



Social Work Program degree options offered at the Palm Desert Campus (PDC)



What is social work?

- A profession devoted to helping people function the best they can in their environment
- Supporting individuals, families, groups, organizations & communities
- Generating change and pursuing social justice in the world



Where do Social Workers work?

- Non-profit charitable and advocacy organizations
- County social welfare agencies
- Private health, mental health, & treatment facilities
- K-12 schools and colleges/universities
- Court & criminal justice institutions
- State and federal legislatures





The School of Social Work offers social work degrees leading up to a Bachelor's in Social work (BASW) and a Master's of Social Work (MSW).

Social Work program options at the Palm Desert campus include:

- BASW
- MSW

The following slides provide an overview of each program option offered at PDC.



Bachelor of Social Work (BASW) Program

- 2 year, full-time program completed in junior & senior year of undergraduate degree (pre-BASW for fresh/soph)
- Curriculum
 - CSUSB General Education requirements
 - Social Work courses in sequence
 - Senior year field placement (internship) 2 days per week (weekdays only) for 480 hours



What kinds of courses will I take in the BASW Program?



- Social Welfare Policy & Community Advocacy
- Direct Practice with Individuals, Families, & Groups
- Human Behavior & the Social Environment
- Research
- Field Placement (Internship) & Seminar
- Electives

- Visit the BASW website @ <https://www.csusb.edu/social-work/basw> for requirements*, application process, and timelines
- Reach out to your advisor or to our BASW program for more information!

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MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK (MSW) PROGRAM

■ MSW Advanced Standing Option

It is 36 units and completed within 12 months.

This option is currently available in person, face to face instruction. Currently offered at the San Bernardino Campus. The Palm Desert Campus will begin offering the MSW Advanced Standing Option beginning Fall

■ Two-Year Program **(coming soon)**

It is 60 units and completed in two academic years. Two academic years (4 semesters) of coursework. Currently offered at the San Bernardino Campus. Beginning Fall 2025, the MSW 2 Year Option will be offered at both the San Bernardino Campus and Palm Desert Campus. *Students interested in the 2 year program at PDC, please email socialwork@csusb.edu*

Visit the [Social Work website](https://www.csusb.edu/social-work/msw) for more information on applying to the program and admission requirements.

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