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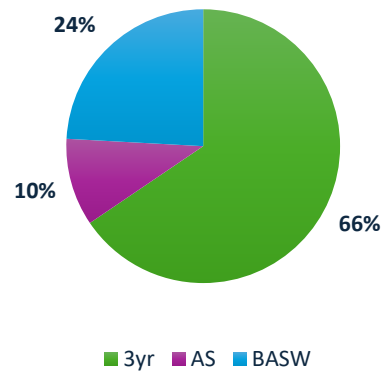
Child Welfare Training & Advancement Program (CWTAP)

CWTAP Year in Review - July 2025 through June 2026

The 2025-2026 academic year marks the 28th year of CWTAP at UW Tacoma. This year we had the largest number of graduates in our program's history with a total of 29 students completing coursework (19 three-year part-time Master of Social Work (MSW), 3 part-time Advanced Standing (AS) MSW, and 7 Bachelor of Arts in Social Welfare (BASW) students).

Of this cohort, 79% were women and 21% were men (as defined by the federal government) and 59% were Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) employees prior to applying.

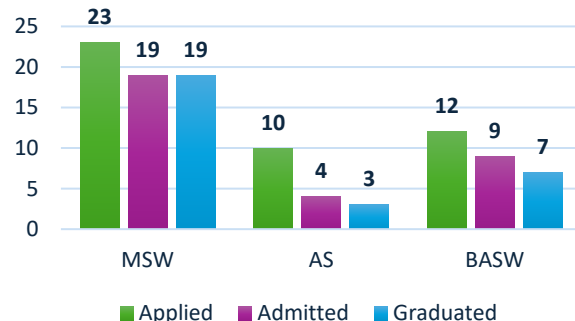
2026 Graduates by Program



At the time of this report, 20 graduates were employed, including our first ever BASW DCYF-employee student. The remaining 9 graduates are currently applying and we are hopeful that in early July they will find employment at DCYF.

For the graduating Class of 2026, we had 44 applicants for the 3 programs combined. We admitted 32 students and 29 completed their academic program. Three students were dismissed from the program.

CWTAP Admissions



In the 2025-2026 practicum year, our Field Instructors taught 32 full days of educational seminars in practicum, 7 monthly micro-learning for DCYF employee students, and 2 MSW courses designed specifically for CWTAP students. Educational seminar topics included safety framework, assessment and planning, stages of child development, child welfare ethics and boundaries, substance abuse, active efforts, trust based relational intervention, domestic violence, the Indian Child Welfare Act, and parent engagement. Students also did a site visit to dependency court and engaged with various panels of experts on a wide range of child welfare related topics.



This year our annual Student Institute conference theme was “Social Work in Challenging Times: Hope in Heavy Spaces.” There were 58 participants who attended presentations from graduating students and a keynote address from Joseph Le Roy, President and CEO of HopeSparks Family Services entitled “Holding the AND: Heavy and Hope.”



CWTAP is proud to promote professionalism and recruitment of social workers into the field of public child welfare. We are grateful for our continued partnership with DCYF and look forward to many successful years to come. For more information about our program please visit [CWTAP info](#).