

UW Tacoma

Master of Social Work Information Session

Land Acknowledgement: We acknowledge the Coast Salish people – past, present, and future – of the Puyallup Tribe and other tribes on whose traditional lands we study and work.



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www.tacoma.uw.edu/swcj/master-social-work

Who will be interested in UWT MSW?

- ✓ Become a social worker
- ✓ Specialize or seek promotion in social work
- ✓ Study Part-time
- ✓ Work Full-time
- ✓ Live or work in south Puget Sound

**International students on a student visa do not qualify for UWT MSW program*

Today's Agenda

- 1. What is Social Work and Why at UWT?**
- 2. UW Tacoma MSW Programs**
- 3. Admissions**
- 4. Cost & Funding**
- 5. Q & A**

What is Social Work Why at UW Tacoma?



What is Social Work?

Social Workers will:

- Address social problems & influence social change
- Care about local community and social justice
- Work in many occupations but apply common core values, techniques, and principles (must have a degree in SW)
- Seek higher education: MSW enrollment has increased by 34.9% over the last 10 years (*CSWE 2020*)
- Be in high demand: projected job growth through 2028: 11%
- compared to 5%, the average for all U.S. occupations
(*Bureau of Labor Statistics 2019*)

Social Work Specialization/Career

- Child welfare & family support
- Adult care - Aging & gerontology
- Community organizations
- Healthcare
- Criminal Justice & corrections
- Mental health & counseling
- Schools – K-12 & universities
- Refugees & Immigrants
- Administration & Policies
- Politics & public welfare
- Research & teaching

Why MSW at UW Tacoma?

- **Integrative Practice Specialization** – Flexible approach
- **Cohort Model** - Bond with fellow classmates
- **Small Size** - Build relationships with faculty
- **Community Focus** – Urban-serving campus in Tacoma
- **Part-time Program** – Fit in your work schedule
- **CSWE Accredited** – UW MSW Ranked #2 in the U.S. by the most recent U.S. News College Rankings

UW Tacoma MSW Program



UW Tacoma MSW Program

❖ 3-year **part-time** MSW program

- Admits approximately 46 students each year
- Autumn Quarter admission only

❖ 18-month **part-time** Advanced Standing MSW program

- Admits approximately 16 students each year
- Winter Quarter admission only
- BSW or BASW Required (must be CSWE accredited)

Class Schedule

- 2-3 Classes per week for each quarter
- Each class meets once per week
- During Practicum (Begins in Summer):
 - 1-2 Classes + 1 Practicum
- Quarter: 10 weeks
 - Autumn: September – December
 - Winter: January - March
 - Spring: March - June
 - Summer: June - August

3-year Part-time Program Curriculum

Master in Social Work (3 Year Program) - Schedule Planning Grid

First Year					Second Year				
Course #	Title	Quarter	Credits	Notes	Course #	Title	Quarter	Credits	Notes
T SOCW 501	Soc Policy & Economic Security	Fall	3		T SOCW 512	Practice III: Community & Orgs	Fall	3	
T SOCW 502	Human Behavior & Soc Env I	Fall	3		T SOCW 524	Generalist Practicum	Fall	3	
T SOCW 503	Human Behavior & Soc Env II	Winter	3		T SOCW 505	Intro to Social Welfare Research	Winter	3	
T SOCW 504	Cultural Div & Societal Justice	Winter	3		T SOCW 524	Generalist Practicum	Winter	3	
T SOCW 510	Practice I: Intro to Soc Work	Spring	3		T SOCW 535	Research for Integrative Practice	Spring	3	
T SOCW 514	Practice V: Assess of Ment Dis	Spring	3		SW 540-560	Integrative Practice Selective	Spring	3	
T SOCW 524	*Generalist Practicum		1						
T SOCW 511	Practice II: Intern Dir Service	Summer	3		T SOCW 525	Specialization Practicum	Summer	3	
T SOCW 524	Generalist Practicum	Summer	3		SW 540-560	Integrative Practice Selective	Summer	3	
Third Year									
T SOCW 525	**Specialization Practicum	Fall	4						
T SOCW 531	Integrative Policy Analysis	Fall	3						
T SOCW 532	Integrative Practice I	Fall	3						
T SOCW 525	Specialization Practicum	Winter	5						
T SOCW 533	Integrative Practice II	Winter	3						
T SOCW 525	Specialization Practicum	Spring	5						
SW 540-560	Integrative Practice Selective	Spring	3						
Note: This is an advising tool only and is subject to change. To be considered for MSW program admission, applicants must: Meet the minimum admission requirements outlined by the UW Graduate School and hold a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university or its equivalent from a foreign institution. *Generalist Practicum totals 400 hours (10 credits) **Specialization Practicum totals 680 hours (17 credits).									

75 credit
program
of study

Advanced Standing Curriculum

Master in Social Work (Advanced Standing) - Schedule Planning Grid

First Year					Second Year				
Course #	Title	Quarter	Credits	Notes	Course #	Title	Quarter	Credits	Notes
T SOCW 598	Integrative Seminar	Winter	5		T SOCW 525	Specialization Practicum	Fall	4	
T SOCW 597	Social Welfare Research	Winter	2		T SOCW 531	Integrative Policy Analysis	Fall	3	
					T SOCW 532	Integrative Practice	Fall	3	
T SOCW 535	Research for Integrative Practice	Spring	3		T SOCW 525	Specialization Practicum	Winter	5	
SW 540-560	Integrative Practice Selective	Spring	3		T SOCW 533	Integrative Practice II	Winter	3	
T SOCW 525	*Specialization Practicum	Summer	3		T SOCW 525	Specialization Practicum	Spring	5	
SW 540-560	Integrative Practice Selective	Summer	3		SW 540-560	Integrative Practice Selective	Spring	3	
Note: This is an advising tool only and is subject to change. Students applying for the advanced standing program must have graduated from a U.S. baccalaureate program in social work or social welfare accredited by the CSWE. Admission is not guaranteed and is based on review of major application. *Specialization Practicum totals 680 hours (17 credits).									

45 credit
program
of study

Practicum (Field Education)

- Practicum is like an internship, in which you register and receive academic credit for your field experience.
 - Generalist Practicum (not required for AS program)
 - 400 hours (10 credits)
 - Spans 3 quarters
 - Begins the Summer of the first-year curriculum
 - Specialization Practicum
 - 680 hours (17 credits)
 - Spans 4 quarters
 - Begins the Summer of the second-year curriculum

Recent Placement Site Example

Anger Control Treatment & Therapies, Tukwila | Asian Counseling & Referral Services, Seattle | Behavioral Health Resources, Olympia | Bethel Community Services | Bethel School District | Cascade Behavioral Hospital, Seatac | Cascade Mental Health, Centralia | Catholic Community Services | Tahoma Indian Center | Unaccompanied Minor Services | Drexel House, Olympia | Center for Independence | Children's Home Society | City of Seattle | Comprehensive Life Resources | Consejo Counseling Services | Crystal Judson Family Justice Center | Downtown Emergency Services Center, Seattle | Department of Child and Family Services | Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) | Fairfax Hospital | Friends of Youth | Full Life Care, Seattle | Greater Lakes Mental Healthcare | Helpline House, Bainbridge Island | Interfaith Works Emergency Shelter, Olympia | Kent School District | King County Prosecutor's Office, Kent | Kitsap County Juvenile Department, Port Orchard | Life Wire, Bellevue | Lutheran Community Services | Multicare | Native American Community & Child Welfare Association | NeighborCare, Seattle | Neighborhood Clinic, Tacoma | Oasis Youth Center | Olympia School District | Peninsula School District | Gig Harbor High School | Pierce County Aging & Longterm Care (Pierce Community Connections) | Pierce County AIDS Foundation, Tacoma and Olympia | Pierce County Juvenile Court | Pacific Lutheran University Center for Gender Equity | Puyallup Tribe of Indians | Rainbow Center | Serenity Counseling Services, Fife | South Sound Parent to Parent | Sumner-Bonney Lake School District | TACID | Tacoma Community House | Tacoma School District | Eugene Tone Center | Therapeutic Health Services, Seattle | Thurston County Court | UW Autism Center, Tacoma Clinic | UW Tacoma Office of Student Advocacy and Support | Valley Cities Behavioral Health Care, Federal Way | Washington State Department of Health | Youth Eastside Services, Bellevue and Kirkland | YWCA Pierce County | Building Changes, Seattle | HopeSparks Family Services | Kaiser Permanente, Olympia | Multicare Health Systems, Tacoma, Puyallup, and Auburn | National Alliance on Mental Illness, Seattle | The NW Network Support for Survivors | UW Medicine | Veteran's Administration of the Puget Sound, American Lake and Seattle



Admissions



UW Graduate School Admission Requirement

- Hold a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university in the U.S. or its equivalent from a foreign institution.
- Have a **minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA** in your last 90 graded quarter credits or 60 graded semester credits.

**Students with below a 3.0 gpa are encouraged to apply, however, admission is subject to UW Graduate School departmental petition approval.*

Advanced Standing Applicants Only

- Must have a BSW or BASW from a U.S. program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE).

Application Process

1. Start an application with the UW Graduate School

<https://grad.uw.edu/>

*Applicants must select:

***Social Work - Tacoma Campus (Master of Social Work) or
Social Work - Tacoma Campus MSW (Advanced Standing)***

in the drop-down menu of program choices.

2. Upload all application materials

*Application materials are downloaded from:

<https://www.tacoma.uw.edu/swcj/msw-application-and-application-instructions>

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Date	Time	Event
May 5	11am	Teaching Technologies Office Hours Sign Up
May 5	2pm	Teaching Technologies Office Hours Sign Up
May 6	11am	Teaching Technologies Office Hours Sign Up

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Scheduling any in-person meetings with students until further notice. Remote appointments (by phone or video chat) are still available. Please contact the appropriate office to schedule.

Students who have accepted an offer of admission should have their transcripts mailed to the Graduate School. Information, instructions and mailing address can be found by logging in to the [Application for Graduate Study](#).

UW'S NOVEL CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION PAGE



GRADUATE SCHOOL COVID-19 GUIDANCE AND INFORMATION



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Welcome, we are pleased that you are considering graduate study at the UW! The scope and quality of graduate education at our university is remarkable, as is the caliber of our graduate

u.washington.edu/coronavirus/

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New Applicants

First-time users must create an applicant profile. If you decide to apply to more than one program, your applicant profile will be used for each program.

CREATE A PROFILE



Returning Applicants

If you already have a profile, you can log in to your account to

- Update your applicant profile
- Create a new application
- Edit or submit an existing application(s)
- Check the status of a submitted application for information such as:
 - receipt of letters of recommendation
 - receipt of test scores
 - a decision on your application
 - if you are offered admission, your student number and personal access code (PAC)
 - if you are requesting a F-1 or J-1 visa, steps to obtain a visa application

LOG IN TO YOUR ACCOUNT



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Welcome Back, Hiro Test!

Program	Application Id	Status	Last Update	Action
Create a new application				

If you want to update your user profile: change your email, physical address, phone number, etc, then click the "Update Profile" link above. If you wish to change the password or security question on your account, also click on the "Update Profile" link.

To better understand the admissions process for graduate programs at the University of Washington, review the [admission procedures](#).

Please Note: Incomplete applications (those not completed with application fee payment) are deleted 30 days after the start of the indicated academic quarter of admission. For further information on retention policies, see [our retention schedule](#).



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Program Information

1. Select your application type: [Help?]	Graduate ▼
2. Select your graduate program:	Social Work - Tacoma Campus MSW (Advanced Standing) ▼
3. Indicate the quarter and year you wish to enter:	Winter 2022 ▼
4. Select area(s) of interest: (This question is optional. You do not need to choose in order of priority.)	<div>1. Child Welfare ▼</div> <div>2. Domestic Violence ▼</div> <div>3. Mental Health ▼</div>
5. Ultimate degree goal for this program:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Master's <input type="radio"/> Doctoral
6. Grade Point Average (0-4.0) for the last 90 quarter or 60 semester graded credits. Convert all grading scales to a 0.0-4.0 scale: [Help?]	<input type="text"/> <input type="checkbox"/> My prior school(s) did not provide any grades.
7. Please indicate any previous University of Washington student status:	<input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Student <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate Student <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Non-Matriculated (GNM) <input type="checkbox"/> Visiting Graduate Student <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> I do not have a previous student status
8. Are you a new applicant who is applying to two or more programs and plan to enroll in two programs if offered admission to the programs?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No

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Steps to Complete
✓Select Your Graduate Program
✓Review Requirements and Deadlines
Report Prior Schools
Submit Unofficial Transcripts
Submit Resume or Vitae
Social Work and Human Service Experience
UW Tacoma MSW Application
Submit Writing Sample or Essay
Designate Recommendations
Authorization for Repeat Background Checks
Review Checklist of Application Materials
Verify, Pay and Submit Application
✓Marks the step as complete

Report Prior Schools

Please enter ALL schools you attended, **including the University of Washington**.

School Name	Dates Attended	Degree Name	Major Field	Action
Add a school				



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UW Tacoma MSW Application

Please answer all questions on the Application for Admission to the UW Tacoma Master of Social Work Program. The application is available at <http://www.tacoma.uw.edu/social-work/msw-how-apply>.

Upload File

Please upload a PDF document to complete this section of the application. Click on the "Browse" or "Choose File" button below. Then navigate to the document on your computer's hard drive, select the document and click "Open". The file path of the document will appear in the "Document To Upload" text box. Click the "Upload & Continue" button to insert the associated file into the database. Only PDF documents can be uploaded. **The file size limit for uploads is 500 kilobytes.** Please close the document before you upload it. Also, please put your name, the program to which you are applying and the year and quarter at the top of the document.

Please Note: If you have problems uploading your document, please check the size of your file. Uploaded files cannot be **LARGER THAN 500 kilobytes** because they **WILL NOT UPLOAD**. If your file is too large, you can optimize it to a smaller size by removing any images.

File to upload (.pdf only)

Choose File No file chosen

Upload & Continue



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Designate Recommendations

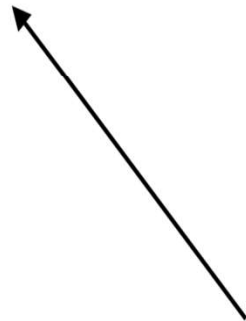
Under provision of Public Law 93-380, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, and under University guidelines pursuant to that Act, a student (defined as any person who has been officially admitted and registered at the University of Washington) has the right to review recommendations made in his/her behalf unless the student waives right at the time the recommendation is solicited.

Please designate the people you intend to use for your required recommendations. **Social Work - Tacoma Campus MSW (Advanced Standing)** requires **3** recommendations. **When you designate a recommendation, the person you have designated is immediately sent an email to submit a recommendation on your behalf.** Please do not designate until you are ready to have the recommender contacted. You can designate recommendations before and after you have submitted your online application - up until the program deadline.

If, after designating a recommendation, you learn that the recommender will not submit a recommendation, you may remove the recommendation by selecting the "withdraw" link in the action column of the table below. You cannot withdraw a recommendation once the recommender has submitted it.

All recommendations listed below are reviewed equally and are NOT enumerated in order of priority.

First Name	Last Name	Organization	Status	Action
Designate a required recommendation				



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Verify, Pay and Submit Application
✓Marks the step as complete

Checklist of Application Materials

Items To Be Completed Online	Status	Last Update
Your Profile	Complete	N/A
School Attended - Add Another School		
Transcripts - Submit Unofficial Transcripts		
Recommendations (0 of 3 required) - Add Another Recommender *		
Submit Writing Sample or Essay	Incomplete	N/A
Social Work and Human Service Experience	Incomplete	N/A
Submit Resume or Vitae	Incomplete	N/A
UW Tacoma MSW Application	Incomplete	N/A
Authorization for Repeat Background Checks	Incomplete **	N/A
Verify, Pay and Submit Application	Incomplete	N/A

* You may submit your application without completing this item. You may update this item at a later date on the Graduate Application Update page.

** This item is optional. You may submit your application without completing this item but you CANNOT upload this item on the Graduate Application Update page at a later date.

Items To Be Completed After Submitting The Online Application
<p>Application materials submitted to:</p> <p>University of Washington Tacoma 1900 Commerce St, WCG-203 Box 358425 Tacoma, WA 98402</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The completed form should be saved as a PDF document and uploaded via the UW Graduate School application in the space indicated for the Authorization for Repeat Background Checks form section



Application Requirement

- **UW Tacoma MSW Application** for the appropriate year
- **Admission Essay** (Essay questions provided online)
- **Unofficial Transcripts** from each college or university

*Must have a liberal arts background: Five (5) credits in each of the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences; and at least 60 quarter credits or 40 semester credits of liberal arts

- **Resume**
- **Social Service Experience Form**
- **Three** professional and/or academic **references**

*Advanced Standing applicants are required to have a recommendation from a field instructor or social service employer.

*If you graduated within the last two years from an undergraduate institution, one of the three recommendations is required to come from an academic reference. If you have been out of school for more than two years, the three recommendations can come from any combination of academic or professional experiences.

- **UW HSIP Acknowledgement Form**

Application Deadline

- 3-year MSW: priority deadline of **March 1**
- Advanced Standing MSW: hard deadline of **June 30**

Admission Decision Announcement

- 3-year MSW: Some beginning early February and all final decisions by **Mid-May**
- Advanced Standing: Early decisions in late May and all final decisions by **Early August**

Prior to Enrollment

- Successful completion of a college level statistics course (4 credits/C or better)
- UW Health Sciences Immunizations Policy (HSIP): Document immunity to Measles (Rubeola), Mumps, Rubella, Hepatitis B, Tetanus-Diphtheria-Pertussis, Varicella (chicken pox), COVID-19, and have a current TB screening and annual seasonal influenza vaccine
- Comprehensive Background Check

Cost & Funding



Estimated Cost **subject to change without notice*

3 Year MSW (11 quarters)

Tuition and Fees (2022-23 WA resident rates):
\$62,572 total for program

Advanced Standing MSW (6 quarters)

Tuition and Fees (2022-23 WA resident rates):
\$35,692 total for program

*UW 2022-2023 per quarter:

Credits	Resident	Non-resident
7 - 18 credits**	\$6,235	\$10,799
6 credits	\$5,376	\$9,288

Financial Aid through SSWCJ

- > CWTAP (Child Welfare Training and Advancement Program): **Full Tuition**
- > Ballmer Behavioral Health Scholarship: **Full Tuition**
- > Simon Family Foundation Fellowship: **\$6,000 - \$7,500/year**
- > Joseph Gary Jensen Scholarship: **\$2,500**
- > Jacque DaCamara Endowed Student Support Fund: **Up to \$1,000**
- > Graduate Merit Scholarships: **\$2,000 - \$5,000**
- > Moceris Scholarship: **\$2,800**
- > SSWCJ Scholarship: **\$500**
- > Montgomery scholarship: **\$300**

**Subject to change without notice based on funding.*

Financial Aid through UW

- Apply for UW Scholarships
 - [Graduate Funding Information Service \(GFIS\)](#) - funding opportunities for master's and doctoral students
 - [GFIS Blog](#) (pro tip: "subscribe" to get email notifications for new postings)
- Start search a year before funding is needed
- Most deadlines 6-12 months before payout

Funding Your Education

Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA):

- **UW Title IV Code: 003798**
- Student Loans and Scholarships are the primary source of funding in **part-time** graduate programs
- Some grants may require a full-time student status

Thank you for your interest!



This could be you!