CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY Chico
School of Social Work
Distributed Learning BSW/MSW Program
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, CHICO
California State University, Chico is at the heart of a college town rich with history. A creek flows nearby in Bidwell Park and right into the middle of campus. The warmth and dedication of those who teach, study, and work here is a genuine expression of the joys of Chico. Visit and see for yourself what makes Chico so special.

UNIVERSITY MISSION
CSU, Chico is a comprehensive university principally serving Northern California, our state and nation through excellence in instruction, research, creative activity, and public service. CSU, Chico’s mission is committed to assisting students in their search for knowledge and understanding and to prepare them with the attitudes, skills, and habits of lifelong learning in order to assume responsibility in a democratic community and to be useful members of a global society.

CSU, CHICO SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
The mission of the School of Social Work is to provide accessible, high quality education for generalist practice at the baccalaureate level and advanced generalist practice at the graduate level. We educate students to be ethical, knowledgeable, and versatile practitioners and leaders who value collaboration, social and economic justice, and lifelong learning.

In our School of Social Work program, there is a rich mix of students from various backgrounds, lifestyles, and traditions. This results in a diverse context for studying and working for social change. Our program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). Also, please note that our courses are delivered in various formats; face-to-face, online, hybrid, and other distributive education models.
**WHAT IS DISTRIBUTED LEARNING?**

Distributed Learning (DL) refers to a multi-media method of instruction delivery, often called a hybrid format. It includes a variety of instruction formats:

- **Synchronous** – Students and instructors are online, in a specific web location, working together at the same scheduled time
- **Asynchronous** – Students complete course work on their own, within specific timeframes
- **Face-to-Face** – Students and instructors meet face-to-face, on campus, as scheduled in advance
- **Other Formats** – Students may use videos, chats, blogs, discussion threads, conferencing, and more

**IS DL THE RIGHT CHOICE?**

Successful DL students are self-directed, good with time-management, motivated, can communicate well in writing, and feel comfortable using technology. Students can assess if DL is a good fit by using:

**DL "Fit" Tests**  **DL Checklists**  **DL Assessments**

Check out this helpful website on DL: [http://www.elearners.com/online-education-resources/online-learning/](http://www.elearners.com/online-education-resources/online-learning/)

**OUR DL BSW & MSW PROGRAMS**

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Our DL BSW Program & DL MSW program were created out of a need for accessible social work degrees for those who could not participate in traditional social work degree programs. Many of our students live in rural and remote regions of Northern California, work full-time, and/or have family obligations and need education delivered in an alternative format.

- Same curriculum as campus-based program
- Kinesthetic, visual, auditory learning opportunities
- State-supported program to minimize costs
- Collaboration across the North State
- Year-round program, including summers
- New student orientation (first fall semester)
- Hybrid instruction including face-to-face, asynchronous, and synchronous sessions
- 2-3 weekends per semester for face-to-face sessions on campus

**TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PROGRAM**

- Daily access to a reliable computer
- High-speed internet, webcam, headset/mic
- Computer with 1GB RAM and process speeds of 2GHZ for Windows (or 2G or higher Macintosh)
DL FIELD WORK INFORMATION

DL FIELD PLACEMENTS
Field education is the signature pedagogy of Social Work and is often referred to as the "heart of social work education". It provides students with an opportunity to apply classroom knowledge to real life situations. Students will enroll in the field practicum course during the final two semesters of their BSW program. Students enroll in the field practicum courses during foundation and concentration year of their MSW program, a total of four semesters. Emphasis is placed on developing essential competencies that reflect the values, knowledge and skills of the profession.

The social work program is committed to increasing the number of professional social workers in Northern California. Field placements occur in our service region which includes Butte, Colusa, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Nevada, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Trinity, Tehama, and Yuba counties. DL students are able to use their employment sites for internship provided certain criteria are met. Students interested in completing an employment based internship will need to contact the Director of Field Education the semester prior to enrollment in the field practicum.

Check out our GE planning website: http://www.csuchico.edu/aap/

DL BSW TRANSFER STUDENT INFORMATION

BEFORE TRANSFERRING TO CSU, CHICO
- Complete 60+ transferable semester units
- Complete 30+ semester units of GE with a C or better, including all of GE Area A
- Have a 2.0 or higher GPA
- It is recommended that all Lower Division GE courses are completed before starting the DL BSW program
- Consider participating in CSU, Chico's Online Summer Orientation for campus introduction and early class registration. Please contact the DL Coordinator to participate.

AFTER TRANSFERRING TO CSU, CHICO
- Students are required to take three Upper Division Pathway courses (along with social work courses)
- Students are required take one course from: natural sciences, arts/humanities, and social sciences
- Five Pathway “tracks” offer online courses in all three areas: Food Studies, Gender & Sexuality, Global Development, Health & Wellness, and International Studies
- Students will complete at least 60 hours of community service before the Social Work Professional Sequence
- Students will complete at least 120 semester units to be prepared for graduation
HOW TO APPLY: DL BSW PROGRAM

**DL BSW ADMISSIONS PROCESS**

**Step 1:** Review the CSU, Chico DL BSW Social Work and CSU, Chico Transfer Student pages.

**Step 2:** Submit an application to the university through CSU Mentor. Application timeframes are:
- Fall – Oct 1-Nov 30 (for the following fall semester)
- Spring – Aug 1-Aug 31 (for spring semester)

**Step 3:** Once accepted, enroll in BSW Social Work “core” courses (SWRK 170, 200, & 202; prerequisite courses must be completed before Spring Semester).

**Step 4:** During the Fall Semester, apply to the School of Social Work BSW ‘Professional Sequence’ with the Professional Sequence Application from Sept 1-Sept 25

**Step 5:** Once accepted into the BSW ‘Professional Sequence’, enroll in 2-Year Accelerated BSW Social Work courses or 3-Year BSW Social Work courses.

**NOTE:** Our DL BSW program is a two-year or three-year program, including summer terms. New students are admitted every year, typically in the fall. Acceptance into the university does not guarantee acceptance into the School of Social Work program.

HOW TO APPLY: DL MSW PROGRAM

**DL MSW ADMISSIONS PROCESS**

**Step 1:** Review the CSU, Chico DL MSW Social Work and CSU, Chico Graduate Studies pages.

**Step 2:** Submit an application to the university’s graduate studies program through CSU Mentor, between Oct 1-Jan 5.

**Step 3:** Submit the MSW Social Work Application to the School of Social Work, between Oct 1-Jan 5.

**Step 4:** Once accepted into the MSW program, enroll in MSW Social Work courses.

**NOTE:** Our DL MSW program is a three-year program, including summer terms. New students are admitted every three years, starting in the fall (e.g. 2014, 2017, 2020...). Acceptance into the university does not guarantee acceptance into the School of Social Work program.

Check the School of Social Work website for announcements & dates.
**DL BSW PROGRAM COURSE SEQUENCE**

### COMMUNITY COLLEGE (OR PREVIOUS UNIVERSITY) COURSEWORK

#### PRE-REQS
- Economics
- Introduction Psychology
- Introduction Sociology
- Human Biology, Human Anatomy, or Human Physiology
- Statistics

*Grades of C or better are required for these social work prerequisite courses.*

### GENERAL EDUCATION WITH PREREQUISITES

- **Economics**
- **Introduction Psychology**
- **Introduction Sociology**
- **Human Biology, Human Anatomy, or Human Physiology**
- **Statistics**

### TRANSFER INFORMATION
- Work closely with a community college advisor around GE and transferring to our Social Work Program
- Contact our DL Coordinator as soon as possible to ensure you are on track
- Please visit our DL website for approved Community College transfer courses.

### CSU, CHICO – SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK DL BSW PROGRAM COURSEWORK (THREE-YEAR OPTION)

*Subject to change; two-year accelerated option available as well*

#### FALL SEMESTER (Apply to the Professional Sequence)
- **SWRK 170** Social Welfare Institutions: Power & Scarcity (3 units)
- **SWRK 200** Diversity & Social Justice (3 units)
- **SWRK 202** Human Behavior Across the Lifespan (3 units)

#### SPRING SEMESTER (Start of Professional Sequence)
- **SWRK 303** Human Behavior & the Social Environ. (3 units)
- **GE Upper Division Pathway Course** (3 units)

#### SUMMER SEMESTER
- **SWRK 305** Community & Organizational Change (3 units)
- **SWRK 485** Social Welfare Policy, Programs, Services (3 units)

#### FALL SEMESTER
- **GE U.D. Pathway Course** (3 units)
- **SWRK Elective** (3 units)

#### SPRING SEMESTER
- **SWRK 330** SWRK Research Methods w/lab (4 units)
- **GE U.D. Pathway Course** (3 units)
- **SWRK 325** Basic Skills in SWRK Practice (3 units)

There are some community college equivalent courses (see “Transfer Information”)

Take 1 elective course in spring or fall (see below)

**BSW Elective Courses** (at least one offered each semester)
- **SWRK 320** Child Welfare
- **SWRK 474** Older Adults
- **SWRK 478** Wellness & Recover

**BSW Core Courses** (equivalent courses offered at the following community colleges)
- **SWRK 170**—Lassen, Mendocino, Shasta, Yuba
- **SWRK 200**—Lassen, Shasta, Sierra, Yuba
- **SWRK 202**—Butte, Lassen, Shasta, Sierra, Yuba

Internships take place during the last year of the program; 16 hours per week

Face-to-Face Meeting Info
- 1-day orientation in fall of 1st year
- 2 weekends each semester through-out the program
## DL MSW Program Course Sequence

**CSU, CHICO – School of Social Work DL MSW Program Coursework – Foundation Courses**

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<td>Social Welfare Policy &amp; Services (3 units)</td>
<td>Research I (4 units)</td>
<td>Substance Abuse Elective (3 units)</td>
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**Additional Liberal Arts Prerequisites are listed on the MSW Application website:**
http://www.csuchico.edu/swrk/programs/msw/application_materials.shtml

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**CSU, CHICO – School of Social Work DL MSW Program Coursework – Concentration Courses**

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<td>Adv Child Welfare -or-</td>
<td>SWRK Theory &amp; Practice II (3 units)</td>
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<td>Assessment of Indiv &amp; Families (3 units)</td>
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<td>MH Wellness Electives (3 units)</td>
<td>Foundation Practicum I (3 units)</td>
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<td>Supervision, Program Dev, Admin (3 units)</td>
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**Internships start during the 2nd year of the program; 16 hours per week**

**Take 2nd of 2 required electives (or take thesis/project units in the 3rd year)**

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**CSU, CHICO – School of Social Work DL MSW Program Coursework – 3rd Year**

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<td>Adv MH Practice</td>
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<td>Adv FCY Practice (3 units)</td>
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<td>Adv FCY Treatment (3 units)</td>
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**If doing a thesis or project instead of the comprehensive exam, take SWRK 699T or 699P (2 units)**

**Internships also occur during the 3rd year of the program; 24 hours per week**

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**Face-to-Face Meeting Info**
- 2-day orientation before 1st year
- 2 weekends per each semester (1st & 2nd year)
- 2-3 weekends per each semester (3rd year)
“I loved the DL program. I learned a lot and feel that I acquired the necessary skills and knowledge to prepare me for my current job. It also sparked a zeal for lifelong learning.” - DL Alumni -

“Although I have years of experience in the field, having my MSW has made me a whole and complete professional social worker.” - DL Alumni -

“Couldn’t be happier with my education, career path. If there was not a DL program, I would have not been able to obtain my Master’s. I had completed my undergrad degree at Chico State and wanted to get my graduate degree there as well. I feel like Chico State is my educational home!” - DL Alumni -

SO WHAT DO SOCIAL WORKERS DO?
We actively seek out strengths, help develop individual and community capacities, promote social justice, provide problem-solving support, improve effectiveness of social policies and programs, develop professional knowledge, engage in research and evaluation, and so much more...

FINANCIAL AID, SCHOLARSHIPS, LOANS
- CSU, Chico – Financial Aid & Scholarship Office
  [http://www.csuchico.edu/fa/](http://www.csuchico.edu/fa/)
- CSU, Chico – School of Social Work MSW Scholarships
  [http://www.csuchico.edu/swrk/programs/msw/mswscholarships.shtml](http://www.csuchico.edu/swrk/programs/msw/mswscholarships.shtml)
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
  [https://www.fafsa.ed.gov](https://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

SOCIAL WORK STIPEND PROGRAMS
- Behavioral Health Services for Transitional Age Youth (MSW)
  [http://www.csuchico.edu/swrk/mh/behavioralhealthservicesfortransitionalageyouth1.shtml](http://www.csuchico.edu/swrk/mh/behavioralhealthservicesfortransitionalageyouth1.shtml)
- Harford Partnership Program in Aging Education (MSW)
  [http://www.csuchico.edu/swrk/olderadults/hppae.shtml](http://www.csuchico.edu/swrk/olderadults/hppae.shtml)
- Mental Health Stipend (MSW)
  [http://www.csuchico.edu/swrk/mh/mentalhealthstipendprogram.shtml](http://www.csuchico.edu/swrk/mh/mentalhealthstipendprogram.shtml)
- Title IV-E & Pathways Child Welfare Training Program (BSW & MSW – must be employed in child welfare)

Did you know you can apply to the CSU and FAFSA at the same time?
[http://www.csumentor.edu/](http://www.csumentor.edu/)
For questions or more information, please contact our DL Coordinator at:

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