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Public Child Welfare Training Program

Full-Time Master of Social Work (MSW) Program Overview

The Title IV-E Public Child Welfare Training Program (CWTP) for students in the **Full-Time MSW Program** at the UW-Madison School of Social Work is designed to educate and train MSW 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 graduate and undergraduate students committed to a career in public child welfare. 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.

MSW trainees in the CWTP are required to complete a specialized curriculum aimed at preparation for employment as advanced child welfare practitioners. Trainees are **full time graduate students** – either two-year students beginning in the Generalist Year or one-year students completing the Advanced Practice Concentration year with a focus in Child Welfare. Individual student preparation and academic background determines the time in the program.

MSW Traineeship Provisions

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

- Tuition and fees
- A monthly stipend (amount to be determined by yearly budget)
- 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
- 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 yearof funding received. Please note that trainees need to be able and willing to take available positions in the State ofWisconsin, 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.

MSW Application Procedures

Students interested in the Child Welfare Training Program should **apply by January 29, 2025.** Students must be admitted to the Full-Time MSW 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/iveprogram. For additional information on the Child Welfare Training Program, please contact Alice Egan at abpearson@wisc.edu or 608-263-4574.**

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

Curriculum Guide for the Full-Time Master of Social Work (MSW) Child Welfare Training Program

2025-2026

1st Year (Generalist Year)	
Semester One	
SW 400	Direct Practice CW Field Placement & Integrative Seminar
SW 441	Practice II: Generalist Practice with Individuals, Families & Groups
SW 442	Practice III: Generalist Practice with Communities & Orgs
SW 708	Field of Social Work
SW 711	Human Behavior & Social Environment
Semester Two	
SW 401	Direct Practice CW Field Placement & Integrative Seminar
SW 709	Social Policy
SW 710	Diversity, Oppression and Social Justice in SW
SW 650	Research Methods in Social Work
SW 612	Psychopathology for Generalist Practice

1st Year (Generalist Year) for Graduates of our Social Welfare Program	
Semester One	
SW 400	Direct Practice CW Field Placement & Integrative Seminar
SW 441	Practice II: Generalist Practice with Individuals, Families & Groups
SW 442	Practice III: Generalist Practice with Communities & Orgs
Semester Two	
SW 401	Direct Practice CW Field Placement & Integrative Seminar
SW XXX	Family Theory Course **
SW 612	Psychopathology for Generalist Practice

**** Social Welfare Graduates – please consult the Program Coordinator and a Social Work advisor about selection of Family Theory Course.**

2nd Year (Advanced Practice/Advanced Standing) Child, Youth, and Family Welfare Focus	
Semester One	
SW 741	Interventions with Children, Youth & Families
SW 840	Advanced Macro Practice
SW 921	Child Welfare
SW 800	Field Practice & Integrative Seminar (Public Child Welfare OR Policy)
Semester Two	
SW 646	Child Abuse & Neglect
SW 656	Family Practice in Foster & Kinship Care
SW 842	Consultation and Supervision in Social Work
SW 801	Field Practice & Integrative Seminar (Public Child Welfare OR Policy)

Students who exempt from courses or complete them prior to the scheduled semester will work with the Program Coordinator and their Social Work advisor to find appropriate electives. Students may be required to take more than the minimum credit requirement.

Field Unit Options for Generalist and Advanced Practice Years:

Social Work Practice in Public and Private Child Welfare (Generalist)

Social Work Practice in Public Child Welfare (Advanced Practice – Direct Practice Option)

Social Work Practice in Policy and Administration (Advanced Practice – Indirect Practice Option)

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