CWEP Curriculum

Students accepted into the BSW Child Welfare Education Program will follow the BSW curriculum. CWEP students do not have to take any credits above and beyond those required for the BSW degree. However, CWEP Students do have to follow the CWEP Curriculum for which there are two overall requirements, namely 1) take SWU 442 as their senior year selective course, and 2) complete their field placement at the Department of Child Safety.

Selective

CWEP Students are required to take SWU 442, Practice with Children and Families in Child Welfare as their senior year selective. Social Work students enroll in their senior year selective concurrently with their second semester of field.

- At the Phoenix campus, SWU 442 is offered twice a year, in the Spring and Summer Session B semesters.
- At the Tucson campus, SWU 442 is offered once a year in the Spring semester.

Field Placement

- BSW CWEP students are required to complete their field placement at a Department of Child Safety (DCS) site.
- Phoenix Campus Students - The BSW Child Welfare Education Program has three Education Units embedded in DCS offices. All three units are located on the West side of the Phoenix area. Students attending classes at the Phoenix campus will be placed in one of these units until these units are full. If all the units are full, then students will be placed with DCS field instructors at the various DCS offices across the valley.
- Tucson Campus Students - The MSW Child Welfare Education Program has an Education Unit in a DCS office on the South side of Tucson. If that unit is not full of MSW students, BSW CWEP students are placed in this unit until the unit is full. Once the unit is full, CWEP students are placed with DCS field instructors at DCS offices in the Tucson area.
- The field hours for students in the Phoenix area Education Units are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. While students may, on occasion, flex some of their field hours to different days or times, in general, students are expected to be available for their field placement experiences during these days and times.
- Students placed at DCS offices may work with their field instructors to establish the schedule for their field placement. However, students in these placements must still participate in the field training activities. These activities consist of training and tours that are scheduled, for the most part, on Mondays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- Students are placed in their field placements based on the needs of the agency and the program and the availability of field instructors. Because the Phoenix education units are all located in the West Valley, students living in the East Valley should be prepared for a long commute. Very rarely, can the program accommodate students’ requests for a placement within a short commute from their home. Furthermore, very rarely, can the Program secure a field instructor for a student who needs a nights and weekends field placement. If you have transportation, child care, or scheduling concerns related to the requirements of field, please discuss these with the Manager prior to accepting a BSW Child Welfare Scholarship.
- Phoenix campus students in the CWEP Program may enter field in the Fall and complete a Fall/Spring field placement, or they may enter field in the Spring and complete a Spring/Summer field placement. CWEP students may NOT do a Spring/Fall field placement, and the BSW program does not offer a Summer Block field option.
- Phoenix campus students who do a Spring/Summer field placement will follow the Unit’s schedule for their Summer session field placement, rather than the schedule posted for the field credits. This schedule will consist of students continuing in their field placement two days a week, 8 hours a day, through the break between the Spring and Summer semesters, and maintaining this schedule throughout the summer. Summer field students will take an incomplete at the end of Summer Session C, and remain in field through to the end of Summer Session B, when their field grade will be posted. This incomplete will not impact students’ ability to graduate in August, their ability to register for Fall classes, or their GPA.
- Tucson campus students may only enter field in the Fall and complete a Fall/Spring placement.