

UW Tacoma

Bachelor of Arts in Social Welfare  
(BASW)



# What is Social Work?

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- **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

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



# Program Overview

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- 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

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- 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

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- > 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

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- 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



# CWTAP Option (Child Welfare Training & Advancement)

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- CWTAP offers a specialized public child welfare practicum within the BASW program.
- Students in their senior year of the BASW program who are desiring to work in public child welfare would be eligible. These students would do their practicum at the Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) Child Welfare Program.
- CWTAP provides federal Title IV-E financial assistance (tuition) and specialized training and mentoring for the three quarters in practicum. In return, after graduation, students will work for the DCYF Child Welfare Program for an equal amount of time they received financial assistance. This program is similar to the MSW CWTAP that has been in our state for over 30 years.



# Program Requirements

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## **UW 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**



# Post Acceptance-Program Requirements

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If you are offered admission, and you accept, you will order a background check through CastleBranch, a third-party vendor. This is required for Practicum.



# Who are our faculty?

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- Faculty have research interests which include:
  - Violence prevention
  - Disapportionalitiy 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

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- 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

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- 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?

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- **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?

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- **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 (if already admitted to UWT skip to #2)**

1. Start an application with the university
  - Applications must be submitted online
    - <https://www.tacoma.uw.edu/admissions/apply-now>
  - 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
  - UW HSIP Acknowledgement form



# Questions?

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Thank you for your interest in the UW  
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