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Public Child Welfare Training Program

Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) Program Overview

The Title IV-E Public Child Welfare Training Program (CWTP) for students in the **BSW Program** at the UW-Madison School of Social Work is designed to educate and train BSW students for careers in public child welfare. The Training Program operates with federal funds made available through Title IV-E of the Social Security Act and administered through the state of Wisconsin, which provides specified financial support for both MSW and **full-time** BSW students committed to a career in public child welfare. The goals of the program are to strengthen Wisconsin's public child welfare workforce and to produce social work leaders in public child welfare practice and/or in public child welfare supervision or management. The goals of the program are To strengthen Wisconsin's public child welfare workforce by producing social workers with both undergraduate and graduate professional degrees in Social Work (BSW and MSW) with specializations in Public Child Welfare; To produce BSW entry-level Public Child Welfare practitioners with course and field work geared toward Public Child Welfare competencies; To produce MSW practitioners who are competent to function as Public Child Welfare workers with the requisite knowledge and specialized skills to engage in generalist practice roles with different sizes and types of client systems and/or who have the competence and skills to perform indirect service and policy and program levels as autonomous practitioners; To produce public child welfare supervisors and managers able to competently engage in administrative practice utilizing research; To increase the number of trained public child welfare practitioners reflecting the communities served by the child welfare system;To prepare current Public Child Welfare workers returning to school for advanced child welfare practice through achievement of an MSW degree.

BSW trainees in the CWTP are required to complete a specialized curriculum aimed at preparation for employment as beginning child welfare practitioners. Trainees are **full time undergraduate students**. The BSW CWTP is a one year program.

BSW Traineeship Provisions

Students admitted to the Child Welfare Training Program receive the following:

- Tuition and fees
- Funding for books, supplies, and mileage to and from field site

Trainees in the Child Welfare Training Program **agree to** the following:

- To complete the Child Welfare Training Program curriculum (see reverse side)
- To adhere to the Stipend Contract (samples on website)
- To participate in all Traineeship Activities
- To accept full-time employment in the area of Public Child Welfare (i.e. Child Protective Services) within 6 months of graduation and remain employed for a 12 month period for each year of funding received. Please note that trainees need to be able and willing to take available positions in the State of Wisconsin, which may necessitate relocation.
- To have access to a vehicle for travel to and from the field site.
- Students must enter the program in good academic standing and remain in good standing through completion of the program.

BSW Application Procedures

Students interested in the Child Welfare Training Program should **apply by January 29, 2025.** Students must be admitted to the BSW program before being admitted to the Child Welfare Training Program, although you may apply any time before the deadline.

For more information and an application, please go to the Child Welfare Training Program website, https://socwork.wisc.edu/programs/iveprograms. For additional information on the Child Welfare Training Program, please contact Alice Egan at abpearson@wisc.edu or 608-263-4574

* Note that all funding for the CWTP is contingent on the continuation of federal and state funding. All students should have alternative funding plans. Rev 12/25

Curriculum Guide for the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) Child Welfare Training Program
2025-2026

Prerequisites			
Sophomore Year		**Junior Year**	
Fall	SW 205 Intro to Social Work	**Fall**	SW462 Child Welfare**
			SW 640 Diversity, Oppression and Social Justice in SW
			Statistics
Spring	SW 206 Intro to Social Policy	**Spring**	SW 457 Human Behavior & the Environment
			SW 650 Methods of Social Work Research*

Senior (BSW) Year	
Fall	SW 400 Field & Integrative Seminar 1
	SW 441 Practice II – Generalist Practice with Individuals, Families & Groups
	SW 442 Practice III – Generalist Practice with Communities and Organizations
	SW 646 Child Abuse & Neglect
Spring	SW 401 Field & Integrative Seminar 2
	SW 612 Psychopathology for Generalist Practice
	SW 656 Foster & Kinship Care
	SW 650 Methods of Social Work Research*

** Students may take SW 650 Methods of Social Work Research in spring of either their junior or senior year.*

*** SW 462 Child Welfare is generally offered in fall and spring, and may be taken during the junior year, but must be taken in senior fall session if student has not taken SW 462 in a prior semester.*

Other Considerations:

- Students take statistics where they can fit it into their schedule, but should take it prior to SW 650
- Students MUST be full-time (12 or more credits per semesters) in their senior year
- Students with fewer than 12 Social Work credits in their senior year may be asked to take specific electives, if they have no other prerequisites to meet. This is done in coordination with the student's Social Work advisor. Students may be asked to take more than the minimum credit requirement.