



Child Welfare Education Project
A CPS-GCSW Partnership
Graduate College of Social Work
University of Houston

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The Child Welfare Education Project (CWEP) prepares master's level social work students for the challenging and rewarding work found in children's protective services. The program provides:

- Financial assistance for costs associated with the MSW degree
- Excellent child welfare oriented classes and field internships designed for your professional development
- Special seminars and workshops focused on child welfare issues to enhance your educational experience
- Staff assistance to give you focused advising and field internship support
- Employment in Children's Protective Services after graduation with rewarding opportunities to improve the lives of children and families

The CWEP program provides stipends for full and part-time students. Full-time students will receive a stipend of \$3,500 a semester for up to six semesters. Part-time students receive a stipend of \$ 5,000 the first semester and \$2,500 the following semesters for up to ten semesters. Full-time advanced standing students who have completed CPS required education receive a stipend of \$3,500 a semester up to three semesters. Part-time advanced standing students receive \$2,500 a semester for up to five semesters.

The receipt of financial assistance by students through this project requires "payback" through professional social work employment in Children's Protective Services (CPS). Each semester that the student receives a stipend requires eight months employment at CPS. Current CPS employees who attend on a part-time basis will pay back four months for each semester that a stipend is received.

Applicants must be accepted into the MSW program and be eligible for employment by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. Applicants will be required to complete pre-employment screening and criminal background, driving record, abuse and neglect checks. Stipend recipients are chosen by a committee composed of GCSW and CPS representatives.

Please be prepared to pay the first tuition payment yourself as the stipend process can be delayed due to a number of factors.

CWEP students may occasionally be expected to attend special seminars, brown bag meetings, and workshops designed especially for this program. Every attempt will be made to schedule these activities at convenient times.

This program is open to all incoming GCSW students.

For more information, please contact Brunessia Wilson, CWEP Student Affairs Coordinator at (713) 743-8147 or www.sw.uh.edu/communityoutreach/cwep.php.