



Hawai'i Pacific University
CENTER FOR GRADUATE STUDIES

MSW Master of
Social Work

PREPARING SOCIAL WORKERS FOR LEADERSHIP IN CROSS-CULTURAL PRACTICE

Graduate Studies at Hawai'i Pacific University



Hawai'i Pacific University's Social Work program provides students with the most up-to-date knowledge available to meet the challenges of a changing world. Here at HPU, students will be introduced to a variety of contemporary issues facing social workers and encouraged to use creative methodologies in practice.

We are a comprehensive university with a global perspective. Students find a dynamic, creative environment both in class and outside. The program integrates theory and practice, and talented faculty bring their expertise and professional backgrounds into the classroom.

A Great Place to Live, Learn, and Work

Living and learning in Hawai'i will be an unforgettable experience. Honolulu is a major hub of activity for business, education, government, military affairs, health services, politics, and commerce. These resources provide students with a variety of opportunities to conduct research, network with professionals, and experience on-the-job training through practicum.

Life on the HPU campus owes much of its ambience to the Honolulu community. With a population of 750,000, Honolulu is a large and modern city, but still retains all the advantages of a small town. Hawai'i Pacific University's downtown location provides easy access to the social and cultural excitement of the city, the solitude of the Ko'olau Mountains, and the beauty and fun of Hawai'i's beaches.

The Master of Social Work

Features

- An experienced faculty dedicated to teaching.
- A program that integrates theory and practice.
- Part-time, year-around study.
- Advanced standing for those who have done well in the B.S.W.
- Field experiences in local social services agencies.
- First-year courses based on the generalist model and a base of liberal arts.
- Concentration in cross-cultural practice.
- You can choose the cultural group for your specialized study and field practicum.



The HPU Master's degree in Social Work provides helping professionals with the knowledge, values, and skills they need for advanced practice, leadership, and contributing to the profession's knowledge base.

Built on a foundation of the liberal arts, the MSW is a two-year program that is open both to students with previous social work education and to those with another bachelor's degree.

As a small program that emphasizes quality and personal attention, MSW students will be introduced to a challenging curriculum that integrates social work methods, theory, practical application, and skills training. HPU's typical approach to teaching is to maintain a small-class environment that maximizes faculty-student interaction and fosters strong faculty mentoring relationships.

Technology Tools For Learning

- Access to online periodical databases in social sciences
- Course Web page technology
- State-of-the-art wireless services on campus
- High-tech classroom facilities

Mission Statement

The mission of Hawai'i Pacific University's Masters degree in Social Work is to prepare appropriate students, especially working adults, for entry into the competent, effective, ethical practice of social work at an advanced level. Hawai'i Pacific University's social work students should unashamedly want to "make the world a better place" through cross-cultural practice, furthering social work knowledge, and providing leadership in the development of service delivery systems.

Program Overview

Supervised practice in a social service agency is an integral part of the learning experience in the MSW program. Field experiences provide an important practical setting to explore methods and professional identity.

Foundation Curriculum

In the first year of MSW study, students learn from the “generalist model” of social work practice. That is, they study an overview of the profession, and the basic methods of working with individuals, families, small groups, organizations, and communities. They also study subjects that support practice, such as human growth and development and social policy. A special feature of the first year’s curriculum is an interviewing laboratory in which students practice communication skills more intensively.

Concentration Curriculum

In the second academic year, students focus on knowledge and skills that help them become effective cross-cultural practitioners. In the program’s definition, cross-cultural social work practice uses the profession’s knowledge and the practitioner’s understanding of cultures to select and implement the methods that have the best chance of success with a specific client or client group. Students may select the culture that is of most interest to them, and focus their studies on this group.

Field experience (supervised work in a community agency) is a feature of both years.

Part-Time, Year-Round Curriculum

The mission of HPU’s MSW program includes special attention to students who must support themselves during their graduate education. For this reason, the MSW has been designed on a part-time, year-round basis. Students will begin thru courses that provide an orientation to the profession of social work. (Advanced-standing students will take a 3-credit class that provides an orientation to graduate study.) Students will then take three courses in each of fall and spring semesters (plus a one-credit interviewing lab in the semester of the student’s choice), and five courses over Summer I and Summer IV.

Graduate Learning

- MSW candidates will be well prepared to practice in culturally diverse environments.
- Students study in a microcosm of the global village—almost a third of the total HPU student population come from more than 102 countries, another third are from Hawai‘i, and the remainder journey from the other 49 states.
- HPU classes are small and structured in a seminar learning format.
- MSW students enjoy individual attention from HPU faculty who are qualified in a broad range of social work areas.

Go Online for:

- Schedule of upcoming classes
- Term dates
- Library services

Students who do not have a liberal arts degree must take at least 30 credit hours in liberal arts subjects.

The Master of Social Work (MSW)

(58 credits - 20 courses)

2 Year Program

PREREQUISITES:

Courses equivalent to:

MATH 1123

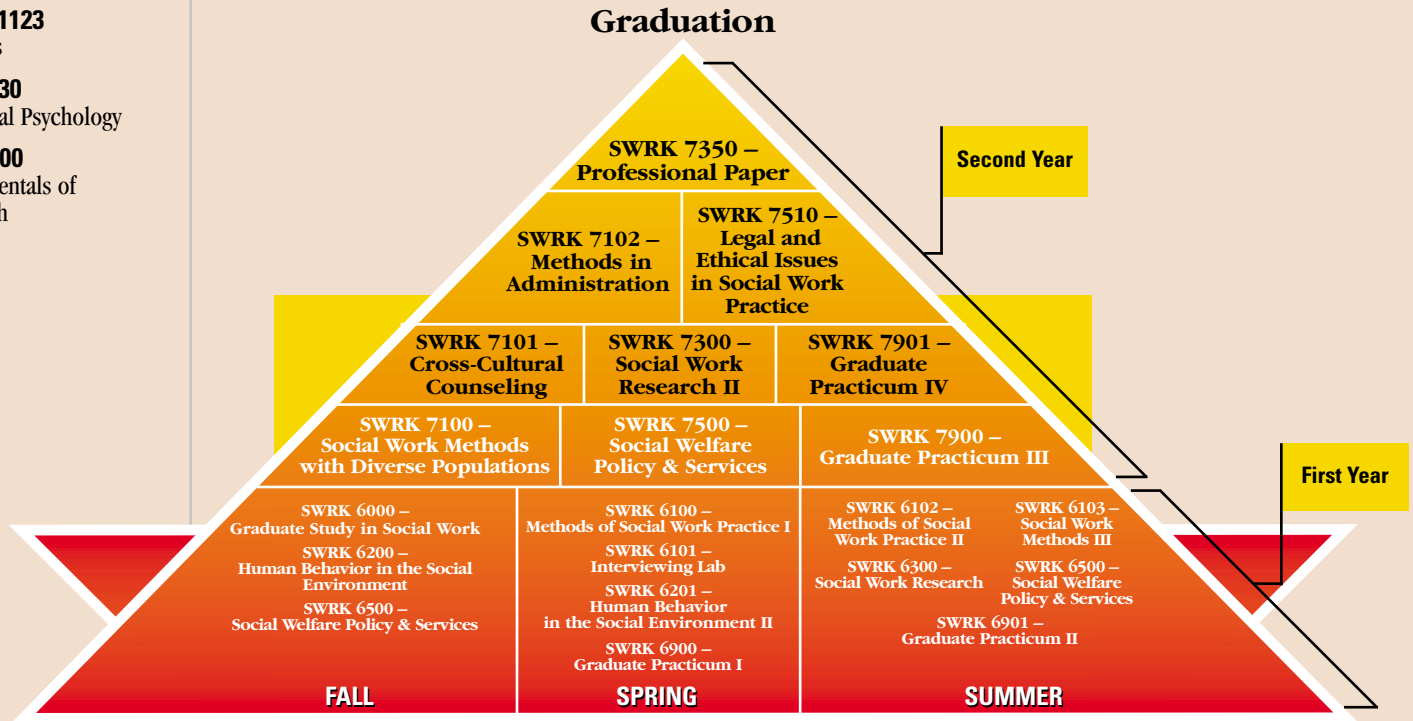
Statistics

PSY 3130

Abnormal Psychology

SOC 2100

Fundamentals of Research



The Master of Social Work can be completed in two years as a full-time student. There is also an option for students who wish to continue working and pursue the MSW on a part-time basis.

The Master of Social Work requires a minimum of 58 semester hour of graduate work, but allows students who have successfully earned a BSW from an accredited program to apply for advanced standing. Advance standing enables students to skip certain foundation courses and begin at the concentration level, provided all foundation requirements have been met.

This diagram depicts a typical schedule for full-time students; however, part-time options are also available.

MSW Course Descriptions



"Welcome to HPU's Masters degree in Social Work.

The profession of social work is about helping people, and doing so from a time-tested base of knowledge, values, and skills. Social workers have a "heart" for the oppressed and victims of social justice, and social workers like to reach out beyond their own comfort zones to help those in need. That is why our area of concentration, Cross-Cultural Practice, is so appropriate for the 21st century.

The BSW prepares social workers for entry-level generalist practice. It provides knowledge, values, and skills that can be used in a wide variety of settings. In the MSW, the emphasis is on advanced practice, and on preparing the profession's future leaders and scholars.

We hope that you will choose to be among them."

Mary S. Sheridan, Ph.D.,
ACSW
Director
Social Work Program

FOUNDATION COURSES

SWRK 6000

Graduate Study in Social Work (3 credits)

The social work profession, its history, philosophy, values/ethics, fields of practice, and levels of practice. Social work literature and library research methods necessary for success at the graduate level.

SWRK 6100

Methods of Social Work Practice I (3 credits)

Generalist model of practice, interviewing skills, and working with individuals.

SWRK 6101

Interviewing laboratory (1 credit)

Intensive development of interviewing skills.

SWRK 6102

Methods of Social Work Practice II (3 credits)

Social work practice with children, families, and small groups. Special attention to child welfare issues.

SWRK 6103

Methods of Social Work Practice III (3 credits)

Social work practice with groups.

SWRK 6200

Human Behavior in the Social Environment I (3 credits)

The human life cycle with implications for social work practice.

SWRK 6201

Human Behavior in the Social Environment II (3 credits)

Impact of social forces and environmental conditions on individuals, families, groups, and communities. Special attention to vulnerable populations.

SWRK 6300

Social Work Research I (3 credits)

Research and statistical methods applied to practice evaluation. Development and presentation to the faculty of a research and applied approach to multicultural practice.

SWRK 6500

Social Welfare Policy and Services I (3 credits)

The development and present status of social welfare services in the United States and internationally.

SWRK 6900

Graduate Practicum I (3 credits)

Students work in community social agencies under supervision.

SWRK 6910

Graduate Practicum II (3 credits)

Continued work in a community social agency under supervision.

MSW Course Descriptions



"Hawai'i Pacific University has a strong commitment to developing successful social work professionals. Our faculty are leaders in thought and action and understand the benefit of strong mentoring relationships."

As a student at HPU, you'll find a family of learners. As a graduate, you'll join a global network of successful alumni. I look forward to welcoming you to Hawai'i Pacific University."

Les Correa, Ed. D.
Dean
College of Liberal Studies

CONCENTRATION COURSES/ADVANCED STANDING

SWRK 7100

Social Work Methods with Diverse Populations (3 credits)

Social work approaches to meet the needs of special populations and clients/client groups different from the social worker. Students will review and synthesize the literature related to a topic in multicultural, advanced, generalist practice, including definitional characteristics, history, problems, strengths, social work involvement, and interventive methods.

SWRK 7101

Cross-Cultural Counseling (3 credits)

Introduction to individual, group, and family counseling methods appropriate for advanced social work practice in a multicultural setting. Related issues and ethics.

SWRK 7102

Social Work Methods in Administration (3 credits)

Introduction to the challenges in administration of diverse social agencies, including human resources, budgeting, and funding.

SWRK 7300

Social Work Research II (3 credits)

Under supervision, students design and execute a research project related to cross-cultural, advanced, generalist practice.

SWRK 7301

Professional Paper (3 credits)

Students synthesize their work and research relating to cross-cultural, advanced, generalist practice, and create a paper suitable for publication.

SWRK 7500

Social Welfare Policy and Services II (3 credits)

Policy formation, analysis, and social work practice related to cross-cultural practice. Special focus on policy related to each student's vulnerable population.

SWRK 7510

Legal and Ethical Issues in Social Work (3 credits)

Consideration of current laws/legal decisions affecting the practice of social work. Application of ethical principles to practice dilemmas.

SWRK 7900/7910

Graduate Practicum III and IV (3 credits)

Supervised work in a community social agency, with focus on cross-cultural, advanced, generalist practice.

Program Options

Transfer Applicants

Students who are currently enrolled or have previously completed accredited master's-level social work courses, may request admission as a transfer student. Transfer applicants should also submit:

- A copy of their Practicum/Field Work evaluation(s)
- A recommendation letter from an applicant's former/current MSW faculty member.

Depending on the coursework, students may be able to transfer up to 28 credit hours as long as the credits were earned within the past five years.

Applicants who have earned a BSW may apply for the MSW advanced-standing option.

Advanced Standing

It is the policy of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) that students with adequate preparation in a BSW program should not have to repeat material at the MSW level. Advanced standing (admission with exemption from up to one year of the MSW curriculum) will be granted to students who provide evidence of excellent scholastic performance at the BSW level. Decisions will be made individually by the Admissions Committee.

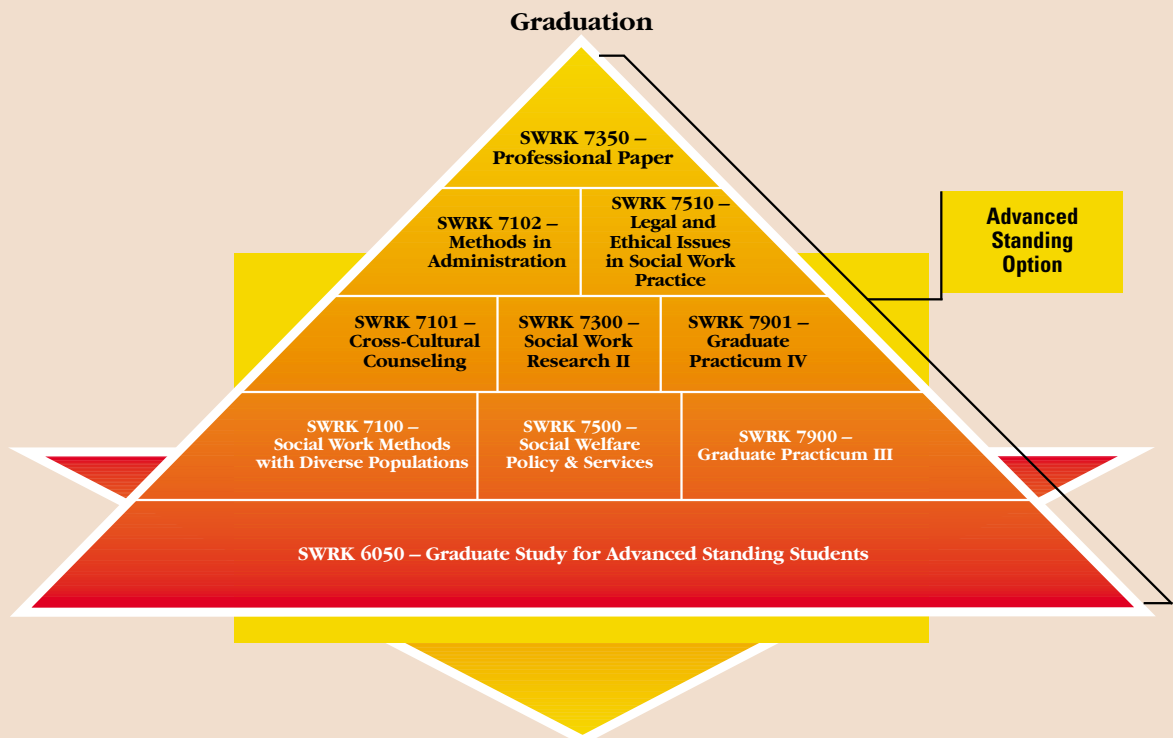
Note: By policy of the University, the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), and CSWE, credit may not be given for life experience or employment in the social service field.

Career Opportunities

Graduates of HPU's Social Work program are employed in a variety of human service settings. A sample of typical workplace opportunities include hospitals, corrections, woman's services, youth development, family support, community development, and child or adult protection.

Advanced Standing

(27 credits - 9 courses)



Support and Service

Hawai'i Pacific University provides graduate students with comprehensive support services, modern learning facilities, and convenient course offerings. Professional advising staff in the Center for Graduate and Adult Services are available to assist students with degree planning and course registration. All accepted students are sent a new Student Planning Guide which contains important information for new graduate students.

Applicants interested in learning more about Hawai'i Pacific University are encouraged to talk to a faculty member, meet with an academic advisor, or attend a class. Simply contact the Graduate Admissions Office to schedule an appointment and experience firsthand the excellence of Hawai'i Pacific University's Social Work Program.

Financial Aid

Tuition for the Social Work program is priced per credit. You may be eligible for a variety of need-based and non-need-based aid program, including scholarships, grants, and loans.

You may also select from a variety of payment plans.

Inquiries for financial aid and scholarships can be directed to the Graduate Admissions Office.

For more information or to request a campus visit, please contact:

Hawai'i Pacific University
Graduate Admissions
1164 Bishop St., Suite 911
Honolulu, HI 96813
Phone: (808) 544-1135
Toll free: (866) Grad-HPU
E-Mail: graduate@hpu.edu



Go Online for:

- Applying for financial aid
- Scholarships
- Library services
- Tuition costs

The Graduate Faculty



Hawai'i Pacific University's faculty are known not only as outstanding teachers, but also as practitioner scholars in their respective fields; indeed, a number of the faculty in the social worker program have conducted research in and published on related topics. With stellar academic backgrounds and wide-ranging experiences in social work, our faculty members bring a balance of theory and practical insight to the classroom.

Leslie H. Correa, Ed.D
University of Hawai'i at Manoa
Dean, Liberal Arts

Lori Daniels, M.A., Ph.D.
University of Chicago, School of Social
Service Administration,
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Assistant Professor of Social Work

Mary Sheridan, MSW, Ph.D.
University of Illinois-Chicago,
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Program Chair, Social Work

Admission Requirements

When reviewing an application for graduate admission, the admission committee considers several factors including:

Admission to the Master of Social Work Program as a degree-seeking student is limited to the Fall term only. The selection process includes an evaluation of each applicant's demonstrated and potential abilities as a student, professional, and leader in social work.

- Completion of a baccalaureate degree from a nationally accredited college or university. Students whose degree is not in one of the liberal arts must take at least 30 credit hours in liberal arts subjects. Non-U.S. graduates must have their educational program evaluated by the University's transcript evaluator, in consultation with the Social Work faculty.
- Undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 or higher.
- For students not in HPU's BSW program: Outcome of an interview with a graduate program faculty member either in person or by telephone.



A holistic approach is used, and no one factor will exclude an applicant from consideration. The University is seeking students who have demonstrated the motivation for a career in social work and who demonstrate the ability to do graduate level work. Hawai'i Pacific University reviews applications on a "rolling"

admissions cycle. An admissions decision is made after the required documents for an applicant have been received, and candidates are normally notified in writing within two weeks. For policy on graduate level transfer credits, contact the Graduate Admissions Office.

Application Procedures

All applicants must submit the following documents to the address at the right:

- A signed and completed application form
- U.S. \$50 nonrefundable application fee
- An official/certified transcript from every college or university attended, showing course work, grades, and conferral of bachelor's degree. Official transcripts must be sent directly from the college or university to Hawai'i Pacific University. Applicants may also submit official transcripts in unopened envelopes sealed by the college or university.
- Two original and current letters of recommendation
- A personal statement describing your academic and career goals and reasons for seeking graduate study in social work.
- Resume

In addition to the preceding procedures, International Students must submit:

- English translations of all official university transcripts. Include transcripts from all universities attended as well as certified copies of "A" level (or similar postsecondary) examinations and/or programs.
- Though not required for admission, we strongly encourage applicants to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and the Test of Written English (TWE). Applicants who score 550 or above on the TOEFL and 5 or above on the TWE, or those with a grade point average of 27 or above and holding a bachelor's degree from an accredited U.S. college or university, will not be required to complete the
- English Foundations Program (ESL) courses. Please note: Students without TOEFL results must sit for an English language proficiency exam upon arrival at Hawai'i Pacific University and may be placed in English Foundations Program (ESL) courses prior to entry to the graduate program, if necessary.
- Prior to issuing the I-20 form to accepted international students, the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) requires the following to be submitted to the University:
 1. A statement of Financial Sponsorship with an original signature from applicant and sponsor form enclosed with the HPU application).
 2. An original and current bank statement showing sufficient funds to cover all expenses for the first year of graduate studies (contact the Graduate Admissions Office for current estimate of expenses).

Accepted international students must then take the following documents to the U.S. Embassy or Consulate in their country to apply for an F-1 Student Visa: Letter of Acceptance to Hawai'i Pacific University, I-20 form issued by Hawai'i Pacific University, copy of the Financial Sponsorship Form, original and current bank statement showing sufficient funds (as above), and TOEFL results, if applicable.

Send application and documents to the address shown below.

For program/financial requirement updates, questions, or more information, write, call, fax, or e-mail us at:

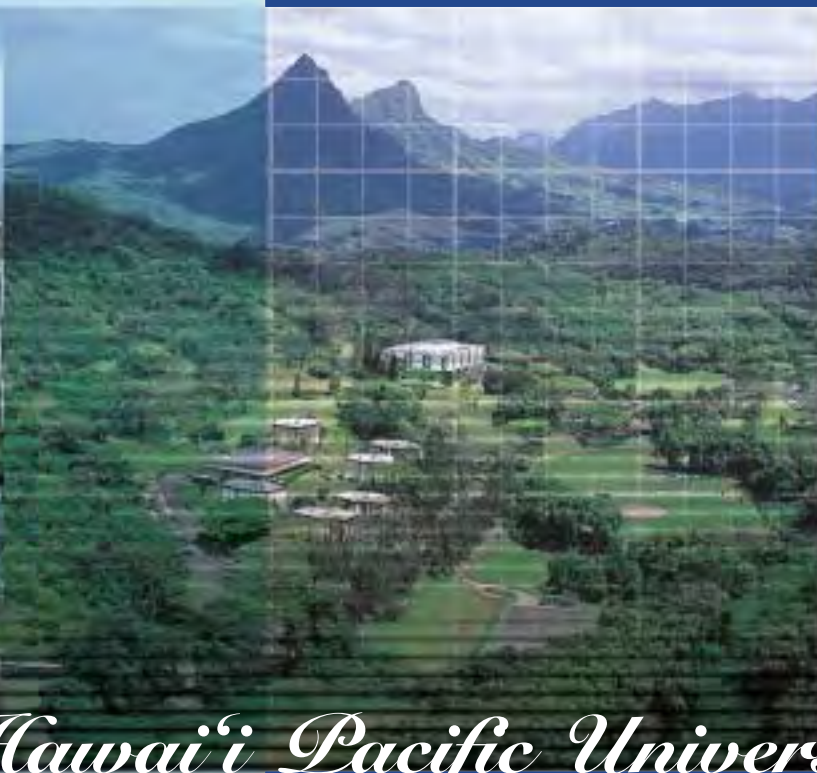
Hawai'i Pacific University
Graduate Admissions Office
1164 Bishop Street, Suite 911
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Tel: (808) 544-1135
Toll free: 1-866-GRAD-HPU (U.S. & Canada)
Fax: (808) 544-0280

Applicants to HPU's graduate programs may submit their applications online at www.hpu.edu/grad

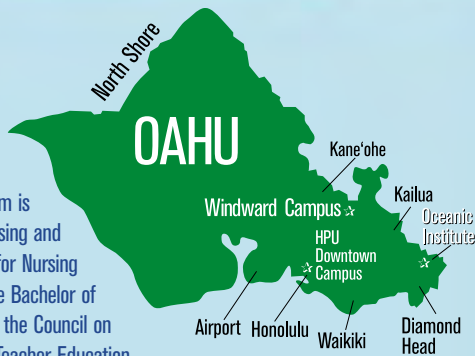
HPU PIPELINE

Once accepted, applicants to Hawai'i Pacific University have access to HPU Pipeline – your online resource for services and information.



Hawai'i Pacific University

ACCREDITATION: Hawai'i Pacific University is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). The Nursing program is approved by the Hawai'i Board of Nursing and is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC). The Bachelor of Social Work program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). The Teacher Education Program is approved by the Hawai'i Teachers Standards Board (HTSB).



FACULTY: 225 full time, 220 part time. Student/faculty ratio is 18:1. Average class size is 21. Eighty percent of the faculty hold the doctorate degree or its equivalent.

STUDENTS: Approximately 7,300 undergraduate and 1,200 graduate students from all 50 states and from over 100 countries around the world.

LOCATIONS: With two campuses linked by shuttle, Hawai'i Pacific combines the excitement of an urban downtown campus with the serenity of a residential campus set in the green foothills of the Ko'olau mountains. The main campus is located in downtown Honolulu, the business and financial center of the Pacific. Eight miles away, situated on 135 acres in Kane'ohe, the windward campus is the site of the School of Nursing, the Marine Science and Environmental Science programs, and several liberal arts programs. The University also offers classes at six military base locations on O'ahu.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

- Master of Business Administration (**MBA**)
- Master of Education in Secondary Education (**M.Ed.**)
- Master of Science in Information Systems (**MSIS**)
- Master of Science in Nursing (**MSN**)
- Master of Social Work (**MSW**)
- Master of Arts in Communication (**MA/COM**)
- Master of Arts in Diplomacy and Military Studies (**MA/DMS**)
- Master of Arts in Human Resource Management (**MA/HRM**)
- Master of Arts in Global Leadership (**MA/GL**)
- Master of Arts in Organizational Change (**MA/OC**)
- Master of Arts in Teaching English as a Second Language (**MATESL**)

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