Program Description
The School of Social Work at San Diego State University and
the Division of Global Public Health, School of Medicine,
University of California, San Diego (UC San Diego) offer a
Joint Doctoral Program in Interdisciplinary Research on
Substance Use. This program was designed to prepare the
next generation of leaders in substance use research with the
knowledge and skills to advance evidence-based and applied
substance use interventions, programs and policies. The
program has a decidedly global health flavor.

Our program provides advanced education and training
specific to the interdisciplinary field of substance use.
The program builds on mutual and complementary strengths
of faculty in both institutions and will be the most productive
doctoral programs in the nation associated with a School of
Social Work.

Admission to the Program
Each year, in the Fall semester, four students will be admitted
with funding (tuition and a $20,000 yearly teaching/research
stipend) for up to 4 years. Students are expected to be
available for full-time participation in the program.
Interested students will apply to the program via CSU Mentor
and an online department application (found at:
http://gra.sdsu.edu/decisiondesk/) where additional application
materials will be submitted. Applications will be reviewed by
the UCSD-SDSU JDP Admissions Committee.

Admission Requirements
Applicants to the JDP must hold a master’s degree from an
accredited college or university from a related
social/behavioral science or professional program (e.g., social
work, public health, psychology, sociology, anthropology,
economics) and fulfill the following requirements:

- Minimum overall grade point averages of 3.2
  (undergraduate) and 3.5 (graduate)
- Must have evidence of foundational research experience
  (e.g., peer-reviewed publication record and prior
coursework in graduate-level statistics and research
methodology)
- Test scores must be submitted to SDSU Institution Code
  4682
- GRE scores at the 55th percentile or above, and no older
  than five years
  For tests taken after August 1, 2011: Revised GRE Verbal >153,
  Revised GRE Quantitative >153
  For tests taken before August 1, 2011: GRE Verbal >500, GRE
  Quantitative >680
- Students who speak English as a second language will be
  required to present TOEFL scores.
  The minimum required score for admission is 80 for the iBT test
  or 550 for the PBT test. Please note scores must be recent;
  within the past two years.

Program Curriculum
Year one of the program students
will complete a residency at SDSU, Year 2 they will be in
residence at UCSD. Once advanced to doctoral candidacy,
dissertation units can be taken at both universities. Students
must complete a minimum of 60 units in the program.

Program Timeline* (typical)
Year One: complete 24 semester units at SDSU
Year Two: complete 36 quarter units at UCSD
Year Three: Research and work towards advancing to
Candidacy/ Dissertation work (either university)
Year Four and Five: Dissertation work/ Dissertation defense

JDP Program Learning Outcomes
Program graduates will have the skills to:
1. Apply and build upon extant social science theories and
   conceptual models related to substance use research
2. Lead new avenues or research in substance use and
   addiction prevention and treatment
3. Develop and evaluate applied prevention programs,
   broadly defined, related to substance use and misuse and
   associated health and societal outcomes

For more information please visit
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