



Master of Social Work Program Application for Admission

Deadline to Submit: Priority deadline is July 1st for Fall 2023 Program Admissions
Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis

Instructions:

Thank you for your interest in Fresno Pacific University's Master of Social Work Program. Please complete the following application, typed personal statement, two references, and resume. All components of the admission packet must be submitted in its entirety to be reviewed. Incomplete or handwritten applications will not be accepted.

**Please email completed application with attached documents to:
gdc.admissions@fresno.edu.**

*Applications received after the priority deadline of July 1st may be considered based on space and readiness for graduate studies.

The social work program admissions committee will notify prospective students by email within 2 weeks of admission decision. For questions, contact the Master of Social Work program office at: (559)453-2066.

**FRESNO PACIFIC UNIVERSITY
APPLICATION FOR MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK
PROGRAM ADMISSION**

Name (First & Last): _____

Date: _____

Address

Street	City	State	Zip Code
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Cell # () _____

FPU email (if applicable) _____

Other email _____

Check one:

- Advanced Standing
- Non-BSW Applicant

Check campus location. If you are willing to attend an alternative campus, check all that apply

- Main Campus
- North Fresno Campus
- Visalia Campus (DC)

Volunteer / Internship / Employment History

Please submit a resume with your completed application.

*If you graduated from a CSWE BSW program, also submit a copy of your completed field hours and final field evaluation from your BSW program.

Graduate Personal Statement

Please answer the following questions in 2-3 pages using narrative form. Applicants should utilize APA format with a cover page, double space, Times New Roman, and 12-point font.

1. How have your personal and professional experiences, background, and education shaped your interest in advanced social work practice?
2. Why do you believe the FPU MSW program is a good fit for you?
3. The FPU MSW program explores ethical faith integration and practice. It is a distinctive aspect of the program because attending to spirituality is part of serving the whole client. How do you see faith integration intersecting with the work of helping people?
4. The social work profession's mission is based on six core values set forth by the National Association of Social Workers (NASW). Discuss what core values most align with your values. For your reference, here is the link to the NASW code of ethics.
<https://www.socialworkers.org/About/Ethics/Code-of-Ethics/Code-of-Ethics-English>

Understanding of Expectations

(Initial each item, acknowledging your agreement)

- _____ 1. I have read the Master of Social Work (MSW) Program Handbook in its entirety.
- _____ 2. I have read the NASW Code of Ethics (www.socialworkers.org/pubs/code/code.asp)
- _____ 3. I agree to attend the mandatory MSW Program Orientation upon admission.
- _____ 4. I agree to check my FPU email account regularly for program updates.
- _____ 5. I give consent to have my photo printed in Social Work program publications.

Maintaining Integrity of the MSW Program and the Social Work profession:

Admission to the Social Work program is contingent upon the honesty of the information given in this application. The university and program rely upon the student's affirmation that all submitted information is truthful and correct. The submission of false information in any form by the student may lead to disciplinary action including dismissal from the MSW program and university.

Fresno Pacific University as a Christian University

Fresno Pacific University is committed to providing a learning and living environment that, consistent with its Christian beliefs, promotes safety, transparency, personal integrity, civility, mutual respect, and freedom from invidious discrimination. In addition, the Social Work program aims to prepare students by instilling an understanding of the relationship between social work and the Christian faith and encourages students in the development of faith as it relates to their self and life of service. <https://www.fresno.edu/about>

Affirmation of Submission

I have read and understand all the information presented in this admission packet. I verify that all the information submitted in this admission application is truthful and correct.

Applicant's signature: _____

Please check that all materials are included with the application packet:

Application Requirements:

- Application
- Personal Statement
- Resume of work and/or volunteer experience
- Two Reference Forms (1 Academic & 1 Professional)
- BSW Field Hours Verification & BSW Final Field Evaluation (****Advanced Standing applications only***)

Criteria for Program Admissions:

- Completed Application
- Overall GPA of 3.0 or better (Letter of petition for students with a GPA under 3.0)
- Personal and professional aptitude
- Submission by priority deadline (later applications are considered as space permits & are taken on rolling basis)
- ***Advanced Standing** – This pertains to applicants who have graduated from Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) accredited program. Applicants may be eligible to begin the MSW program in year 2 of the curriculum.
 - Must have completed a verified 400+ hour internship.
 - Advanced Standing (Year 2) offering will begin in **Fall 2024**.

HCAI Scholarship

The FPU Social Work program has been awarded the Healthcare Access & Information (HCAI) grant to expand program offerings to address mental health professional shortages. The state shortages directly impact children, youth, and families. Please see the following article that discusses how the shortages affect California's regions in greater detail:

<https://calmatters.org/health/2022/09/california-shortage-mental-health-workers/>. **The HCAI Master of Social Work Scholarship will provide a limited number of scholarships, up to full program tuition, to the inaugural class of Fall 2023. The completion of this section is optional and not required for admission to the program.**

MSW Scholarship Questions

Applicant Instructions: Please answer the following questions in 3-5 pages using narrative form. Applicants should utilize APA format with a cover page, double space, Times New Roman, and 12-point font. Your response to the scholarship questions should be submitted with your MSW Program Admission Application.

The MSW scholarship focuses on behavioral health and helping children, youth, and families in underserved communities aimed at wellness, recovery, resilience, and empowerment. With this in mind, please answer the following questions.

1. How has your connection with an underserved community influenced your decision to pursue an MSW?
2. How do you anticipate using your MSW degree focusing on behavioral health to help others?
3. Identify and discuss at least two critical areas impacting behavioral health/mental health services within underserved communities.
4. Behavioral health social workers serve clients in various multidisciplinary settings and can be the sole social worker on the team. What strengths could you bring to an environment like this, and what growth areas do you still want to develop?
5. Explain your understanding of culturally competent practice. What would you consider your areas of strength and areas of growth working within this framework?