

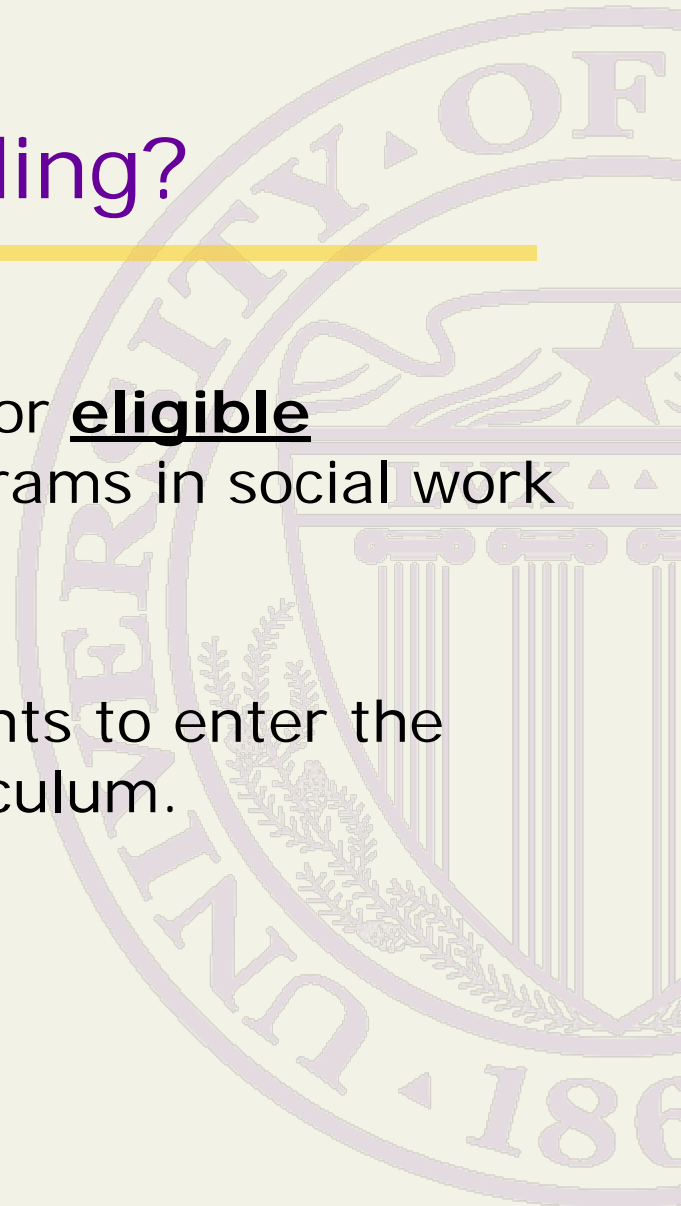
# Welcome to the UW Tacoma Advanced Standing MSW Application Workshop



# What is Advanced Standing?

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- Advanced Standing is designed for **eligible** graduates of baccalaureate programs in social work or social welfare.
- Advanced Standing allows students to enter the advanced level of the MSW curriculum.



## Who is eligible?

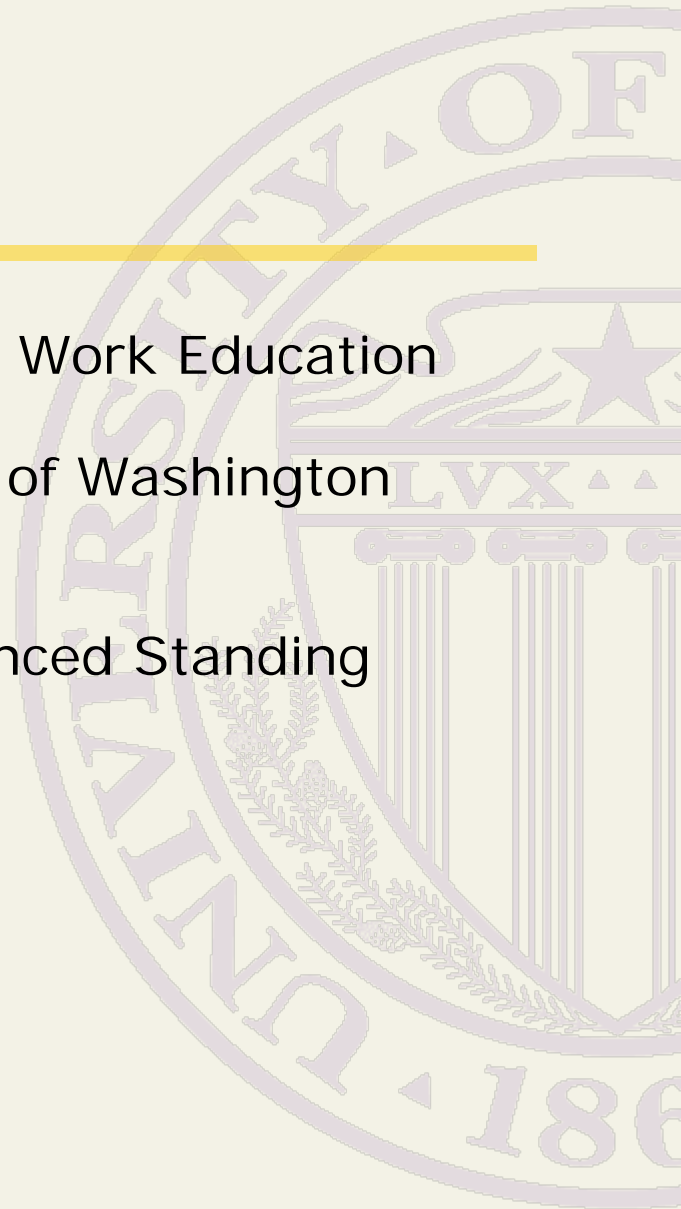
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- To be eligible, applicants must have a BSW or BASW from a U.S. program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education and have graduated within 5 years of entry to the program.
- In addition, Advanced Standing candidates must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher in their BSW or BASW major or have passed all **social work core courses with a minimum 3.0 ("B") grade.**

# Program Overview

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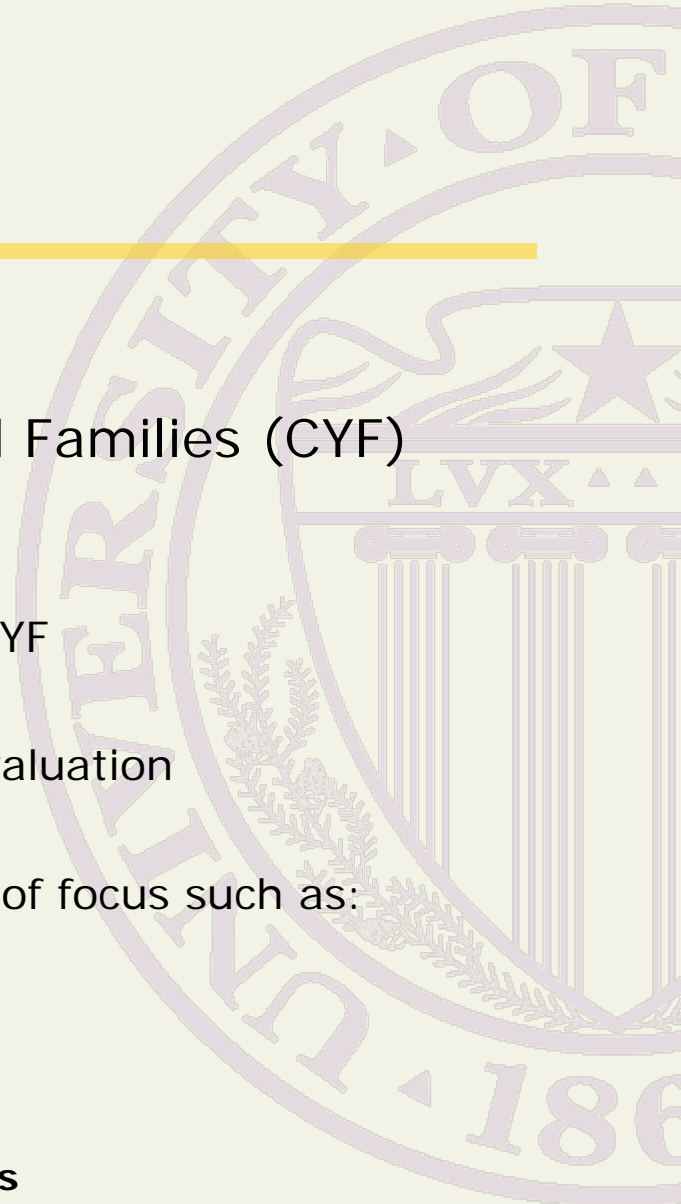
- Accredited by the Council on Social Work Education
- A program option of the University of Washington School of Social Work
- 17 month, part-time evening Advanced Standing MSW program
- Sequenced, cohort model
- Admit approx. 10-12 students
- Winter quarter admission ONLY
- Highly competitive



# Program Curriculum

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- 46 credit [program of study](#)
- Concentration: Children, Youth and Families (CYF)
- Courses focus on:
  - Advanced Social Work Practice with CYF
  - Child and Family Policy and Services
  - Research for Practice and Program Evaluation
  - Advanced Practicum (720 hours)
  - Choose selectives from several areas of focus such as:
    - **Chemical dependency**
    - **Gerontology**
    - **Mental health**
    - **School Social Work**
    - **Social Work in Healthcare Settings**
    - **Social Work with Military Personnel and Veterans**
    - **Spirituality and Social Work**



# Practicum

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## Frequently Asked Questions

- ◇ ? Do I get paid for practicum?
  - In most cases students are not paid for practicum, however some agencies may provide stipends.  
**Note:** The vast majority of practicum's are not paid.
  
- ◇ ? Can I get credit for my past work experience?
  - No. While we know that many of our students bring extensive human service experience with them to the classroom, the Council on Social Work Education requires a coordinated professional field placement under the supervision of a qualified MSW level social worker in order to satisfy degree requirements.

# Frequently Asked Questions continued...

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- ❖ I currently work in a human service agency, can I use my job as my practicum site?
  - You may do one of your two placements at your place of employment. There is a special procedure and special criteria for this. You will need to meet with the Practicum Coordinator to discuss.
  
- ❖ What if I want to do my placement at an agency that UW Tacoma does not have a contract with?
  - We're always open to establishing new placement sites! We encourage students to let us know about programs and agencies that might provide a good opportunity for students. **Please note** that adequate MSW level supervision is a requirement for all placements.

# Child Welfare Training and Advancement Program (CWTAP)

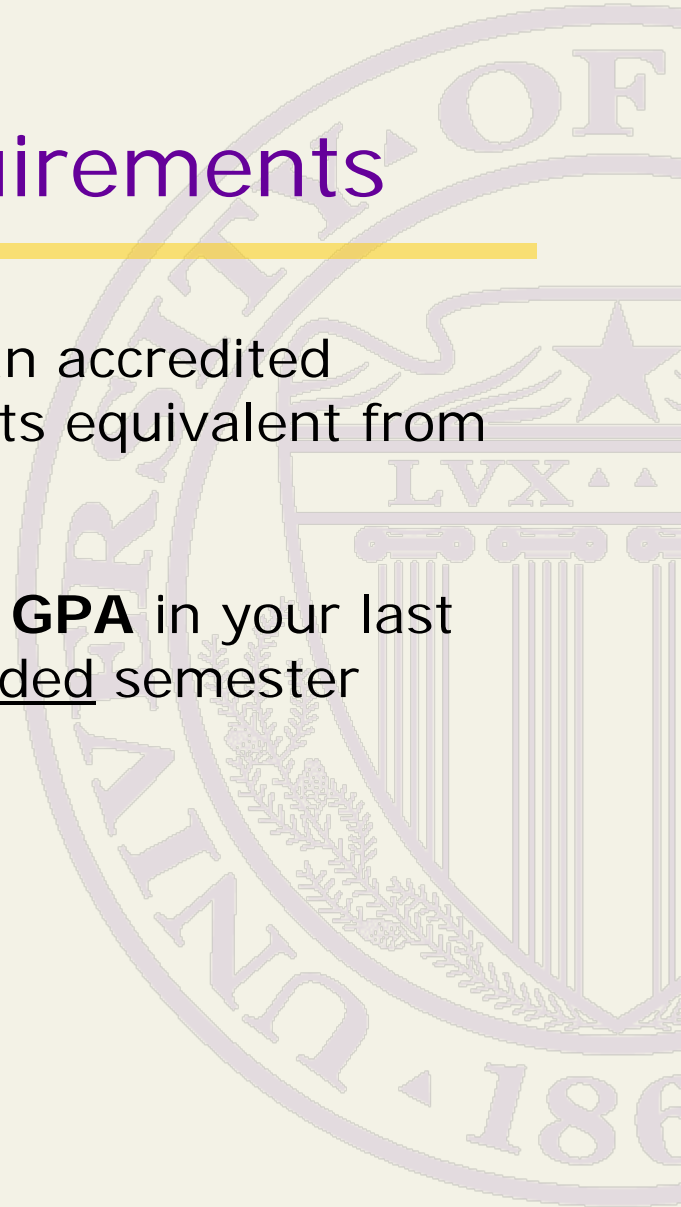
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- Under contract with the University of Washington, School of Social Work, the UW Tacoma MSW program and the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) – Children’s Administration, financial support may be available to you as you pursue your MSW degree.
- In exchange, you agree to be employed within Washington State DSHS – Children’s Administration after receiving your MSW.
- CWTAP provides federal Title IV-E stipend money and special training to MSW students desiring to work in public child welfare.
- Availability for funding for CWTAP varies.
- Please contact the CWTAP Manager, Carol Donaldson at 253-692-5829 for more information about the program and the current funding level.

# UW Graduate School General Admission Requirements

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- Hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university in the U.S. or its equivalent from a foreign institution.
- Have a **minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA** in your last 90 graded quarter credits or 60 graded semester credits.



# Program Admission Requirements

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- Meet the Advanced Standing eligibility requirements.
- Successful completion of a course in statistics within the past 5 years (prior to the beginning of the MSW program).
- Successful completion of an **approved** course in human biology or it's equivalent within the past 10 years (prior to the beginning of the MSW program). Note: Advanced Placement (AP) credit earned in high school does not satisfy this requirement.
  - *Please note that successful completion is considered a grade of a 2.0 or C grade or higher.*

# UW Graduate Application and Admission Process

- Applying is a two-part process
  1. Apply to the UW Graduate School
    - Applications must be submitted online at [www.grad.washington.edu/applForAdmiss/](http://www.grad.washington.edu/applForAdmiss/)
    - Applicants must select ***Social Work - Tacoma Campus MSW (Advanced Standing)*** in the drop down [menu](#) of program choices. Winter quarter admission only.
    - A \$65.00 application fee must be paid at the time of application. You may pay by debit, credit or electronic personal check.
  2. Apply to the UW Tacoma Advanced Standing MSW program
    - Additional required [application](#) materials must be submitted directly to the program.

**NOTE:**

Admission must be offered by both the UW Graduate School and the UW Tacoma graduate degree program.

# UW Tacoma MSW Application Requirements

- Provide a **copy** of your completed online **UW Graduate School Application** with your packet by the June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline.
- Complete the **2010-2011 Application for Admission to the UW Tacoma Master of Social Work program**
- Submit an **admission essay**
- Submit **official transcripts** from every college or university you have ever attended.
- Submit the **GPA Worksheet**
- Include a copy of your **resume**
- Complete the **Social Service Experience Form**
- Provide **three letters of reference**
- Complete **the Conviction/Criminal History Information form**
- Complete **the Authorization for Repeat Background Checks and Dissemination of Results form**

# Can I apply to the UW Tacoma 3-yr MSW program too?

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- Yes, you must submit a separate UW Graduate School Application and \$65.00 fee online for autumn quarter 2010. **Note:** *Two UW Graduate School Applications must be submitted in order to be considered for both program options.*
- Applicants must select **Social Work - Tacoma Campus (Master of Social Work)** in the drop down [menu](#) of program choices.
- Admission to the 3-yr MSW program is for autumn quarter only.
- Complete the UW Tacoma Master of Social Work Application form and mark both boxes in question #1 indicating that you would like to be considered for both program options.
- Submit all other required application materials directly to the program by the March 1<sup>st</sup> priority application date. *Applications received after that date will be considered on a space available basis only.*
- Admission decisions for the 3-yr MSW program will be finalized in mid-May. Advanced Standing MSW program admission decisions will be finalized during the month of August.

# The UW Tacoma Advantage

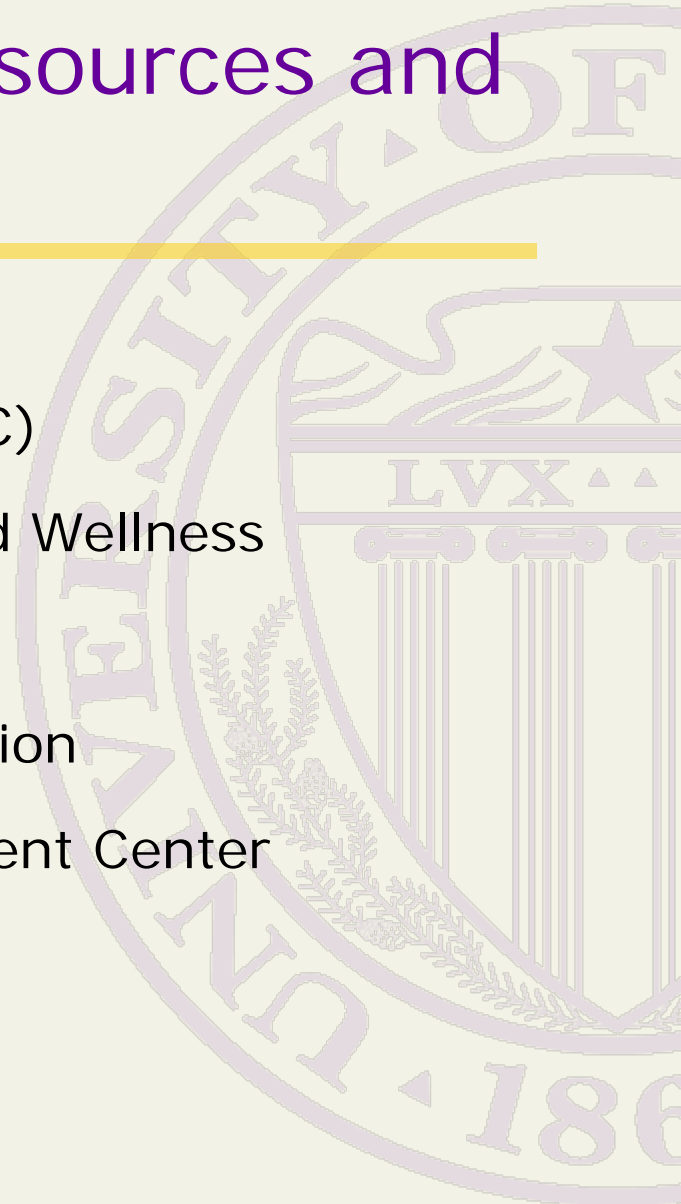
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- There are many advantages to attending UW Tacoma. Here are just a few:
  - UW Tacoma students enjoy smaller classes.
  - Access to renowned faculty with diverse personal and educational backgrounds.
  - Faculty are more accessible and students receive more one on one interaction.
  - Cohort model allows students to build relationships and bond with fellow classmates.
  - UW Tacoma graduates receive a nationally recognized degree.

# UW Tacoma Campus Resources and Student Services

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- University Libraries
- Teaching & Learning Center (TLC)
- Counseling – Student Health and Wellness
- Disabilities Support Services
- Career Development and Education
- KeyBank Professional Development Center
- University Bookstore
- Student Involvement
- Financial Aid



# Funding Your Education

- **Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA):**
  - Apply online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
  - **UW Title IV Code: 003798**  
**Note:** This code applies to all three UW campuses
  - Student Loans and Scholarships are the primary source of funding in **part-time** graduate programs.
  
- **Apply for scholarships**
  - Visit [www.tacoma.washington.edu//finaid/](http://www.tacoma.washington.edu//finaid/) for details on UW Tacoma scholarships
  - Check with your baccalaureate institution for scholarship opportunities
  - Seek out community resources
  - Check with your employer for scholarships, grants, or tuition reimbursement plans

## Ready to get started?

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1. Carefully review the program admission requirements, application instructions and application deadline.
2. Submit the UW Graduate School online application(s).
3. Request official transcripts.
4. Identify and contact possible references.
5. Submit all required application materials on or before March 1, 2010 for the 3-yr MSW program or June 30, 2010 for the Advanced Standing MSW program.

# Thank you for your interest.

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This could be you!

