

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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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 F1 or J1 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
- **Award winning instructors** – Many are practicing Social Workers
- **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 45-50 students each year
- Autumn Quarter admission only

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

- Admits approximately 15-20 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

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

Application Process

1. Start an application with the UW Graduate School
<https://grad.uw.edu/admission/apply-now/>

*Applicants must select:

Social Work - Tacoma Campus (Master of Social Work-Part Time Program) or

Social Work - Tacoma Campus MSW (Advanced Standing)

in the menu of program choices on the program selection section.

2. Complete the application via the online app system

*Application materials/questions are supplied via the app system.
Uploaded supplemental materials will consist of a resume, the MSW essay
and unofficial transcripts

Application Requirement

- **UW Tacoma MSW Application** for the appropriate year
- **Admission Essay** (Essay questions provided online and via our website)
- **Unofficial Transcripts** from each college or university attended
- **Resume**
- **Social Service Experience**
- **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, background check, social work program and commitment Acknowledgements**

Application Deadline

- 3-year MSW: *priority* deadline and early review on **02/01**, program closes and final review on **03/30**
- Advanced Standing MSW: *priority* deadline and early review on **05/01**, program closes and final review on **06/30**

Admission Decision Announcement

- 3-year MSW: Early decisions in late February (for completed applications by the priority deadline) and all final decisions by Mid-May
- Advanced Standing: Early decisions in late May (for completed applications by the priority deadline) and all final decisions by Early August

Prior to Enrollment

- Successful completion of a college level statistics course (4 credits min. with a C or 2.0 or better grade)
- 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 (does not impact admission status)

Cost & Funding



Estimated Cost **subject to change without notice*

3 Year MSW (11 quarters)

Tuition and Fees (2023-24 WA resident rates):
\$62,572 total for program

Advanced Standing MSW (6 quarters)

Tuition and Fees (2023-24 WA resident rates):
\$35,692 total for program

*UW 2023-2024 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!