**Child Welfare Education Program**

**MSW Full-Time**

**Field Education Requirements & Award Package descriptions**

Students in the Child Welfare Education Program (CWEP) are required to complete a field placement of 480 hours at a Child Welfare Education Unit (CWEU). The only exception to this requirement is for students who have recent AZ DCS Specialist experience. The Child Welfare Education Program operates three Child Welfare Education Units. These units are embedded in Department of Child Safety Offices. The units are located in West Phoenix, Central Phoenix, and Southeast Tucson. The units are comprised of a Supervisor and two Social workers. Each unit can host up to 8 students. The staff of the units carry DCS on-going cases. The students work on these cases under the supervision of the staff. Placement in a unit is based on each student’s Award Package.

**Package A**: Students in package A can be in a CWEU as an academic year placement in either their foundation or concentration year. MSW academic-year field placements are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Fall and Spring semesters. Students receiving Package A who complete their CWEU field placement during their foundation year can be in either the Advanced Direct Practice/Child Welfare Specialization or the Planning, Administration, and Community Practice Concentration/Child Welfare Specialization during their second year (Concentration year). Students in Package A who complete their CWEU field placement during their concentration year must be in the Advanced Direct Practice/Child Welfare Specialization. This package pays for the Fall and Spring semesters of both the foundation and concentration academic years (it does not pay for any summer session courses). This package is only available to Standard Program MSW students.

**Package B1**: Students in package B1 will be in a CWEU as a summer block placement in the summer following their foundation year. Students in this package will delay their foundation year field placement (SWG 541 and 542) to the summer. MSW Summer Block field placements are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for 12 weeks between mid-May and mid-August. Students receiving Package B1 can be in either the Advanced Direct Practice/Child Welfare Specialization or the Planning, Administration, and Community Practice Concentration/Child Welfare Specialization during their second (Concentration) year. This package pays for the Fall and Spring semesters of both the foundation and concentration academic years, as well as, the six credits for the two field placement courses in the summer session between the foundation and concentration years (it only pays for these specific summer courses). This package is only available to Standard Program MSW students.

**Package B2**: Students in package B2 will be in a CWEU as a summer block placement following their concentration year. Students in this package will delay their concentration year field placement (SWG 641 and 642) to the summer. MSW Summer Block field placements are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for 12 weeks between mid-May and mid-August. Students receiving Package B2 can only be in the Advanced Direct Practice/Child Welfare Specialization, as their Concentration year placement will be an ADP placement. Students receiving this award can walk in May graduation ceremonies, but their degree will officially be completed in August. This package pays for Spring semester of the foundation year, Fall and Spring semesters of the concentration year and the nine credits for the two field placement courses and capstone course in the summer session following the concentration year (it only pays for these specific summer courses). Note that the MSW program requires students to take their Capstone course concurrently with their last semester of field. For this reason, students in this Package should be prepared to be in a full-time field placement and be in a once a week night class in the summer following their concentration year. This package is only available to Standard Program MSW students.

**Package C**: Students in package C will be in a CWEU as an academic year placement in their concentration year. MSW academic field placements are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Fall and Spring semesters. Students receiving Package C can must be in the Advanced Direct Practice Concentration/Child Welfare Specialization. This package pays for the summer bridge classes preceding the concentration year and both the Fall and Spring semesters of the concentration academic year. This package is only available to Advanced Standing MSW students.

Requirements of a Child Welfare Education Unit Field Placement

* All students in the CWEP must complete a field placement at a Child Welfare Education Unit unless they have recent AZ DCS experience as a DCS Specialist. Students will be placed in a CWEU by the CWEP in accordance with their Award Package.
* The days and hours of field for MSW academic year placements are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The days and hours of field for summer block placements are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
* You must plan for and be able to participate in field during the established field days and hours. Students are not allowed to routinely alter their field schedule or to negotiate an a different schedule.
* There is no guarantee that the unit you are placed in will be in close proximity to or a short commute from your home. You should be prepared for about a one-hour, one-way commute.
* Your field placement at DCS will entail DCS job functions that require travel and the transportation of children. You must have or will have access to safe and reliable personal transportation capable of transporting yourself and at least two children when you are at your field placement.
* You must maintain an AZ DPS Level 1 fingerprint clearance card, a cleared CPSCR background, and a driving record of less than 8 points.
* You must adhere to the policies and standards of DCS including confidentiality requirements.

Second Field Placement

Students in the MSW Standard Program will complete two field placements (one in their foundation year and one in their concentration year). One of these will be a CWEU field placement. The other placement should be at an agency that works with or on behalf of children and families. Students in the Advanced Standing program will complete one field placement in their concentration year, which will be their CWEU field placement.