SOCIAL WORK
AT THE UW TACOMA SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK & CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Bachelor of Arts in Social Welfare (BASW)
Master of Social Work (MSW)
THE UW TACOMA SCHOOL OF
Social Work & Criminal Justice

is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education as a program option under the auspices of the University of Washington School of Social Work in Seattle. That means we are among the best in the world. We are committed to social justice as the foundation for engaging with our students, one another, and the communities we serve and prepare you to be providers of social services through a combination of field experience and classroom learning. We offer a bachelor of arts degree in social welfare and a master of social work degree.

AREAS OF FACULTY EXPERTISE INCLUDE:

- Adolescence and Transitioning Youth
- Arts & Humanities in Social Work Practice
- Behavioral Health and Recovery
- Child Welfare and Mental Health
- Comparative Criminal Justice
- Corrections and Environmental Design
- Criminalization of School Bullying
- Criminology
- Cultural and Human Diversities
- Direct Social Work Practice
- Disability and Ableism
- Drugs and Crime
- Foster Care
- Gender Disparities and Health Equity Among Women
- Gerontological Social Work
- Global Mental Health
- Gender-Based Violence Prevention
- HIV/AIDS
- Homicide
- Immigration
- Integrative Healthcare
- Kinship Care
- Law
- Learning Disabilities
- LGBTQ Issues
- Masculinities
- Medical Social Work
- Mental Health, Wellness and Resiliency
- Natural Environment and Animal-Assisted Therapy
- Neurodiversity
- Program Evaluation
- Punishment and Inequality
- Quantitative and Qualitative Research
- Racial Disproportionality and Disparity
- Restorative Justice
- School Violence Prevention
- Social Justice Issues
- Transnational Social Work
- Trauma and Attachment
- Work, Inequality and Social Movements
- Youth Justice, Crime and Public Policy
Social work is one of the fastest-growing occupations in the nation, with a projected **13%** increase from 2019 to 2029.


56% of our undergraduates are first-in-their-family to attend college.

**#2 IN THE STATE**
Best College for Social Work
College Factual, 2021

**#3 IN THE NATION**
Best Graduate School for Social Work
U.S. News & World Report 2019
AS A PROGRAM EXTENSION OF THE UW SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK IN SEATTLE
Our students are involved!

COMMITTED TO CAMPUS AND BEYOND
Active student groups create opportunities for service and leadership at our urban-serving campus.

Student Social Work Organization
Formerly Incarcerated Student Association
Phi Alpha Honor Society
Center for Service & Leadership

...or create your own student organization!

THE CLOTHESLINE PROJECT—arranged by SSWCJ students—is a visual display of violence statistics that often go ignored. Each shirt is made by a survivor of violence or by someone who has lost a loved one to violence.
Social issues do not pause simply because the world does. I’ve heard a lot of jobs are not for the kind-hearted, but this one is. I cannot express my gratitude for connections I’ve made with my fellow colleagues, professors and staff that made our experience unique during this unprecedented time.

Renee Anne Marie Guzman
BASW, ’21

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN Social Welfare

The Social Welfare major (BASW) is dedicated to preparing competent, ethical, and culturally sensitive social workers with specialized knowledge and skills who are committed to evidence-based practice and to planned social change.

The BASW curriculum consists of three major areas: foundation courses, social work practice courses and practicum combined with seminars.

SOCIAL WELFARE MAJOR CORE COURSES

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BASW PRIORITY APPLICATIONS for Autumn Quarter admission are due by MARCH 15

BASW CAREERS:

Youth and child social workers
Community-based social workers
Mental health case managers
Domestic violence survivor advocates
Immigrant and refugee services
Community organizing and activism

BASW admits for autumn quarter only: tacoma.uw.edu/uwt/swcj/basw-admissions
COMMITTED TO OUR COMMUNITY

The School of Social Work and Criminal Justice has strong ties to the South Puget Sound: BASW and MSW students complete local practicums; our faculty conduct collaborative research with partners in our community; and our alumni are actively involved in service and helping professions largely in the South Puget Sound region.

480 field hours per BASW student

1080 field hours per MSW student

Did you know?

UW TACOMA BASW GRADS can earn their part-time Advanced Standing Master of Social Work degree at UW Tacoma in 18-months!
MSW CAREERS:
Child and family therapy
Medical social work
Social work with veterans and active duty personnel
Social service supervision and leadership
School social work
Child welfare
Gerontological social work

MASTER OF Social Work

Developed in collaboration with the School of Social Work on the Seattle campus, the part-time UW Tacoma Master of Social Work (MSW) program prepares learners for integrated specialized practice as providers of social services. Graduates will have the knowledge and skills to address their topic in depth, while actively integrating the relevant practice concerns, policies, issues of diversity and social justice, research evidence, and the community contexts impacting their chosen topic.

GENERALIST INSTRUCTION
The first half of the curriculum provides the basic knowledge of history, skills and values required for beginning social work practice. Topics include applied research, social policy and advanced content in social work practice models and methods.

PRACTICE SPECIALIZATION
The second half focuses on specialized area of interest requiring 680 practicum hours. Areas include, but are not limited to: children and youth; clinical mental health; chemical dependency; military families and veterans; older adults; criminal justice; health care systems; school social work; domestic violence; and public child welfare.

ADVANCED STANDING MSW
Designed for eligible* BSW or BASW graduates, our Advanced Standing allows you to enter the specialized level of the MSW curriculum and complete your degree in six quarters. You will focus on an Integrative Practice Specialization and complete your Practicum Specialization.

* A degree accredited by the CSWE. A non-U.S. degree considered to be equivalent by the ISWORES may be accepted in lieu of a U.S. degree. Advanced Standing applicants who graduated more than five years ago should demonstrate continued professional growth through social work experience.
THREE-YEAR MSW
Priority Applications for Autumn Quarter admissions are due by **MARCH 1**

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MSW degrees earned since 1998
MSW ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university (with a 3.0 GPA or higher preferred).
- **Advanced Standing Applicants only:** A BSW or BASW from a U.S. program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE).
- Unofficial college transcript(s).
- Admissions essay.
- Current resume.
- Social service experience form documenting relevant work experience in social or health services.
- Three references (one academic reference required if graduated from an undergraduate institution within the last two years).

For details on how to apply: tacoma.uw.edu/uwt/swcj/master-social-work-admissions

SPECIAL MSW REQUIREMENTS

MSW fieldwork requires access to our most vulnerable populations. Admitted students will be required to provide the following:

- ✔ Background check
- ✔ Immunization history
- ✔ Completed statistics course
The MSW program offered me opportunities that ignited my passion for macro level social work. **Disrupting the status quo and using my voice to advocate for racial equity** from the corner store to the capital. The professors and UWT community are large enough to build new relationships and small enough feel like you’re part of the family.

Alishia Agee-Cooper
BASW ’15, MSW ’17, CWTAP and Husky 100

### SSWCJ Scholarship Opportunities

- Montgomery Scholarship for Social Work Students
- Jacque DaCamara Endowed Student Support Fund
- Joseph Gary Jensen Scholarship Fund
- School of Social Work & Criminal Justice Scholarship
- Behavioral Health Workforce Development Scholarship for MSW
- Graduate Merit Scholarship for MSW
- Joane & Stephen Moceri Endowed Fellowship for MSW
- Simon Family Endowment Scholarship for MSW

For more scholarship and fellowship resources for all social work students: [tacoma.uw.edu/swcj/scholarships](tacoma.uw.edu/swcj/scholarships)

### Child Welfare Training and Advancement Program (CWTAP)

Provides a public child welfare focus within the MSW program and is for students committed to working with children and families involved in the public child welfare system. CWTAP funds students’ tuition and in return, upon graduation, they agree to work for the Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) - Child Welfare Program for an equal amount of time they received financial assistance.

Visit our website for CWTAP FAQ’s, alumni testimonials and video interviews with DCYF staff from around the state: [tacoma.uw.edu/swcj/cwtap](tacoma.uw.edu/swcj/cwtap)

- 55 Avg. number of students per year who receive full CWTAP tuition assistance
- $1,100,000 CWTAP financial aid awarded in 2020-21

For info on current tuition and how to pay for your education: [tacoma.uw.edu/finaid](tacoma.uw.edu/finaid)
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DEAN
KEVA MILLER
Welcome to the School of Social Work and Criminal Justice at the University of Washington Tacoma. I am proud of our innovative and unique multidisciplinary school, that is committed to pillars of academic excellence through research, instruction, and community engagement. Whether you are interested in pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Social Welfare or Master of Social Work degree, you will find a community of diverse scholars and leaders who are devoted to your personal, intellectual, and professional growth. Paramount is student success, and we look forward to you joining us in advancing our mission, priorities, and values.

BASW PROGRAM CHAIR
JAERAN KIM has over 15 years of experience working with foster and adopted children and families. Her research focuses on child welfare, exploring race and disabilities on placement stability and has developed numerous training curricula for child welfare professionals.

MSW PROGRAM CHAIR & GRADUATE PROGRAM COORDINATOR
ERIN A. CASEY has over 10 years of practice experience doing intervention, prevention and administrative work in the fields of sexual and domestic violence. Her research interests focus on violence prevention and engaging communities in prevention endeavors.

DIRECTOR OF FIELD EDUCATION
CHRIS BARRANS connects students to practicum experiences in the field, helping them put into practice the concepts and teaching learned in the classroom. His interests include HIV/AIDS issues, LGBTQ rights and perspectives, especially trans and gender non-conforming experiences.

For further info, visit: tacoma.uw.edu/uwt/swcj  email: swcj@uw.edu or meet with one of our program advisors: go.oncehub.com/swcj

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It is not enough to be compassionate. You must act.  

Tenzin Gyatso  
14th Dalai Lama