Distributed Learning Program
CSU, Chico | School of Social Work

BSW Professional Sequence Application Information Meeting
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BSW DL Program

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Agenda

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• Pre-SWRK Status
• BSW Professional Sequence Process and Deadlines
• BSW Prerequisites
• Community College Equivalency Handout
• Choosing the 2-Year or 3-Year Program
• 60 Hours of Volunteer Time Requirement
• Beginning the Application Process — Setting up your account
• Priority Points
• University and Social Work Requirements
• BSW Professional Sequence Application Walk-Through
Welcome to CSU, Chico as a Pre-SWRK

Pre-SWRK students are students who are finishing or have finished their BSW prerequisites and are ready to apply to the BSW Professional Sequence.

Some Pre-SWRK are already CSU, Chico students.

Those Pre-SWRK students who are not current CSU, Chico students, will first need to apply to the CSU, Chico and receive a student ID #.

The CSU, Chico Application
CSU, Chico Office of Admissions

Your student ID # is needed for the BSW Professional Sequence Application.
BSW Professional Sequence Application Deadlines

**STEP 1:**
Contact the DL Coordinator or DL Advisor to schedule an advising meeting via Zoom, face-to-face, or phone to review your prerequisites and current academic standing.

**STEP 2:**
University Admission Application (Apply for Admission to CSU, Chico):
- October 1 - November 30 for the following Fall semester (Fall Admit)
- August 1 - August 31 for the upcoming Spring semester (Spring Admit)
- Select “Pre-Social Work Distributed Learning” as your major

**Once you have determined that the DL program is suitable for your academic, it is VERY IMPORTANT that you contact the DL program ASAP to schedule an advising session.**

**STEP 3:**
Once accepted to CSU, Chico as a Pre-SWRK BSW DL Student (Admission to CSU, Chico does not guarantee acceptance to the BSW Professional Sequence)
- Complete remaining prerequisites or Upper Division Pathway Courses
- Complete BSW Professional Sequence Application – opens every Fall semester (August 1st – Sept. 15th)
- Complete 60 hours of VOLUNTEER or EMPLOYMENT SERVICE by December 15th, prior to start of BSW Professional Sequence

Refer to the [Supplemental Criteria for Admission to the BSW Professional Sequence](#)
How do I apply to the BSW DL program?

**STEP ONE**
Apply for admission to CSU Chico through [Cal State Apply](#).

*Prior to transfer, must be eligible for junior standing (60 transferrable units)*

**STEP TWO**
Read the [BSW Application Instructions site](#).

Read What items do I need to begin the professional sequence application?

Meet all 5 pre-requisites with letter grade “C” or better by end of Summer, prior to Fall term:
- Intro to Psychology
- Intro to Sociology
- Statistics
- Human Biology/Physiology/Anatomy
- Economics

**STEP THREE**
Accept Admission to CSU, Chico as a Pre-SWRK BSW DL student.

Fall semester:
Register for “Social Work Core Courses” (must earn “C” or better) or UD Courses.

Consult with DL Coordinator or Advisor.

Complete [BSW Program application online](#).

**STEP FOUR**
Complete 60 hours of human sector work via volunteer or employment by end of fall semester (Junior Year).

Note: If you are currently employed in a social service agency/setting, your work experience may count towards these hours. Please consult with the DL program.
CSU, Chico Requirements

- University Requirements
- Academic Advising — GE Planning Sheet
- 9 units (3 courses) of upper division GE/Pathway
Upper Division Pathways

As an undergraduate, you will need three Upper Division Pathway courses at Chico State, one course from each area:

Area A – Natural Sciences
Area B – Social Sciences
Area C – Arts and Humanities

As a DL student, you can take three pathway courses across the TEN Pathways.
BSW Program at a Glance

BSW DL Program – usually begins every Fall semester.

- Prior to the starting the Spring semester BSW Professional Sequence all 8 prerequisites (BIOL, ECON, MATH, PSY, SOCI, plus the Social Work Core Courses)

- The 3 “Social Work Core Courses” (SWRK 170, SWRK 200, SWRK 202) are offered at several community colleges and CSU, Chico

- All 8 prerequisites must be completed with a “C” grade or higher

**NOTE** Some community colleges offer equivalent courses to the CSU, Chico “Social Work Core Courses”. Please refer to Equivalency/Prerequisites to the CSU, Chico BA in Social Work handout.

- 60 hour volunteer requirement

- All prerequisites must be completed or in progress at the time you apply to the Professional Sequence Application (Fall term)
Prerequisites to the CSU, Chico BA in Social Work

This table lists the prerequisite courses for entering the BSW Professional Sequence of the Social Work program at CSU, Chico. All courses listed under the respective community college are equivalent to the courses on the left-hand column under CSU, Chico. All prerequisites must be completed with a minimum grade of “C” or higher. Applicants must complete BIOL, ECON, MATH, PSY, and SOCI by the end of summer prior to entering their junior year. SWRK 170, 200, and 202 must be completed by the end of December, of the applicant’s junior year. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA for the traditional BSW program or 2.1 GPA for the BSW Distributed Learning program. All applicants must submit a BSW Professional Sequence application in September of their junior year and complete a minimum of 60 hours of employment or volunteer hours in a social service setting prior to starting the BSW Professional Sequence.

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Must be completed prior to the start of Social Work Core Courses: SWRK 170, SWRK 200 & SWRK 202

Equivalent courses can be taken at the listed community colleges or at CSU, Chico
BSW DL Program

We offer two program options:

• TWO year BSW DL program (accelerated)
  Two-Year BSW DL Course Sequence

Or

• THREE year BSW DL program (part-time):
  Three-Year BSW DL Course Sequence

Modalities:

• Hybrid courses consisting of online (synchronous and asynchronous) via Blackboard Learn, Zoom video conferencing/webinar, and on-campus, face-to-face weekends
• On-campus Weekends: meets at California State University, Chico 2 weekends each semester (Saturday and Sunday)
60 Hours of Volunteer Time at a Human Service Agency

- Please refer to the handout on our webpage for more information about the Required Volunteer Hours.
- COVID-19 possible substitutions.
- Documentation of Volunteer/Service Learning/Paid Hours Verification form must be e-mailed to: bswadmissions@csuchico.edu by December 15th.
- Hours must be completed by that date.
Setting up your account

Setting Up a New Account to Begin Professional Sequence Application if you do not already have a CSU, Chico ID # or Portal Account:

• Make sure your Cal State Apply application has been submitted.

• Four business days (Monday-Friday) after submitting the Cal State Apply application, contact the School of Social Work by calling 530-898-5043.

• Obtain your Chico State ID number from the School of Social Work.

• Create your account using the Account Initialization Tool

• Allow one business day for our account records to update.

• Proceed with your BSW Professional Sequence Application.

For technical troubleshooting, contact Jaime Nelson at jlnelson@csuchico.edu.
Priority Application Points

We have changed our admissions criteria to give preference to students from the North State, but not to restrict applications outside our region. **We welcome all applications to our Social Work program!**

Applicants to the BSW Professional Sequence are given extra points to the application scoring if they meet specific criteria.

**Priority is given for the following criteria:**

- Students who reside or transfer from one of the community colleges located in the 18 Northern California counties included in the CSUC catchment area and/or served by the Superior Region WET Regional Partnership: Butte, Colusa, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Nevada, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity or Yuba (see map)
- Veterans
- People with Disabilities

**Also under consideration:**

- Fluency in priority languages
- Paid experience in social and/or tribal services
- Volunteer experience as caregiver to other persons
- Volunteer experience in social services (minimum 60 hours)
Apply to the BSW Professional Sequence

- Apply to the BSW Professional Sequence
- Volunteer Hours Documentation
- Professional Sequence Walk-through
BSW Professional Sequence
Course Requirements &
Field Education/Internship

Once accepted into the SWRK Professional Sequence, you become a Social Work Major and have the following requirements for the major:

- **12** - Professional Sequence Courses
- **1** - Social Work elective
- **480 hours** - field practicum during senior year (16 hours per week)

All BSW DL students must complete 480 hours of field education practicum during their senior year in one of the following 18 **Northern California Superior Region** counties: Butte, Colusa, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Nevada, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, and Yuba
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