



Child Welfare Workforce Professional Education Program (CWWPEP)

Mission

The mission of the CWWPEP is to develop creative child welfare leaders, policy makers, managers, and direct service practitioners who have the capacity for critical thinking and to promote best practice and highest quality service to children, families, and communities. The CWWPEP accomplishes this through the coordinated and integrated provision of quality social work education and training.

If you are interested in:

- Being among the best-trained and best-educated child welfare workers in the nation?
- Being a competent, satisfied career professional who continues to be enthusiastic, creative, and respected for your work?
- Working in a supportive agency with excellent supervision that provides personal rewards and incentives that focus on the career line social worker?
- Being an advocate empowered to coach and mentor children and families based on best practice standards?

Program Requirements

1. BSW and MSW students may apply for admission to the program.
2. UPP students must successfully complete specially designed child welfare college courses that cover Ohio's "Core Module" training for caseworker (except for the Legal Module) (Learning Labs).
3. Students in their senior year, complete two semesters (one year) of Field Practicum in an Ohio public children service agency (PCSA).

4. Upon graduation, students must seek employment in an Ohio PCSA within a six (6) month(180days), target period.
5. Upon hire by a PCSA, the student will receive a \$5,000 incentive for the successful completion of their year in the University Partnership Program (UPP).
6. Students must continue their employment for at least one year within a public children services agency or the incentive must be refunded due to failure to complete program requirements.

Application Process

1. Students complete an application (2 letters of reference).
2. Students will forward the completed application to the UPP Coordinator or may place the completed application in the designated box on the UPP Coordinator's door (Rhodes Tower Room 1415).
3. UPP Coordinator will review and contact student.
4. If student is determined to be a candidate an interview will be scheduled.
5. If approved for the program, the student will schedule the required Child Welfare Classes for Fall and Spring.
6. The student will be provided with an Orientation and Student Handbook as well.

Specialized Child Welfare Classes

1. **BSW** Students- Fall CWI SWK-353 Spring CWII SWK 493
2. **MSW** Students-Fall CWI SWK-697 Spring CWII SWK 698
Classes are held on Monday from 6:pm-8:50pm

Program Benefits

- Fast track to full -time employment in a public child welfare agency
- Individualized attention and mentoring
- In-depth exposure to Child Welfare
- \$5,000 Employment Incentive

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Is there a stipulation on how the employment incentive is spent?

Answer: There is no stipulation on how the employment incentive is spent.

2. I am currently employed at a public child welfare agency as a caseworker and will be enrolling in the MSW Program. Am I eligible?

Answer: Current employees (caseworkers, supervisors, and administrators) are not eligible.

3. Are only UPP students permitted to take the Child Welfare classes?

Answer: The classes are open to all students

4. Am I mandated to remain at the same agency for the year requirement?

Answer: No. You may change public agencies if they are in one of Ohio's 88 counties and you notify the UPP Coordinator and complete the total year commitment.

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