

Program Description

The Master of Social Work (MSW) is a 78-unit program emphasizing biopsychosocial-spiritual approach to advanced clinical social work practice in behavioral health institutions and agencies. Students gain expertise in cutting-edge and evidenced-based trauma- and resiliency-informed interventions that support prevention, early intervention, diagnosis and treatment of children, adolescents and adults. Experiential learning through Loma Linda University's internationally recognized health system provide students with advanced learning opportunities in integrated behavioral health, tertiary level inpatient care and global practice setting.

The MSW degree can be completed through the 2-, 3-, or, 4- year curriculum options. Other program options include: a 3-year hybrid program for individuals working full-time (and individuals working part-time who live 25 miles or more from campus); and Advanced Standing options for recent Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) graduates.

Program Length

The MSW degree can be completed through the 2-, 3-, or, 4- year curriculum options. Other program options include: a 3-year hybrid program with preference given to individuals working full-time or have a geographic distance of 25 miles from the campus; and Advanced Standing options for recent Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) graduates.

Possible Careers

Clinical Social Worker, Psychiatric Social Worker, Medical Social Worker, Child and Family Social Worker, Geriatric Social Worker, Hospice Social Worker, Forensic Mental Health Social Worker, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Social Worker, Community Social Worker, Healthcare Administrator, Public Health Administrator, Research Social Worker, and Social Work Educator.

Application Deadlines

Quarter	Application Open	Priority Deadline	Final Deadline
Winter of 2020	Jul 12, 2019	—	Oct 15, 2019
Spring of 2020	Jul 29, 2019	—	Dec 15, 2019
Summer of 2020	Aug 15, 2019	Nov 15, 2019	Jan 15, 2020
Autumn of 2020	Aug 15, 2019	Nov 15, 2019	Feb 15, 2020

Admissions Requirements

- Undergraduate degree from a regionally accredited college or university
- Cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or above. Under certain circumstances applicants with lower GPAs will be considered.
- University application

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- Personal statement
- Letters of recommendation (3)
- Official transcripts for all college credits
 - All students who are working fulltime must also submit a letter from their agency director acknowledging support in completing the practicum and educational requirements of the MSW program.
- Structured interview—by invitation

Prerequisites

The MSW curriculum is built on a liberal arts perspective. Although there are no specific course prerequisites, individual applicants whose undergraduate degree does not reflect this perspective may be asked to enroll in additional courses.

Discipline Accrediting Agency

The MSW program is fully accredited by the Council of Social Work Education to provide master's degree-level education, with the next reaffirmation to be completed in 2025.

Expected Cost of Attendance

Academic Year

Year of Program:	Year 1	Year 2
Tuition	\$32,370	\$32,370
Fees	\$3,975	\$4,425
Books & Supplies	\$1,200	\$1,600
Instruments	—	—
Misc (e.g., Boards, Licensing exam, Uniforms)	—	—
Total	\$37,545	\$38,395

Notes

Expected costs for the academic year are based on full time attendance. From year to year, increases are anticipated consistent with inflation in the professional education sector.

Most Social Work and Social Ecology students receive financial aid.

Estimated Living Expenses

Academic Year , off campus, with a roommate

Year of Program:	Year 1	Year 2
Months enrolled	9	9
Room & Board	\$11,655	\$11,655
Transportation	\$2,880	\$2,880
Personal Expenses	\$2,070	\$2,070

Notes

- Amounts are what a student can apply to borrow for the number of months shown in each academic year based on living off campus with a roommate and not with a relative.
- International students need to calculate 12 months of living expenses based on the numbers listed here.
- In general, to qualify for financial aid a student must be enrolled at least half time taking degree requirements. Half time is 6 units in a quarter for undergraduate programs and 4 units in a quarter for graduate programs.