

**Our Program's Mission Statement is:**

As a professional degree program in a publicly funded university in a rural small town area, the mission of the MSW Program at California University of Pennsylvania is to improve the quality of life of at risk people within the surrounding region and in the broader global society. We do this by preparing effective and ethical advanced generalist practitioners committed to social, economic and environmental justice, human rights and universal respect for human diversity, who take an integrative, multi-level, culturally grounded, community-based approach to practice, and apply ecological systems theory with the person-in-environment perspective and risk and resilience perspective. We prepare professional leaders to develop needed and to enhance existing social welfare services through research, continuing education and service.

**MSW Program Goals**

Goal 1: To prepare ethical, competent, self-regulating MSW graduates with the requisite knowledge, skills, values, cognitive and affective processes for advanced generalist practice, with an emphasis on practice in rural and small town environments.

Goal 2: Develop social workers committed to social, economic and environmental justice, the promotion of human rights and universal respect for human diversity.

Goal 3: Develop leaders in social welfare prepared to create needed and positively impact existing services through nonmetropolitan-focused research, consultation, collaborative efforts and continuing education.

Our program is fully accredited by the [Council on Social Work Education](#) (CSWE) - the only accrediting body for social work education programs at the bachelor's and master's degree levels. Cal U's MSW program was granted initial accreditation in 2004 and reaccreditation in 2008 for a full eight years.

We offer two tracks: 4 semester, two-year program and a 6 semester, three-year program. We also offer an advanced standing program for those students with bachelor's degrees in social work from CSWE-accredited programs. [Learn more about the curriculum](#). Classes offered at Main Campus and selected classes are online.