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The School of Social Work provides an undergraduate major in social welfare leading to the bachelor of arts degree, designed to prepare for beginning professional social work practice, to provide preparation for graduate work, and to provide a broad education in liberal arts. The school offers a two-year graduate program of preparation leading to the professional master of social work degree.

Social welfare courses at the undergraduate level include integration of theoretical and applied materials with contributions from social work, law, sociology, political science, cultural anthropology, economics, and psychology.

Graduate social work courses are similarly integrated and include materials from medicine, and psychiatry as well. Additionally, graduate social work courses include content unique to social work, especially in methods, field instruction, and social welfare policies and services. The School of Social Work holds membership in the Council of Social Work Education. Both undergraduate and graduate programs are accredited by the Council.

The continuing education program seeks to serve professionally trained social workers, other workers, and aides employed in social welfare agencies in the five-county service area of the college by supplementing professional education and in-service training in order to improve the level of effectiveness of social workers and allied disciplines in practice and to provide learning opportunities for those persons desirous of career progress.

COOPERATING AGENCIES

Social agencies throughout the San Joaquin Valley participate in the social welfare and social work training programs by providing field experience and instruction: Atascadero State Hospital; Behavior Analysis Group; Big Brothers of Fresno; California State: Department of Corrections, Human Resources Development, Social Welfare, Youth Authority; California State University, Fresno, ACTION Program, Affirmative Action, Educational Opportunity Program, Social Welfare Department; Clovis Unified School District; Comprehensive Health Planning Association; Emanuel Mental Health Center; Fresno City: Inspection and Planning Division, Housing Conservation Division, Recreation Department, Fresno City Police Department, Fresno City Unified School District; Fresno City College EOP/SS and Women's Center, Fresno Community Council; Fresno Community Hospital; Fresno County: Family Court, Jail, Mental Health Department, Probation Department, Sheriff's Office, Welfare Department, Valley Medical Center; Housing Authorities of Fresno City and County; Geriatric Programs; Hamberger House; Infant of Prague; Jewish Resources Corporation; Kernview Mental Health; Kings Canyon Unified School District; Kings View Mental Health Services; La Colonia Head Start Center; Lutheran Social Services; Madera County Welfare Department; Merced County Welfare Department; Multiple Sclerosis Society; National Association of Social Workers; National Organization of Women; North Visalia Social Service Center; Parlier Community Center; Pastoral Counseling Service; Pinedale Boys Club; Planned Parenthood of Fresno; Private convalescent hospitals; Project Outreach; Regional Diagnostic Center for the Mentally Retarded; St. Agnes Hospital; Trabajadores de la Raza; Tulare County Child Care Educational Program; Universidad de Aztlan; Valley Children's Hospital and Child Guidance Clinic; Veterans Administration Hospital. In addition, other agencies cooperate in the program.