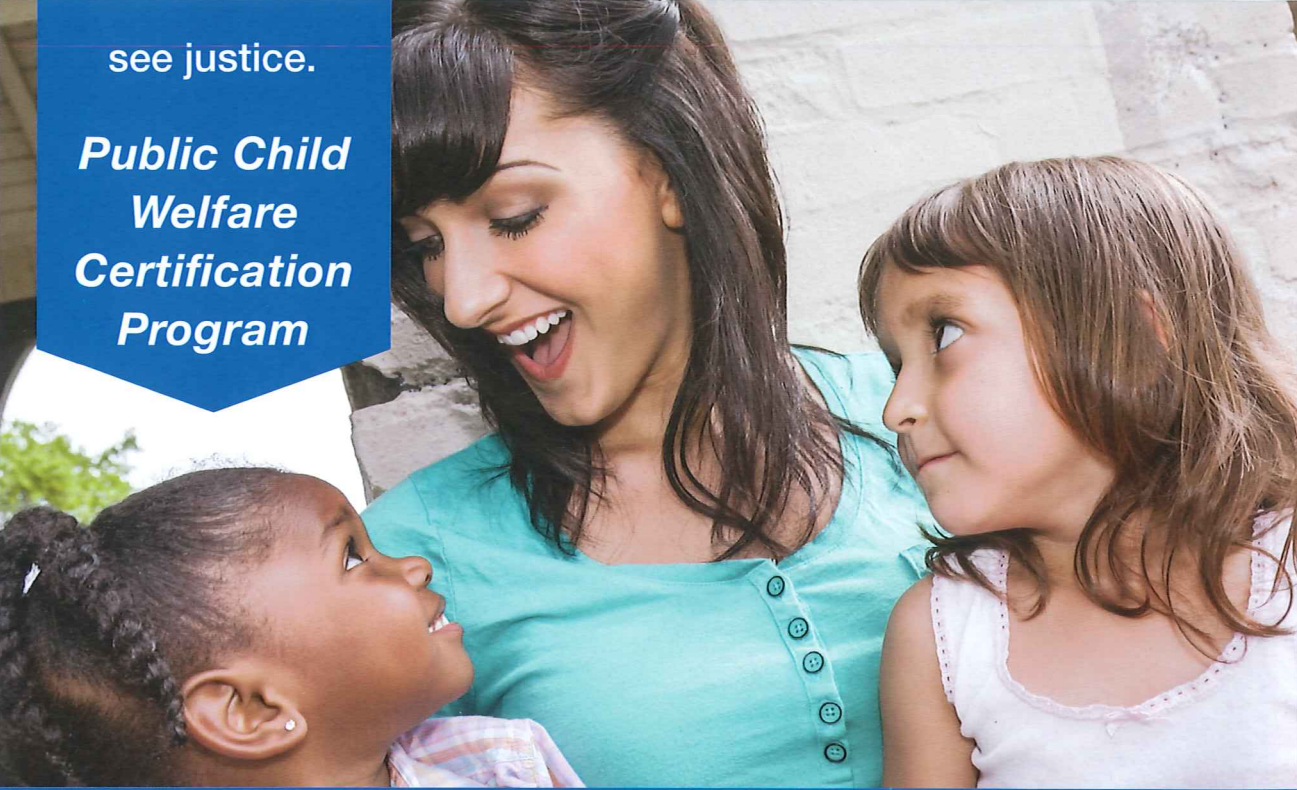


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Public Child Welfare Certification Program



Kentucky Public Child Welfare Certification Program

If you are a Social Work major interested in a public service career working with children and families, you may be interested in applying for the **Kentucky's Public Child Welfare Certification Program**, a cooperative effort between the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) and several undergraduate social work programs throughout the state. The goal is to add professional bachelor's level social work graduates to the ranks of child protection workers throughout Kentucky.

Eligibility Includes:

- Full-time enrollment in the BASW major, *or eligibility for BASW major by end of semester*
- 2.5 overall GPA and 3.0 GPA in Social Work courses at application
- Minimum of three and no more than four semesters to complete before graduation
- No criminal record, which includes felony convictions

Benefits Include:

- Tuition paid in full for up to four semesters
- A \$1300 per semester stipend for books, UK fees, and related travel
- Priority consideration for employment with CHFS

Education and Training Requirements

- Two specific child welfare courses (taken in sequence)
- Complete two field practicum placements with state administered child protection agencies
- Participate in fall and spring weekend retreats (required attendance every term in the program)



Contractual Obligations

- Maintaining an overall cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above, and a GPA of 3.0 or above in Social Work courses
- Maintaining full-time status while enrolled in the program
- Accepting a position with the Department of Community Based Services (CHFS) within two months of graduation and remain employed for two years
- Reimbursing the program for all costs incurred on your behalf in the event of your failure to meet your contractual obligations



Should I Apply?

If you are interested in being a part of this exciting, unique program, ask yourself the following questions:

- Do I have the necessary GPA?
- Have I been accepted, or am I eligible to be accepted into the full SW major?
- After the current semester, will I have at least three and not more than four semesters remaining before graduation?
- Will I graduate within two years?
- Am I willing to do both of my practicum placements in a child welfare setting?
- Am I willing to work for the Department for Community Based Services, in the Social Service Worker series, for two years after I graduate?
- Do I have a positive, optimistic attitude toward working with families and children in crises?

Application Process

Application materials and directions for completing them are available at the beginning of each semester from the PCWCP Coordinator.

Please don't hesitate to contact the College of Social Work if you have questions about the program or about the application process.

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