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.

Financial Aid to Support Your Education

Grants, scholarships, and stipends are available for the MSW program to help reduce the cost of your graduate degree. We’re committed to helping you understand and find resources to support your education. See available opportunities at apu.edu/msw/tuition/.

For the most current financial aid information, contact the Office of Graduate and Professional Student Financial Services at (626) 815-4570 or gpc@apu.edu, or visit apu.edu/gpc/sfs/.

Take the Next Step

You can make a difference every day as a social worker. Learn more about MSW admissions requirements, curriculum, and program faculty at apu.edu/msw/, or contact Karen Maynard, director of student services, at (626) 857-2400 or kmaynard@apu.edu.

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Application deadlines

- Early Admission and Advanced Standing: January 15
- Regular Admission: March 1

For more information, contact the Graduate and Professional Center:

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APU has been an integral part of not only my education but my faith formation. They helped me find my calling in life as a social worker and have encouraged me to go out into the world as a difference maker. Best of all, the peers and professors I met there have resulted in life-long friendships that still encourage and support me.

Natalie Torres, MSW ‘16
Clinical Therapist, Ontario-Montclair School District Counseling Center

I loved the cohort model of my APU social work graduate program. While learning essential theories and academic concepts, one of my most valuable takeaways was the fact that I was treated as a valued colleague. If you are hoping to learn and grow as a student and as a professional, the APU social work master’s program is for you.

Jenny Rodriguez, MSW ‘15
Clinical Social Worker/Researcher, City of Hope Medical Center
Prepare for a Range of Social Work Careers

Graduates of the MSW program have many career options from which to choose. Social workers provide services in a variety of professional settings, including:

- Behavioral health agencies
- Schools
- Counseling centers
- Child welfare agencies
- Adoption/foster agencies
- Hospitals/healthcare settings
- Permanent housing programs
- International social work agencies
- 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
- Human Services Management Certificate option
- Specialized coursework in Clinical Spanish Practice
- Pre-licensure coursework
- International study options
- Professional leadership development
- Interprofessional collaborative learning
- Many elective courses offer specialized learning