

SOCIAL WORK

AT THE UW TACOMA SCHOOL OF
SOCIAL WORK & CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Bachelor of Arts in Social Welfare (BASW)

Master of Social Work (MSW)

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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

CHILDREN OF
INCARCERATED PARENTS

COMMUNITY 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 DISPROPORTION-
ALITY
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.
- U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2020

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

Historical Approaches to Social Welfare	Social Welfare Practice I, II and III
Social Welfare: Contemporary Approaches	Introduction to Social Welfare Research
Cultural Diversity and Social Justice	Practicum Seminar I and II
Introduction to Field	Practicum
Human Behavior and the Social Environment	

BASW PRIORITY APPLICATIONS

for Autumn Quarter admission are due by **MARCH 15**



BASW admits for autumn quarter only:
tacoma.uw.edu/uwt/swc/basw-admissions

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



SOCIAL WORK STUDENTS GET

real world experience

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



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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!

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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 ISWDRES 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**

FIRST YEAR: Professional Foundation (25 cr)

Social Policy & Economic Security
Human Behavior & Social Environment I
Human Behavior & Social Environment II
Cultural Diversity & Societal Justice
Introduction to Social Work Practice
Practice V: Assessment of Mental Disorders
Generalist Practicum
Practice II: Intermediate Direct Service Practice
Generalist Practicum

SECOND YEAR: Professional Foundation & Advanced Curriculum (24 cr)

Practice III: Community & Organizational Practice
Generalist Practicum
Introduction to Social Welfare Research
Generalist Practicum
Research for Integrative Practice
Integrative Practice Selective
Specialization Practicum
Integrative Practice Selective

THIRD YEAR: Advanced Curriculum (26 cr)

Specialization Practicum
Integrative Policy Analysis
Integrative Practice I
Specialization Practicum
Integrative Practice II
Specialization Practicum
Integrative Practice Selective

ADVANCED STANDING MSW

Applications for Winter
Quarter admission are
due by **JUNE 30**

FIRST YEAR (19 cr)

Integrative Seminar
Social Welfare Research
Research for Integrative Practice
Integrative Practice Selective
Specialization Practicum
Integrative Practice Selective

SECOND YEAR (26 cr)

Specialization Practicum
Integrative Policy Analysis
Integrative Practice I
Specialization Practicum
Integrative Practice II
Specialization Practicum
Integrative Practice Selective



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MSW degrees earned
since 1998

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You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step

Martin
Luther
King Jr.

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 Mocerì 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

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



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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

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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.

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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

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

Tenzin Gyatso
14th Dalai Lama

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