

Full-Time Child Welfare California Title IV-E Education Stipend Program

The California Title IV-E Education Program is funded through Title IV-E monies from the federal government, designated for child welfare training. The program is specifically designed for those who are interested in working in public child welfare upon graduation with their Master in Social Work degree.

CSUDH offers the California Title IV-E Education Program for students enrolled in the two-year (full-time) model of the MSW Program. In addition, students must designate Children, Youth, and Families as their specialization and enroll in all required coursework.

Program Description The California Title IV-E Education Program full-time stipend program provides two years of support, at \$25,000 per year, for students enrolled in the two-year model of the MSW program. The student signs a contract to secure full-time employment in a public child welfare agency within the State of California for two (2) years, one year of employment for each year of support. However, it is hoped that students will continue their career in public child welfare employment for longer than this minimum period.

Application Requirements Students interested in applying for the California Title IV-E Education Program stipend must submit a separate application and answer various questions designed to ascertain their interest and level of commitment to a career in public child welfare. Students will also participate in a panel, face-to-face interview as part of the selection process. Individuals intending to apply for the California Title IV-E Education Program should be aware of the following stipulations:

- Students in the program must be U.S. citizens or have a permanent visa;
- DCFS Stipend recipients are not eligible for the California Title IV-E Education program
- California Title IV-E Education program students are not eligible for the PPS (Pupil Personnel Services) credential.

Applicants must be admitted into the MSW 2 Year Program and have signed their "Letter of Intent" to attend the MSW Program at CSUDH in order to be considered for the California Title IV-E Education Program (Please see below re: How to Apply).

California Title IV-E Education Program Requirements Students participating in the program must meet all of the following criteria to maintain their eligibility and ongoing participation:

- Enroll in and successfully complete coursework in the Children, Youth and Families specialization;
- Maintain a B (3.0) average in all coursework;
- Successfully complete and receive a grade of credit in the first year of field work, placed in a non-profit agency serving IV-E eligible children.
- Successfully complete and receive a grade of credit in the second year of field work placed in a public child welfare agency, and;
- Have a valid driver's license, current automobile insurance, and secure the use of a car as required by field work.

California Title IV-E Education Program students are required to participate in specialized training seminars and activities throughout the year. Students also are involved in a specialized child welfare job fair. Additional requirements include Child Welfare Curriculum, including but not limited to:

–MSW 531 - Special Topics in SW: Adv Research in SW Practices(Fall of Specialized Practice Year)

–MSW 560 - Social Welfare Policy III: Children, Youth and Families

–Electives:

–MSW 574 - Special Topics in SW: Seminar in Healthcare and Gerontology

–MSW 575 - Special Topics in SW: Grant Research and Proposal Writing

–MSW 576 - Special Topics in SW: Youth Empowerment for Community Change

–MSW 580 - Seminar in Child Welfare Issues

–MSW 590/599 - Seminar in Integrative learning or Thesis (Spring of Specialized Practice Year: Project or Thesis with a focus on Child Welfare population, issue area or service delivery systems)

Students must repay any monies received if they are unable to successfully complete any of the program requirements.

HOW TO APPLY:

You may submit your application to the California Title IV-E Education Program even if your acceptance to our MSW Program has not yet been confirmed. We will hold your application, and it will not be processed until your acceptance into the MSW Program has been confirmed. Upon acceptance to the MSW Program, we will contact you to proceed with the California Title IV-E Education Program application process.

The California Title IV-E Education Program Application Process:

1. Must be accepted to the CSUDH MSW Full-Time program with the intent to declare Children, Youth and Families as their specialization;
2. Must have returned their signed "Letter of Intent" to attend the MSW Program at CSUDH;
3. Complete a written California Title IV-E Education Program application (found on our website)
4. Participate in an oral interview

DEADLINE TO APPLY:

Your application must be received at the Social Work Department at CSUDH by April 30, 2025
Please send your application to:

ATTN: **Lynn Harris**
Master of Social Work Program
Welch Hall - RM WH A385
1000 E. Victoria St.
Carson, CA 90747
Phone: (310) 243-2186
E-mail: lhenderson@csudh.edu

Upon receipt of your completed application, you will then be contacted during the month of **June 2025 and/or upon your acceptance to the MSW Program**, to schedule an interview. Questions regarding employment after graduation and payback requirements (in the case that the two year commitment is not fulfilled) will be answered during the California Title IV-E Education Program interview.

California Title IV-E Education Program is a statewide program funded by Title IV-E Federal Funding and the IV-E stipend award is contingent upon continued provision of IV-E funds at current levels.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call or email Lynn Harris.

Answers to general questions about the California Title IV-E Education Program and Title IV-E funding may be found at: <https://humanservices.ucdavis.edu/california-title-iv-e-program>

Special Disclosure Notice for All Applicants and Recipients of CSUDH Social Work Stipend Programs:

Financial Aid Disclosure Policy for MSW Students Receiving Stipends, Awards or Scholarships

The Master of Social Work Program will forward information about all students receiving stipends, awards and scholarships to the University's Financial Aid Office. The information provided by the School will include the student's name, student ID number, source of funds, amount of funds and the semester/time frame of the financial award. Please be aware that this may change all funding students receive, if any, from the Financial Aid Office. Students applying for a stipend, award or scholarship are encouraged to contact the Financial Aid Office directly to discuss their overall financial aid package.