



# Master of **SOCIAL WORK**

## Program Overview

Pacific's Master of Social Work is designed to prepare highly skilled social workers to work in health care settings. This innovative program integrates simulation lab training, interprofessional education, and supervised practice in the field. Students may focus in health care areas such as mental health, aging, and community and public health as they prepare to become providers of comprehensive and culturally sensitive clinical care using an evidence-based approach.

Students complete this hybrid (online and classroom) traditional accelerated program in 16 months, with a new cohort each fall. Students with a bachelor's degree in social work from a program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education can complete the advanced standing program in 12 months, with a new cohort each spring.

### TRADITIONAL PROGRAM FAST FACTS

<b>Sacramento</b> Campus	<b>55</b> units	<b>16</b> months (full-time)	<b>Rolling</b> admission March 1 priority	<b>Fall</b> trimester start (August)	<b>Hybrid</b> online and classroom	<b>GRE</b> not required
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### ADVANCED STANDING OPTION

<b>Sacramento</b> Campus	<b>32</b> units	<b>12</b> months (full-time)	<b>Rolling</b> admission March 1 priority	<b>Spring</b> trimester start (January)	<b>Hybrid</b> online and classroom	<b>GRE</b> not required
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Being a health care social worker is giving our best on every level—compassion, quick and critical thinking, awareness of our biases, standing up to challenges, enjoying giving to others, problem solving, leadership, deep engagement with clients and lifelong learning... It's a wonderful profession.

**Rose Wong, PhD, MPA, LCSW**  
MSW Program Director

### Curriculum

The MSW curriculum prepares graduates to:

- Use evidence to guide decision-making and clinical skills to promote best practices;
- Develop strategies to promote high-quality care, innovation and organizational change; and
- Work in interprofessional teams to provide compassionate and culturally sensitive patient-centered care.

Development of clinical skills begins in the first trimester and continues throughout the program in classroom and field learning.

### Faculty

Students benefit from close working relationships with dedicated and passionate professors who have extensive professional social work practice experience in health care and related areas. The majority of full-time professors also have earned doctoral degrees in social work. Faculty provide close advising and mentoring to help each student succeed in the program and reach their career goals.

### Tuition and Financing

Tuition and fees are set annually. The per-unit graduate tuition rate for the 2020–21 academic year is \$1,000 plus applicable fees. Graduate students who are U.S. citizens or eligible non-citizens may apply for federal student loans. Please contact our Office of Financial Aid at [financialaid@pacific.edu](mailto:financialaid@pacific.edu) for more information about financing options.

University of the Pacific is currently in Pre-Candidacy for Accreditation by the Council on Social Work Education's Commission on Accreditation.

### OUTCOMES

Graduates are prepared for professional social work practice in inpatient and outpatient health and mental-health care, geriatric and palliative services, public health, program evaluation/management, and health care policy, among other areas. Graduates are also prepared to begin the clinical licensing process upon graduation.

### REQUIREMENTS

The following are required for admission through the Graduate Centralized Application Service (GradCAS):

- Traditional program:  
Bachelor's degree in any field,  
2.75 minimum GPA
- Advanced Standing program:  
BSW degree from CSWE-accredited  
program, 3.0 minimum GPA
- Official transcripts
- Personal statement
- Two letters of recommendation

For international students, the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) is required.

For more information, please visit:

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