CHILD WELFARE CURRICULUM

Students in the Child Welfare Stipend program must follow the Child Welfare Specialization curriculum. This includes taking only Child Welfare Approved courses and electives, and being placed in one of our Child Welfare Education Units (located in Phoenix, Tempe, and Tucson) as one field practicum. Please refer to the information below about the specific concentrations and specializations approved in the various programs.

Standard Program
Standard Program Child Welfare stipend students may be in either of the following two concentrations/specializations: 1) Advanced Direct Practice Concentration/Public Child Welfare Specialization (ADP/PCW) or 2) Planning, Administration, and Community Practice Concentration (PAC).

ADP/PCW
Students in the ADP/PCW concentration must choose their electives from among the Child Welfare approved electives.

PAC
Students in the PAC concentration must take the Advanced Direct Practice courses required in the ADP/PCW concentration as their electives. In addition, they must take SWG 633: Child Welfare Services as an elective in the Fall of their second year. If students have room in their schedules for other electives that are counting toward graduation, they must choose them from among the Child Welfare approved electives.

All standard program students’ field practicum placements must consist of the following combination: 1) placement in a Child Welfare Education Unit (CWEU) and 2) placement in a private (non-governmental) child welfare approved agency. Because the CWEUs are NOT PAC placements, all PAC students must complete their CWEU placement during their first year. ADP/PCW students may complete their CWEU placement during either their first or second year.

Advanced Standing Program
Advanced Standing Program Child Welfare stipend students must complete their one field placement in a Child Welfare Education Unit (CWEU). The CWEUs are Advanced Direct Practice placements and are not appropriate as PAC placements. Therefore, all Advanced Standing Stipend students must be in the Advanced Direct Practice Concentration/Public Child Welfare Specialization (ADP/PCW) unless they meet one of the following criteria: 1) they completed their BSW field placement in one of the CWEUs, or 2) they have recent (within the past 5 years) Arizona Department of Child Safety case management experience (i.e., worked as a CPS Specialist I, II, or III in an investigations, on-going, in-home, adoptions, ICWA, or YAP unit). In these instances a student’s placement will be considered on a case by case basis.

ADP/PCW
Students in the ADP/PCW concentration must choose their electives from among the Child Welfare approved electives.
PAC (must have DCS experience through previous CWEU experience or employment) Students in the PAC concentration must take the Advanced Direct Practice courses required in the ADP/PCW concentration as their electives. In addition, they must take SWG 633: Child Welfare Services as an elective in the Fall of their second year. If students have room in their schedules for other electives that are counting toward graduation, they must choose them from among the Child Welfare approved electives.

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**Concentration Year (2nd Year/ Advanced Standing)**

**Advanced Direct Practice Concentration/Public Child Welfare Specialization (ADP/PCW)**

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Electives

Students in the Public Child Welfare Specialization must take SWG 633: Child Welfare Services as their elective in the Fall of their concentration year. Students in this specialization will then choose two electives in the Spring of their concentration year from among the Approved Child Welfare Electives. Students are highly encouraged to take SWG 654: Introduction to Sexual Abuse as one of their approved electives. If students in this specialization have room in their schedules for additional electives that will fulfill graduation requirements, they must choose them from among the list of approved electives.

Stipend students in the PAC concentration must take SWG 633: Child Welfare Services as an elective in the Fall of their concentration year. Additionally, PAC stipend students will take the Advanced Direct Practice Courses required in the Public Child Welfare Specialization. In the Fall, PAC stipend students will take SWG 608: Ecological Approach to Practice with Children, Youth, and Families. In the Spring, PAC Stipend students will take SWG 609: Advanced Social Work Practice with Child Welfare Families. If PAC stipend students have room in their schedules for additional courses and these electives are to count toward their graduation requirements, they must be from among the Approved Child Welfare electives listed below.

Tucson Students: Please note that there may be a limited number of Child Welfare approved electives in Tucson. This may require that you build your schedule around the approved electives rather than trying to fit an elective into an existing schedule. Otherwise, you can satisfy your electives requirements by 1) commuting to the Phoenix downtown campus to take electives at that campus, 2) obtaining approval to take an independent study course which focuses on child welfare issues, or 3) obtaining approval to take a graduate level course at the University of Arizona that is pertinent to the field of child welfare. If you plan on obtaining approval to take an independent study or course at U of A, please follow the directions for having an alternate elective approved.

Approved Electives in the School of Social Work (Please note that these courses are not offered every semester)

SWG 591 Animal-Human Connections (offered only in Phoenix)
SWG 591 Working with American Indians (Foundation Year Only)
SWG 611 Social Work with Families
SWG 612 Social Work with Groups
SWG 613 Advanced Social Work Practice in Behavioral Health
SWG 617 Advanced Social Work Practice with Children and Adolescents
SWG 618 Domestic Violence**
(Note: SWG 609 includes a unit on assessing and treating domestic violence)
SWG 630 Brief Social Work Intervention
SWG 654 Introduction to Sexual Abuse*
SWG 656 Treating the Whole Person
SWG 661 Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
SWG 662 Social Work Practice with Adolescents
SWG 663 Clinical Trauma Treatment

Students who take this course must identify themselves to their professor as a child welfare stipend student AND you are required to do your course assignments, including the group project, on abused/neglected children.

SWG 618 Evidence-based Approaches to Treatment of Substance Abuse Disorders

(Note: SWG 609 includes a unit on assessing and treating substance abuse disorders)

SWG 592 Research

SWG 599 Thesis

SWG 690 Readings and Conference (Independent Study)

a Thesis and research topics must be related to Child Welfare and approved by Dr. Holley

b Independent study topics must be related to Child Welfare and approved by Dr. Holley

*Students are highly encouraged to take SWG 654 Introduction to Sexual Abuse as one of their electives

**These courses have been approved for Spring 2017 only

Alternative Options

Students may also take electives in other disciplines or at other campuses. Students must get approval of these electives from BOTH their academic advisor and from Dr. Holley. Examples of alternative courses would be:

- Graduate courses at the University of Arizona in psychology, sociology, public administration, or family studies and human development
- ASU Graduate courses in other disciplines such as psychology, justice and social inquiry, and social and family dynamics
- Tucson students may take any of the approved electives at the Phoenix campus.

Receiving Approval for an Elective

If you would like to register for the thesis courses, an independent study course, or a course in another discipline or at another campus, you must get approval for the elective PRIOR to the course beginning.

Thesis

If you are planning on writing a Thesis instead of doing comps, please submit a written synopsis of the thesis topic to Dr. Holley. Within the synopsis, please address how the results of your research could impact public child welfare practice.

Independent Study (Readings and Conference)

If you would like to do an independent study, you will need to 1) select a professor to be your advisor/instructor for the course; 2) complete the Independent Study request form outlining the purpose and rationale of the independent study and describing your outline for your learning activities and submit this form with your advisor/instructor’s signature to the school for approval; and 3) submit a copy of the independent study request form along with a synopsis of how the information you will study will relate to your work as a public child welfare practitioner to Dr. Holley.
Graduate Courses in other disciplines or at other campuses
If you would like to take a graduate course (500 level or above) in another discipline or at another campus, please submit a copy of the course outline and syllabus to Dr. Holley along with a statement about how you would use the information from the course to enhance your skills or knowledge regarding child welfare practice.