

# Video Transcript: CSUN MSW Social work

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I wanted to improve my skills. I wanted to give myself more opportunities and I know that the tools that I develop here are going to allow me to advance in my career.

I'm smarter than I think I am, and they enforced that in me to the point that increased this level of confidence that without them I couldn't have achieved.

It's been a great experience. It's amazing how well you can communicate well with all the skill and practices that we've learned in our program.

We really tailor the services the education to the students.

We have a very diverse a group of professors that bring life experience and bring also education, academic experience into the classroom.

I have been in love with social work since I took my first social work class in the seventies. I love working at CSUN because of really the diversity of every type folks in terms of every type of culture that we have here and we bring that diversity together and try help you learn how to take that out in the world for people to help those who are in need of help.

You can now be doing therapy at one moment, you can be doing research in another, statistics, you know science-based and evidence-based practices.

It's really amazing and the faculty, they're so diverse and everyone is an expert in their field, and we were able to benefit greatly from all in their knowledge and experience.

We became this very tight family where we not only talk to each other on Saturdays but talk to each other throughout the week.

In social work, you not only start as a cohort, but you take your classes together and you take the same classes in a certain order.

What I like about it is, it's a real challenge to teach. When I walk into the room, you all know each other; the other thing I like about it is once you get to know each other we can get a great discussion going because once you know each other you can take more risks with each other and really challenge one another as well as collaborate and agree with one another.

All the skills that I have actually learned in social work is something that I'm able to apply in my day-to-day job.

It's something it's useful. It's like an investment not only for myself but an investment for my community and the people, I service.

The master social work program is pretty unique probably among every discipline because we learn to work and live with a code of ethics by the National Association of Social Workers. So it's a way of life, it's a way thinking, a way of looking at people and a way of being more compassionate and understanding and it doesn't just affect your profession and the job you do, it affects your life.

I'm Patrick Muro, Human Services Administrator with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services and today I graduate with my Master of Social Work.