



AZUSA PACIFIC
UNIVERSITY

Master of Social Work (MSW)

Help Others Thrive



School of Behavioral and Applied Sciences

Why Social Work?

Social workers help people manage and overcome some of life's most difficult challenges, such as substance abuse, poverty, discrimination, physical and mental illness, and abuse. They provide individual, family, and group therapy; facilitate crisis prevention and intervention; advocate and participate in political action; and collaborate with communities to develop necessary social and economic resources. Social workers are especially committed to advancing social justice and increasing opportunities for vulnerable populations.

A Program Designed for You

With the Master of Social Work program at APU, enhance your skills as a social work professional and become equipped for greater leadership roles in the field. Study in a collaborative learning environment with faculty-mentors who bring extensive experience in diverse settings. Throughout the program, benefit from integrating faith relevant to social work practice while making a difference in the lives of individuals, families, and communities in a variety of settings.

Choose Your Format

We want to support your education journey, which is why Azusa Pacific offers a traditional MSW and an Advanced Standing option, available in full- and part-time formats. View all program formats at apu.edu/msw/program-format/.

Traditional

Full time

Two years (60 units)

Classes two days per week

Internship 16 hours per week

Part-time Option Azusa

Four years (60 units)

Classes one evening per week and a few Saturdays

Internship 16 hours per week (years two and four only)

Part-time Option Inland Empire

Three years (60 units)

Classes one evening per week and a few Saturdays, with 8-week Summer Session

Internship 16 hours per week (years two and three)

Advanced Standing

Full time

10 months (36 units)

Classes two days per week

Internship 20 hours per week

For graduates of CSWE-accredited BSW programs only

Part time

Two years (36 units)

Classes one evening per week and a few Saturdays

Internship 20 hours per week (second year only)

For graduates of CSWE-accredited BSW programs only

As a retired 26-year Navy Senior Chief, I now work as the Veterans Service Liaison at Riverside University Health System, Behavioral Health, and am tasked with addressing the needs of homeless veterans. I am blessed for having had the learning experience only APU's professors, staff, and administrators could have provided.

Aurelio Sanchez, MSW '17

Clinical Therapist, Riverside University Health System, Behavioral Health



Prepare for a Range of Social Work Careers

Social workers provide services in a variety of professional settings, including:

- Behavioral health agencies
- Schools
- Counseling centers
- Hospitals/healthcare settings
- Child welfare agencies
- Adoption/foster agencies
- International social work agencies
- Permanent housing programs
- Violence prevention/victim assistance
- Older adult service settings
- Correctional settings
- Political advocacy
- Service settings for veterans and the military community
- Substance use disorders treatment and recovery settings

Applicable Experiences to Support Your Learning

- Wide range of internship opportunities in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura counties
- Strong clinical training with live client simulations
- Specialized coursework in Clinical Spanish Practice
- Prelicensure coursework
- International study options
- Professional leadership development
- Interprofessional collaborative learning
- Many elective courses offering specialized learning

Pathways to Support Your Career Goals

Choose a Specialization

Clinical Practice with Individuals and Families: Learn to meet the physical and behavioral health needs of individuals and families across a range of settings. Prepare for culturally responsive care and intervention, application of evidence-informed interventions, and engagement with interprofessional teams.

Community Leadership and Program Administration: Develop the skills needed for effective leadership in nonprofit and governmental agencies, community advocacy, organizational management, and program planning and evaluation.

Add a Certificate, Credential, or Training Opportunity

Human Services Management Certificate: Prepare for administrative and leadership roles with this certificate offered in partnership with The Network for Social Work Management.

Pupil Personnel Services Credential in School Social Work and Child Welfare and Attendance: Gain a competitive edge for employment in social work services within P-12 school settings in California.

Southern California Geriatric Social Work Education Consortium: Apply for this program opportunity, which includes a stipend, to gain additional training and experience in advocating for and serving older adult populations.

LADCFS + UCLA Academy of Workforce Excellence Child Welfare Stipend Program: For those interested in working with public child welfare agencies, this internship opportunity includes a stipend in exchange for a commitment to work with Los Angeles County DCFS.

Accreditation:

**CSWE
WSCUC**

Locations:

**Azusa (main campus)
Inland Empire**

The experience I was awarded through the DCFS Internship Program equipped me with immense knowledge and confidence as I engaged in real-life conversations and scenarios. The program allowed me to be an actual student: to learn, grow, prepare, and develop a set of essential skills I would later utilize as I began my career in public child welfare.

Yesenia Sosa, MSW '17

**Children's Social Worker, L.A. County,
Department of Children and Family Services**

Financing Your Education

Grants, scholarships, loans, and company reimbursement are among the financial aid opportunities that may be available to help you complete your degree. For the most current financial aid information, contact the Office of Graduate and Professional Student Financial Services at (626) 815-4570 or visit apu.edu/gpc/sfs/.

Take the Next Step



Visit apu.edu/msw to learn more about the program, including admissions requirements and deadlines, curriculum, and program faculty, or contact Emily Kemp, director of admissions and student services, at (626) 857-2400 or mswadmissions@apu.edu.

Application Deadlines

Early Admission and Advanced Standing: January 15

Regular Admission: March 1

Apply Today: apu.edu/gpc/apply

For more information, contact:
Graduate and Professional Center
(626) 815-4570 • gpc@apu.edu

The education I received at APU is in a class of its own; it truly is a quality education. I look back at my time in the program and all of the classes I took, the internships I completed, my relationships with my cohort and the professors ... it prepared me to become the professional I am today.

Lisa Gaytan, MSW '18
Director of Hispanic Programs, Remita Health



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Empower Others to Thrive

Department of Social Work



Earn a BSW or MSW with Azusa Pacific

Prepare to make a difference in the lives of individuals, families, groups, and communities through social work with Azusa Pacific's Department of Social Work programs. Develop the skills and knowledge needed to serve as a dedicated, skilled professional in a variety of settings.

By 2026, job growth in social work is expected to increase by



Impact Lives Through Social Work

Qualified social work professionals are in demand, and APU's social work programs equip students for professional counseling, community-based interventions, advocacy, and social action. With a strong foundation of knowledge and skills grounded in a Christian worldview, students graduate ready to serve in areas such as behavioral health care, schools, counseling centers, child welfare, adoption/foster care, hospitals, victim assistance, older adult services, corrections, and veteran services.

APU social work students benefit from:

- Small classes that allow students to build relationships with faculty-mentors who bring relevant experience into the classroom.
- Use of live simulation, internships, field work, and international study opportunities to immediately apply learning.
- Scholarship opportunities to help make your degree more affordable.
- A part-time option at the graduate level to support working students.
- Programs accredited by CSWE and WSCUC.
- **Credential option in school social work (PPSC) and certificate option in human services management**

Bachelor of Social Work

Gain the knowledge and professional skills needed to enter social work careers and put learning into practice during a supervised internship your senior year.

69 units • Get started at: apu.edu/bsw

Continue on to complete your MSW in just one year through our Advanced Standing program option!

Contact: bsw@apu.edu • (626) 857-2410

Master of Social Work

Prepare for advanced-level practitioner roles and specialize in clinical practice with individuals and families or community leadership and program administration. Take courses that meet California's Board of Behavioral Sciences licensure requirements.

60 units • Get started at: apu.edu/msw

Full-time, part-time, and Advanced Standing options available

Contact: mswadmissions@apu.edu • (626) 857-2400



The MSW program is available in two locations, Azusa and the Inland Empire.



Funding for Your MSW Education

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Apply for an MSW Scholarship of up to \$60,000!

Azusa Pacific University's Master of Social Work (MSW) program equips you a career dedicated to improving the lives of others. Thanks to a recent grant, you can apply to receive financial assistance of up to \$60,000 to support your education.

Azusa Pacific's Department of Social Work received a \$2.7 million grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to fund scholarships for full-time clinical specialization MSW students—\$30,000 per year, with a maximum of \$60,000, for those in the two-year program, and \$30,000 for those in the Advanced Standing program. Approximately 10 scholarships are awarded per academic year.

HRSA is part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and the grant program is part of the department's effort to expand the nation's behavioral health workforce, particularly mental health providers and substance abuse counselors in medically underserved communities.

Eligibility

To qualify for HRSA scholarship funds, applicants must demonstrate financial need (as determined by the FAFSA) and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- **Economic Disadvantage**
Current income below twice the federal poverty line.
- **Educational Disadvantage**
Graduated from a designated low-performing high school.
- **Environmental Disadvantage**
First-generation college student or other qualifying life circumstance.

Career Opportunities

With the MSW program, you can advance your skills to prepare for roles in a variety of professional settings, including advanced-level practitioners, clinicians, supervisors, and managers, as well as leadership roles in community and program development. Program courses and internships provide the tools you'll need to make a difference.



Scan to learn more about scholarships!

Visit apu.edu/msw/tuition or email mswadmissions@apu.edu

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Prepare to Lead and Impact Lives Through School Social Work

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Pupil Personnel Services Credential in School Social Work and Child Welfare and Attendance

Today's schools need social work professionals equipped to help shape environments where students can succeed academically and thrive emotionally. Prepare to make a difference in this area with Azusa Pacific's Pupil Personnel Services (PPS) Credential in School Social Work and Child Welfare and Attendance.

Designed as a complement to the Master of Social Work degree, this 14-unit credential combines a solid theoretical base and evidence-informed practice models related to school social work and child welfare and attendance. Faculty integrate a Christian-based perspective and focus on developing ethical leaders who can advocate for and meet needs within the community and school system.

- Gain a competitive edge for employment in social work services within P-12 school settings.
- Study with faculty who are active practitioners of school social work.
- Benefit from fieldwork opportunities in diverse school settings to put learning into practice.

Available for APU MSW Students and Post-MSW Graduates

The credential may be taken as part of APU's MSW program or as a stand-alone program for those who already have an MSW. View admission requirements at apu.edu/msw-ppsc/.

MSW Students: This credential option is available for APU Master of Social Work students pursuing the Clinical Practice with Individuals and Families specialization.

MSW Degree Holders: Individuals who already hold an MSW degree and have appropriate experience may also qualify for the credential program.

For more information on the requirements, contact Emily Kemp, director of admissions and student services, at mswadmissions@apu.edu or (626) 857-2400.



Scan to learn more!

Visit apu.edu/msw-ppsc



Fund Your MSW Degree with a Child Welfare Stipend

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Apply for an \$18,500 Annual Stipend to Complete Your MSW!

Azusa Pacific University's Master of Social Work (MSW) program prepares individuals for careers dedicated to improving the lives of others, including those in the public child welfare system. A high need exists for dedicated, compassionate social workers to serve in this important area, and students committed to this focus can now benefit from a stipend of **\$18,500** to help fund the cost of their MSW education.

The LADCFS + UCLA Academy of Workforce Excellence Child Welfare Stipend provides a pathway to employment by bringing together universities, L.A. County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), and other community-based organizations to prepare social workers to serve in this critical area.

Requirements

Six \$18,500 stipends are awarded annually to clinical specialization students who:

- Demonstrate an interest in working in public child welfare.
- Are in the Clinical Practice with Individuals and Families Specialization and in the final placement of their specialization year.
- Commit to completing an internship with L.A. County Department of Children and Family Services in their specialization year.
- Commit to one year of employment with L.A. County DCFS following graduation.

View complete eligibility requirements and application information at apu.edu/msw/trainings/.

Final stipend awards are contingent upon final funding of the LADCFS + UCLA Academy of Workforce Excellence sub-award grant.

Career Preparation

Stipend recipients commit to serving one year with DCFS following graduation, and gain essential career preparation through an internship with DCFS. Combined with coursework taught by passionate faculty-mentors, students graduate with the knowledge and skills needed to make a difference in the lives of youth and families in the child welfare system.



Scan to learn more about the stipend!

Visit apu.edu/msw
or call (626) 857-2400.