

# 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*



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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.

## THE UW TACOMA SCHOOL OF

# *Social Work & Criminal Justice*

The social work programs at the UW Tacoma SSWCJ are accredited by the Council on Social Work Education as program options 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**.

**54%**

of our undergraduates  
are first-in-their-family  
to attend college.

**#2** IN THE  
STATE

**Best College  
for Social Work**

College Factual, 2021

**#8** IN THE  
NATION

**Top Performer  
on Social Mobility**

U.S. News & World Report 2023

“ One of the best ways to help a community as a whole is to *change the policies that affect that community,* ”

Kashira Jenkins, BASW, '22, AS MSW '24



*Areas of faculty expertise include:*

ADOLESCENCE AND  
TRANSITIONING YOUTH

ARTS & HUMANITIES IN  
SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE

BEHAVIORAL AND MENTAL  
HEALTH RECOVERY

CHILD WELFARE

CHILDREN OF  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
INVOLVED PARENTS

COMPARATIVE CRIMINAL  
JUSTICE

CORRECTIONS AND  
ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN

CRIMINOLOGY

CULTURAL AND HUMAN  
DIVERSITIES

DIRECT SOCIAL WORK  
PRACTICE

DISABILITY AND ABLEISM

DRUGS AND CRIME

FOSTER CARE

GENDER DISPARITIES  
AND HEALTH EQUITY  
AMONG WOMEN

GENDER-BASED  
VIOLENCE PREVENTION

HIV/AIDS

IMMIGRATION

INTEGRATIVE HEALTHCARE

JUVENILE LEGAL SYSTEM

KINSHIP CARE

LAW

LEARNING DISABILITIES

LGBTQ ISSUES

MASCULINITIES

MEDICAL SOCIAL WORK

WELLNESS AND RESILIENCY

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT  
AND ANIMAL-ASSISTED  
THERAPY

NEURODIVERSITY

PROGRAM EVALUATION

QUANTITATIVE AND  
QUALITATIVE RESEARCH

QUEER WELLBEING AND  
SUICIDE PREVENTION

RACIAL  
DISPROPORTIONALITY  
AND DISPARITY

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

SCHOOL VIOLENCE  
PREVENTION

TRANSGENDER AND  
NON-BINARY HEALTHCARE

TRANSNATIONAL  
SOCIAL WORK

TRAUMA AND ATTACHMENT

WORK, INEQUALITY AND  
SOCIAL MOVEMENTS

YOUTH JUSTICE, CRIME  
AND PUBLIC POLICY

# 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. BASW admits for Autumn quarter only.



## BASW PRIORITY APPLICATIONS

for Autumn Quarter admission are due by **MARCH 15**  
[tacoma.uw.edu/swcj/basw-admissions](https://tacoma.uw.edu/swcj/basw-admissions)



### SSWCJ SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- Montgomery Scholarship for Social Work Students
- Jacque DaCamara Endowed Student Support Fund
- Joseph Gary Jensen Scholarship Fund
- Marc Walters Behavioral Health Scholarship
- School of Social Work & Criminal Justice Scholarship
- Behavioral Health Workforce Development Scholarship for MSW
- Graduate Merit Scholarship for MSW
- Joane & Stephen Mocerri 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](https://tacoma.uw.edu/swcj/scholarships)



### CHILD WELFARE TRAINING AND ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM (CWTAP)

provides a public child welfare focus within the MSW and BASW 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, and alumni testimonials: [tacoma.uw.edu/swcj/cwtap](https://tacoma.uw.edu/swcj/cwtap)

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# 37

Avg. number of students per year who receive full CWTAP tuition assistance

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# \$705,000

CWTAP financial aid awarded in 2022-23

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For info on current tuition and how to pay for your education: [tacoma.uw.edu/finaid](https://tacoma.uw.edu/finaid)

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# SOCIAL WORK STUDENTS GET

# *real world experience*

**480**

field hours per  
BASW student

**1080**

field hours per  
MSW student

## **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



## **PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE**

Practicum is an internship experience where students have the opportunity to apply classroom learning to practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations, communities, and policy makers. This happens in a “real world” setting at a local service organization under the supervision of an experienced social worker. Through practicum, students build skills and experience to be successful in the field as professional social workers.

## *Did you know?*

**BSW/BASW GRADS** can earn their part-time **Advanced Standing Master of Social Work** degree at UW Tacoma in 15-18 months!



# 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 content in social work practice models, methods and a 400 -hour student practicum experience allowing students to immediately apply what they have learned in social work settings based in our community.

## INTEGRATIVE PRACTICE SPECIALIZATION

The mission of the Integrative Practice Specialization is to prepare MSW-level practitioners to assume leadership roles in the design, delivery, and evaluation of interventions at all levels of practice, from work with an individual client to community advocacy or policy analysis.

Students focus their advanced course of study in an area of particular interest to them. These areas might include, but are not limited to, behavioral mental health and health care systems, child welfare, school social work and veterans. MSW students develop 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. A 680-hour specialization practicum experience is also completed putting the classroom learning into practice.

## ADVANCED STANDING MSW

Designed for eligible\* BSW or BASW graduates, our Advanced Standing MSW allows students to enter the specialized level of the MSW curriculum and complete their degree in five or six quarters depending upon individual schedules. Advanced Standing MSW students follow the integrative practice specialization and complete a specialization practicum.

\*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.

**#2** IN THE NATION

**Best Graduate School for Social Work**

U.S. News & World Report 2023  
AS A PROGRAM EXTENSION OF THE UW  
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK IN SEATTLE

## 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

// When I saw the *power of that advocacy*, that really ignited my passion for helping others, //

**Andre Henderson**  
BASW '22, AS MSW '24,  
Governor's Student Civic  
Leadership Award 2022



### 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).

### 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



### MSW APPLICATIONS

3-Year MSW admits Autumn quarter only.

Advanced Standing MSW admits winter quarter only.

Application requirements, instructions and priority dates:

**[tacoma.uw.edu/swcj/master-social-work-admissions](https://tacoma.uw.edu/swcj/master-social-work-admissions)**

For further info, visit: **[tacoma.uw.edu/swcj](https://tacoma.uw.edu/swcj)** email: **[swcj@uw.edu](mailto:swcj@uw.edu)**  
For admission advising: **[tacoma.uw.edu/swcj/academic-advising](https://tacoma.uw.edu/swcj/academic-advising)**

// It is not enough to  
*be compassionate.*

You must act. // Tenzin Gyatso  
14th Dalai Lama

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