CALSWEC MISSION

The California Social Work Education Center (CalSWEC) is a partnership between the schools of social work, public human service agencies, and other related professional organizations that facilitates the integration of education and practice to assure effective, culturally competent service delivery and leadership to the people of California.

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childwelfare-msw-program.html
WHAT IS CALSWEC?

Funded by Federal Title IV-E dollars, CalSWEC is a program of financial assistance for students interested in pursuing a career in public child welfare. This is linked to a curriculum developed jointly by educators and professionals in public child welfare practice.

The part-time CalSWEC program is limited to current employees of County and State Departments of Social Services or Public Child Welfare Agencies.

Each part-time CalSWEC student recipient receives reimbursement for tuition, fees, costs for required books, and a travel allowance for each day of class or fieldwork up to the contracted maximum.

HOW DO I APPLY?

To apply for the CalSWEC award, one must first be admitted to both the University and CSULB School of Social Work 3-year model in the Children and Family Well-Being Concentration.

A written application is required, including information regarding past work experience in public child welfare and other experience related to work with at-risk children.

Applicants are required to answer a series of questions in writing and may be interviewed. Questions address thoughtful planning regarding graduate studies and commitment to and understanding of public child welfare.

Applicants must have a letter of support from the director (or designate) of their county’s child welfare services.

The CalSWEC Awards Committee selects recipients. Students are notified in the summer prior to the start of classes.

Incoming students must attend a CalSWEC information meeting immediately after the general MSW program orientation, to be held shortly before the start of classes.

CALSWEC RECIPIENT EXPECTATIONS

- Recipients must complete the part-time model in the Children & Family Well-Being Concentration and maintain a 3.0 grade point average.
- Recipients must complete a specialized child welfare curriculum that includes an elective course in child welfare.
- Foundation year field (during the second academic year of the MSW program) must be completed in an agency that works directly with IV-E eligible children.
- Second-year field (during the third academic year of the MSW program) must be completed in their host public child welfare agency with a focus on either direct practice or administration (in an area other than where they work).
- **Recipients must sign a contract to return to their home agency to render 6 months of continuous and satisfactory full-time employment for each 15 semester units of CalSWEC educational support (for a maximum of 2 years), at a level appropriate to a new MSW in public child welfare.**