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## Arizona State University

Arizona State University is comprised of the Polytechnic Campus, Tempe Campus, West Campus, the new Downtown Phoenix Campus, the ASU Research Park and various other entities and facilities. Strong academic programs and faculty are complemented by the attractions of year-round sunshine, cultural diversity on campus and in the community, and the resources of one of the nation's fastest growing cities. Collectively, the ASU University Libraries is one of the premier research libraries in the country. The nationally ranked collections comprise nearly four million volumes, more than 34,000 periodical and serial subscriptions. Of ASU 64,394 students, 13,083 are pursuing graduate studies.

### School of Social Work History

The history of the School of Social Work at Arizona State University dates back to the Fall of 1961 when the Arizona Board of Regents authorized the founding of the Graduate School of Social Service Administration. The first Dean of the School, Horace Lundberg, was hired in 1962, and in the following year five new faculty members helped Lundberg develop a casework-oriented MSW program. The School awarded fourteen MSW degrees at its first graduation in 1965. The School has been guided by four deans in its 35-year history: Horace Lundberg, Andy Dieppa, Jesse McClure, and Emilia E. Martinez-Brawley. In the Spring of 1998, the Provost announced the administrative reorganization of the School. The School is now housed under the College of Public Programs, and in the fall of 2006 moved to the new ASU Downtown Phoenix Campus. Dr. Mary Gillmore is the current Director of the School.

Although undergraduate social work courses had been taught within the Department of Sociology at ASU since 1946, with a social welfare major added in 1948, it was not until early 1976 that a newly accredited undergraduate major was merged with the MSW program to create the School of Social Work. A doctoral program followed in 1982. In 1978, the Tucson Component was established to serve the needs of southern Arizona by offering MSW course work and training. Today, it also offers BSW training to provide generalist social work training primarily to help fill child welfare needs in southern Arizona. The School of Social Work at ASU Downtown Phoenix Campus is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education through the year 2009.

The SSW has 30 full-time faculty and offers comprehensive and well-established undergraduate, master's, and doctoral programs. The SSW is one of two graduate programs in social work in Arizona and houses one of the three accredited BSW programs in the state. The MSW program is the core of the School of Social Work, training social work students to respond effectively to the needs of the state and focusing specifically on populations of the Southwest.

Enrollment for the School's three programs exceeded 804 students in Fall 2007, in which, 224 students in the BSW program, and 506 were enrolled in the MSW program. Twenty two students are currently pursuing their Ph.D. in social work. The student body is diverse.