

# Admissions Requirements

## Applicant Criteria

*Please note application instructions will differ slightly if applying for online or off-site.*

- Have a baccalaureate degree from an accredited university or college.
- Be in good standing at the last institution attended.
- Have at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average (GPA) or in the last 60 semester/90 quarter units of their undergraduate degree.
  - The departmental preference is a 3.0 GPA or above.

## Application Materials

- CSU Mentor Graduate Application (\$55 fee)
- Official transcripts in a sealed envelope for every college and/or university attended must be mailed to CSUN Admissions and Records
- Testing Requirements:
  - GRE is required for applicants below a 3.0 cumulative GPA before 10/1/16
  - Upper Division Writing Proficiency Exam is required for incoming graduate students who have not passed it previously as undergraduates before 10/1/2016
- Department Application
- Applicant Contract
- GPA Worksheet and unofficial transcripts for last 60 semester units or 90 quarter units.
- Official TOEFL score (if applicable)
- Personal Statement
- Resume
- Three Recommendation Packets

# Mission Statement & Program Goals

The mission of California State University, Northridge, Department of Social Work, is to prepare professional social workers to promote the well-being of individuals, families and communities in the urban setting.

The Department will teach students research-based knowledge, values and skills to:

- Prevent social, emotional and behavioral problems; improve the well being of individuals and families; and support the recovery process.
- Develop programs and policies which build on the strengths of urban families.
- Empower and be relevant to the needs of the multi-national, multi-ethnic, multi-cultural San Fernando Valley and its surrounding communities.
- Advocate for a diverse and just society.

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## Department of Social Work



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