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PUBLIC HEALTH
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THE MSW/MPH DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM

THE PROGRAM

The School of Social Work and the Graduate School of Public Health proudly offer a three-year concurrent graduate program leading to a Master of Social Work (MSW) and a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree. This 93-unit program offers the necessary preparation in the fields of public health and social work to ensure the groundwork for a successful future career.

The major objective of the program is to offer training, research, and preparation in the fields of public health and social work for the purpose of providing the knowledge and skills necessary to promote health, prevent disease, and enhance the delivery of social and health services in the community. The program stresses an interdisciplinary approach and values ideals such as collaboration and communication skills. As a culminating experience, students are required to submit a thesis at the end of the program. The thesis will incorporate theory, method, and analytic techniques derived from both disciplines.

ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAM

Applicants to the program must hold or be expected to hold a bachelor's degree with a liberal arts foundation. A 3.0 GPA in the last 60 units of study is required and applicants should not have less than cumulative GPA of 2.85. The average GPA of entering students is 3.2. In addition, applicants should have a minimum of a 500 hours of internship, paid, and/or volunteer social services experience.

GRE scores must be submitted by all applicants on the analytical writing, quantitative, and verbal sections. Faculty reviewers carefully consider the analytical writing score. The average GRE score of accepted applicants is 150 for verbal and 150 for quantitative. Applicants holding a Masters degree from an accredited university that is a member of the Council of Graduate Schools are exempt from the GRE.

Further Information

To inquire about the MSW/MPH program, please visit www.socialwork.sdsu.edu or contact Cheryl James, LCSW, School of Social Work, at cjames@sdsu.edu; or Brenda Fass-Holmes, Graduate School of Public Health, at bholmes@mail.sdsu.edu

PROGRAM CURRICULUM

THE MSW MPH Program has a concentration in Administration for Social Work and Health Management and Policy for Public Health.

Year One: Students are expected to complete 30 units in their first year, which consists of a hybrid of Social Work and Public Health courses.

Year Two: Students begin a four-semester field practicum internship in administration, in addition to completing 31 units during year two.

Year Three: During the final year, students complete a thesis as well as additional course work. Faculty will supervise the thesis process.

FIELD PRACTICUM INTERNSHIP

Four semesters of a field practicum internship is required beginning in year two. Students will engage in social work and/or public health practice in a community-based agency setting with supervised field learning experience. Field instruction prepares the students for professional practice and competence in social work and/or public health by helping them develop the values, knowledge, and skills they will need to assume a range of professional roles.