graduate from the MSW program?

- Have you applied or been accepted into SDSU’s Advanced Standing (ASP) MSW Program? Only 15 students are accepted into SDSU ASP each year
- Do you plan to stay in San Diego County two years after graduation?
- Would you like to become part of the Mental Health Training Program with a specialized curriculum, enrichment seminars, guest speakers from the community and field trips?
- Would you like to receive an $8,000 stipend during the Advanced Standing Program?
- If you answered YES! to these questions – you are eligible to apply for the San Diego County ASP WET (Workforce Education and Training) Stipend!

Program Criteria
- Four (4) San Diego County ASP WET stipends are available each academic year
- Both Clinical and Administration/Community Development students are eligible to apply
- Program Provides Financial Support: $8,000 stipend for one academic year + mental health curriculum
- Your Responsibilities and Commitment: In exchange for the stipend and specialized curriculum, the San Diego County ASP WET Stipend Student commits to full time employment for two years post-graduation in San Diego County in an approved mental health agency providing voluntary services.

Internships and Employment Opportunities Post-Graduation:
The field of mental health provides many opportunities for graduates with their MSW. With additional funding opportunities provided by the Mental Health Services Act mental health agencies are developing a variety of innovative and creative programs to address the needs of mentally ill individuals in a voluntary setting.

Examples of types of programs and populations served:
- Crisis Houses and Walk In Clinics
- Senior Mental Health Case Management
- Co-Occurring Disorders programs
- ACT Teams (Assertive Community Treatment)
- Refugee programs
- Outpatient Clinics and case management
- Transitional Age Youth programs
- School based mental health programs

Examples of Internship Agencies & Employers:
- Telecare Corporation
- Community Research Foundation
- Mental Health Systems
- UCSD Outpatient Psychiatry and Co-Occurring Disorders
- Survivors of Torture
- Chaldean Middle Eastern Social Services
- Unified School District Mental Health Resource Center
- Exodus
- Vista Hill
- San Diego Youth Services
- Rady’s Outpatient Psychiatry
- Providence Community Services
- San Diego County Behavioral Health Clinics & Case Management
How to apply:
Once you have been accepted into the ASP MSW Program, request an application from:
Candy Elson, Program Coordinator & Director of Field Education.
Candy.Elson@mail.sdsu.edu (619) 594 5144

Applications Available:
Since only Advanced Standing Students are eligible to apply, applications are available March to July in the summer prior to the start of the Fall semester. Applications will be reviewed and interviews scheduled.

Background Mental Health Services Act Funds Workforce Education and training:
The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) was passed in 2005. Prior to the passage of MHSA, California was already facing a shortage of public mental health workers. The MHSA provides a unique opportunity to increase funding, personnel and other resources to support county mental health programs, and increase access to services for children, transition age youth, adults and older adults with mental health needs and their families. The Workforce Education and Training (WET) component of the MHSA addresses the serious shortage of mental health service providers in California.

The vision of the MHSA is to create a transformed, culturally-competent system that promotes wellness and recovery for adults and older adults with severe mental illness, and resiliency for children and youth with serious emotional disorders and their families. The WET Mental Health Stipend program, provides the means for developing and maintaining a culturally competent workforce, to include clients and family members, which is capable of providing client- and family-driven services that promote wellness, recovery and resiliency, and lead to measurable, values-driven outcomes.

ASP MSW WET Stipend recipients have the opportunity to become leaders in California’s revitalized and transformed mental health workforce.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT & STIPEND PROGRAM VALUES

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Transforming California’s Mental Health System
Promoting Recovery

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