

Nisqually Indian Tribe
Children & Family Services (ICW)

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Beloved Community,

I am happy to share that the Child Welfare Training and Advancement Program continues to be a pathway for those seeking a Master of Social Work (MSW) degree in Washington State. I am a Field Advisor for the Child Welfare Training and Advancement Program (CWTAP) at the University of Washington in Seattle. CWTAP offers educational and financial support to MSW students pursuing a focus on child welfare.

For students accepted into the program, a percentage of tuition is covered by the CWTAP (this year 100% of tuition is covered), and participants agree to an Employment Service Period equivalent to the quarters of tuition coverage. While all program participants complete their generalist practicum at DCYF, students who are employed in child welfare at one of the Federally Recognized Tribes in Washington state can request to fulfill both their specialist practicum and their Employment Service Period obligation at the Tribe's Child Welfare office. When students can complete their specialist practicum and post graduate employment at the tribe, obtaining an MSW here at the University of Washington - Seattle is a wonderful opportunity.

The School of Social Work at the UW has part time options through our MSW Extended Degree Program, with in-person evening classes or our Hybrid weekend classes. Both are great for people who would like to go back to school and have full-time careers, family caretaking and community responsibilities, and who live a considerable distance from the school. CWTAP offers specialized one-on-one academic and practicum advising for our student participants who are looking to further develop their clinical expertise toward continued service within the tribal community.

The UW-Seattle MSW Programs are now accepting applications for Fall 2025. The application priority deadline is *January 15, 2025*. CWTAP is honored to offer a conversation about the details of both the MSW and CWTAP programs to you or interested members of your team. Feel free to reach out to me at shawnti@uw.edu to schedule a time to meet. CWTAP looks forward to hearing from you.

In love & solidarity,



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