

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 by providing:

- 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

**Stipends:** Full time students receive a stipend of \$5,000 a semester for up to five semesters. Part time students receive a stipend of \$6,000 for the first semester and \$4,000 the following semesters for up to eleven semesters. Full time advanced standing students who have completed CPS required education receive a stipend of \$5,000 a semester up to five semesters. Part time advanced standing students receive \$6,000 for the first semester and \$4,000 for the following semesters for up to 6 semesters. Please be prepared to pay the first tuition payment yourself as the stipend process can be delayed due to a number of factors.

**Payback:** The 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.

**Admissions Process:** 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.

**Additional Requirements:** 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.

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