

School of Health Sciences

Graduate Pathway Plan

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK (MSW)

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Pacific's Master of Social Work program prepares justice-oriented and culturally-responsive social workers who become integral components of interdisciplinary healthcare teams. Two accelerated programs are available: a 12-month Advanced Standing program for students enrolled in the BA Sociology + MSW Dual Degree Program, and a 16-month program for students with bachelors degrees in other academic disciplines.

As the only social work program dedicated to healthcare in California, this innovative program integrates simulation lab training, interprofessional education, and supervised practice in healthcare-related field sites. Students engage in a rigorous, practice-based curriculum including courses on social determinants of health, clinical interventions in healthcare, and the option to pursue a subspecialty in diabetes care and management.

STARTING TERM:

FALL

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

DECEMBER 1 (12-MONTH PROGRAM); JULY 1 (16-MONTH PROGRAM)

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

For students enrolled in the BA Sociology+ MSW Dual-Degree Pathway Program:

1. Verified GradCAS Application by published application deadline
2. Satisfactory completion of all prerequisite courses with minimum GPA of 3.3 in health studies, humanities, and social and behavioral science courses.
3. Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
4. Successful completion of a MSW admissions interview

= GUARANTEED ADMISSION

For Students **NOT** enrolled in the BA Sociology+ MSW Dual-Degree Pathway Program:

1. Verified GradCAS Application by published application deadline
2. Satisfactory completion of all prerequisite courses with minimum grades of "C" (2.0).
3. Minimum GPA of 2.75 earned in the last 60 units of postsecondary education.
4. Successful completion of a MSW admissions interview

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PREREQUISITE COURSES:

| UOP COURSE ID: | SUBJECT AREA |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| MATH 035 OR 037 | STATISTICS |

GRADUATE PREPARATION PLAN:

By following this graduate preparation plan, you will strengthen your preparation and chances for success in graduate study as well as enhance the depth and quality of your undergraduate learning experience.

Year 1:

1. Establish a career plan with Career Services Advisor
2. Create a LinkedIn account – connect with professional Social Work groups/ associations
3. Attend a Pacific Grad Expo and connect with Social Work program reps
4. Attend a Social Work info session
5. Join the Pacific MSW social media channels

Year 2:

1. Class planning check-in with Faculty Advisor
2. Attend a regional Social Work or community-focused group meeting/ event
3. Join/ create a Social Work or other community-focused student organization
4. Do Social Work job shadowing with a community partner
5. Attend a Pacific MSW student event

Year 3:

1. Discuss MSW pre-requisites with Faculty Advisor
2. Check-in with Career Services to discuss progress towards career goals
3. Attend a regional Social Work group meeting/ event
4. Visit the Pacific Volunteer Center to explore local social work-related community service opportunities.
5. Attend a Pacific MSW student event – connect with an MSW Peer Advisor
6. Utilize Handshake and meet with an Employer and Internship Specialist to find a part-time internship with a local social work community partner (full-time during summer)

Year 4:

1. Discuss degree progress and graduation with Faculty Advisors
2. Schedule a Career Advising appointment for graduate school application support.
3. Attend a Grad Financial Aid workshop and GradCAS application workshop
4. Discuss your career goals and interest in attending health professional schools with your professors and set up recommenders for GradCAS application
5. Attend a regional social work group meeting/ event
6. Continue social work internship or job with a local community organization.
7. Attend a Pacific MSW student event – connect with an MSW Peer Advisor