

UW Tacoma

**Bachelor of Arts in Social Welfare
(BASW)**



What is Social Work?

- Social Workers...
 - Empower individuals, relieve suffering, and affect social change
 - Are advocates for social change
 - Care about human dignity and social justice
 - Help people identify and manage factors that contribute to their problems
 - Work in a wide variety of settings but have common core values, techniques, and principles

Careers in Social Work

- Administration
 - Advocacy & community organizations
 - Aging & gerontology
 - Child welfare & families
 - Health care
 - Justice & corrections
 - Mental health
 - Public welfare
 - Research
 - ...and more!
- Visit www.socialworkers.org for further info on careers in social work!



Program Overview

- Accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)
- Sequenced Cohort Model
- 2 year full-time, day on campus program
- Field experience completed in second year applying classroom knowledge and skills to real-world settings.
 - Admits approximately 56 students yearly
 - Priority application deadline March 15 (Autumn Quarter admission only)
- often admit students after the deadline

Program Curriculum

- 68 credit program of study
 - Includes 440 hours of Field Experience (Practicum) in the second year of the program
- Foundation Courses focus on:
 - Social Work Practice Foundations
 - Policy and Advocacy
 - Cultural Diversity and Societal Justice
 - Human Behavior and the Social Environment
 - Social Work Research
 - Professionalism in Social Work
 - History of Social Work



Social Welfare Electives

- > TSOCWF 350 Biopsychosocial Human Services
- > TSOCWF 351 Applied Statistics for Social and Human Services
- > TSOCWF 353 Mental Illness and Recovery
- > TSOCWF 355 HIV/AIDS: Global and National Issues
- > TSOCWF 356 Disabilities: Individuals and Community Perspectives
- > TSOCWF 361 Substance Abuse and Mental Health in Criminal Justice
- > TSOCWF 363 Criminalization of Immigration
- > TSOCWF 374 Human Trafficking
- > TSOCWF 409 Readings in Social Welfare
- > TSOCWF 420 Interpersonal Violence and Society
- > TSOCWF 421 Cross-Cultural Grieving
- > TSOCWF 422 Aging in American Society
- > TSOCWF 427 Disproportionality Across Systems
- > TSOCWF 430 Children of Incarcerated Parents
- > TSOCWF 433 Crisis and Trauma Interventions with Crime Victims
- > TSOCWF 436 Social Work in Criminal Justice Settings
- > TSOCWF 490 Research in Social Welfare



Practicum

- Practicum is like an internship, in which you register and receive academic credit for your field experience.
 - 440 hours (11 credits)
 - Spans three quarters your second year
- Practicum agencies include those that serve:
 - K-12 students and schools
 - Behavioral health needs
 - Foster youth and families
 - LGBTQIA+
 - Unhoused population
 - Aging population
 - Individuals living with HIV/AIDS
 - Individuals with disabilities
 - Individuals connected to the criminal justice system

Program Requirements

Health Sciences Immunization Policy

- All students in the Bachelor of Social Welfare Program must abide by the Health Sciences Immunization Policy (HSIP).
- Students must document immunity to Measles (Rubeola), Mumps, Rubella, Hepatitis B, Tetanus-Diphtheria-Pertussis, Varicella (chicken pox), TB screening, and seasonal influenza vaccine. The influenza vaccine must be renewed each year you are in the program.
- Students must provide verification of vaccination for COVID-19.
- **NO EXCEPTIONS**



Program Requirements, cont.

Authorization for Repeat Background Check form is a required document to complete your BASW application.

If you are offered admission, and you accept, you will order a background check through CastleBranch, a third-party vendor. You will pay the background check fee of \$53.00. Additional background checks and fees may apply if needed.

Who are our faculty?

- Faculty have research interests which include:
 - Violence prevention
 - Disproportionality in the child welfare system
 - Disabilities
 - LGBTQIA+
 - Gender studies
 - Arts and humanities in social work practice
 - Animal assisted therapy
 - Race and transnational adoption
 - Health disparities and elder care
 - Social work within the criminal justice system
 - Justice involved youth

Many faculty also come with practice experience working with the homeless, immigrants, substance abuse, mental health, healthcare, etc.



Admission Criteria



BASW Prerequisites

- Successful completion (minimum grade of 2.0)
 - **Intro to English Composition**
 - **Intro to Sociology***
 - **Intro to Psychology***
 - **Minimum of 75 college-level and transferable credits**

* Applicants can be considered for admission if one or both of these courses are planned for an upcoming quarter and are encouraged to apply.

Essay and Resume

- You will write a two page essay which will provide autobiographical information and discuss your experiences with human and/or social services.
 - The essay is the most important element of your application.
- You will provide a current resume. If you have social service experience (paid or unpaid), please highlight this on your resume in addition to any special skills or certifications.



Who is a strong candidate?

- Articulate a strong commitment to social justice
- Articulate a desire to work with diverse populations in a social service capacity
- Has experience (paid or unpaid) in social or human services – experience is NOT required however.



Who are our students?

- Range in age from 18 – 55 years old
- Attend from Pierce, King, Thurston and Kitsap counties
- Most students work at least part-time
- Average GPA of incoming students is 3.13



How do I apply?



UWT Application & Admission Process

Transfer and Running Start Students

1. Start an application with the university
 - Applications must be submitted online
 - <https://www.tacoma.uw.edu/admissions/transferstudents>
 - A \$60.00 application fee must be paid at the time of submission.
2. Once admitted to UW Tacoma, complete the BASW Application
 - Application must be submitted online
 - <https://www.tacoma.uw.edu/swcj/basw-application>
 - Personal Statement
 - Resume
 - Authorization for Repeat Background Check/HSIP Acknowledgement form



UWT Application & Admission Process

Current UW Tacoma Students

Complete the BASW Application:

- Application must be completed online
 - <https://www.tacoma.uw.edu/swcj/basw-application>
- Personal Statement
- Resume
- Authorization for Repeat Background Check/HSIP Acknowledgement form

Questions?

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Thank you for your interest in the UW
Tacoma BASW Major!

