



# MCWEP

MASTERS CHILD WELFARE  
EDUCATION PROGRAM



## Masters Child Welfare Education Program (MCWEP) **ABOUT THE PROGRAM**

**The Masters Child Welfare Education Program (MCWEP)** is a partnership among the New Jersey Department of Children and Families and a consortium of four New Jersey MSW programs—Monmouth University, Ramapo College, Rutgers University, and Stockton University - the lead institution. Its purpose is to offer current Department of Children and Families supervisors the opportunity to strengthen their skills in clinical social work practice and supervision, obtain an advanced credential in social work (MSW), and ultimately to enhance the capacity of DCF to deliver the highest quality services to the vulnerable children and families that it serves. **DCF will provide tuition and fees for applicants accepted into MCWEP.**

### **MCWEP Program Structure:**

The program consists of three components:

#### **1. Enrollment in one of four New Jersey part-time MSW programs\***

- o *Traditional MSW Program*, for individuals with a bachelor's degree with a major other than social work
  - Requires 60 credits of coursework, including 900-1125 hours of supervised field experience in an approved agency or institution
- o *Advanced Standing MSW Program*, for selected individuals who have completed a degree with a major in social work
  - Requires 30-39 credits of coursework, including 500-885 hours of supervised field experience in an approved agency or institution

#### **2. Participation in the MCWEP Learning Community**

- o Consisting of quarterly face-to-face seminars involving all enrolled MCWEP students

#### **3. Enrollment in MCWEP Electives**

- o *Leadership and Supervision in Child Welfare* (to develop leadership skills and skills in providing clinical supervision to child welfare workers, including helping workers to develop the skills essential to planning and running successful family team meetings and working effectively with community resources)
- o *Trauma-informed Child Welfare Practice* (to develop knowledge and skills needed for working effectively with children and families that have experienced trauma, as well as with child welfare workers exposed to secondary trauma)



## ELIGIBILITY FOR THE PROGRAM

- DCP/Adoption Operations Casework Supervisors and Supervisors are eligible to apply for the program.
- Non-CPP Staff that are currently supervising.
- Non-CPP Supervisors with 3+ years of supervisory experience at DCF.
- Non-CPP Supervisors in a civil service title range 26 or higher.
- Applicants must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution.
- Applicants must agree to sign a legally binding agreement to continue their employment at DCF for one year for each year of support received.
- Applicants must meet admission requirements of the MSW program they choose to attend.



## APPLICATION PROCESS

- Applicants must first apply through the DCF by completing the DCF "Application for Financial Support and Masters Child Welfare Traineeship"
- If selected by DCF, applicants then apply to the various MSW program(s).





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**PARTICIPATING MSW  
 PROGRAMS**

	MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY	RAMAPO COLLEGE	RUTGERS UNIVERSITY	STOCKTON UNIVERSITY
PROGRAM FOCUS	<p>The central mission of the MSW Program is to prepare its graduates for professional practice with a commitment to improving the quality of life of vulnerable individuals, families, groups, and communities on the local, national, and international levels. The primary mission of the MSW Program at Monmouth University is to prepare graduates for advanced social work practice.</p>	<p>The Master of Social Work program prepares competent, compassionate, and research-informed social work professionals who advocate for social and economic justice and human well-being while honoring diversity and within the context of the social environment.</p>	<p>The MSW Program prepares skilled clinical social workers to function in both public and private sectors of social welfare; and also prepares social work leaders for administrative leadership roles in the state's social welfare departments and agencies, and at all levels of government, as well as in the voluntary sector.</p>	<p>The MSW Program prepares graduates for advanced-level social work practice with diverse individuals, families, and communities. The Program aims to produce graduates who have a lifetime commitment to upholding human rights, respecting human diversity, and working towards social justice.</p>
CONCENTRATIONS AVAILABLE TO MCWEP PARTICIPANTS	<p>The <u>Clinical Practice with Families and Children</u> (CPFC) concentration teaches students how to directly empower families at risk. Through a selection of strengths based approaches, the concentration works to address family and child focused concerns across a level of need spectrum from poverty and homelessness to communication and interpersonal counseling. Students will be prepared to work with a variety of different populations, leaving with practice "tools" for their pocket.</p>	<p>The Direct Practice concentration prepares students at the clinical, policy, and research levels to develop knowledge, skills, and values to engage, assess, intervene and evaluate individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.</p>	<p>In the <u>Clinical Social Work</u> concentration, students get in-depth, comprehensive skills in engagement, assessment, intervention, and evaluation to enhance the well-being of individuals, families, and groups. It is important to recognize that we broadly define clinical social work to encompass more than traditional, office-based, and private practice psychotherapy. At Rutgers, clinical social work is about helping social work clients change behaviors or resolve emotional problems that are a function of the interface between person and environment.</p>	<p>In the <u>Advanced Social Work Practice with Diverse Individuals, Families and Communities</u> concentration, students develop familiarity with theories, perspectives, and approaches that deepen their understanding of direct/clinical practice methods and strengthen their ability to engage, assess, and intervene effectively with diverse individuals, families, and communities.</p>



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<b>ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed application, including narrative in response to questions outlined on Autobiographical Statement Form</li> <li>Baccalaureate degree from accredited institution</li> <li>Official transcripts</li> <li>Strong liberal arts background with a minimum of one 3-credit course in each of 4 areas (English, math, biology, and psychology)</li> <li>Minimum overall GPA of 2.75, and a minimum GPA of 3.0 in undergraduate major</li> <li>3 completed Monmouth University Department of Social Work recommendation forms (from professional or academic references)</li> <li>Candidates for Advanced Standing must have a BSW degree from an accredited program obtained within 6 years of date of application</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed application, including Personal Statement (see the application for questions)</li> <li>Baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution</li> <li>Official transcripts</li> <li>The minimum GPA is 3.0. Applicants who do not have this minimum GPA should address this in their Personal Statement.</li> <li>Two people (emails) who will complete a recommendation survey</li> <li>Résumé</li> <li>Candidates for Advanced Standing must have a baccalaureate degree in social work from a program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education and have earned a GPA of 3.2. Applicants who do not have this minimum GPA should address this in their Personal Statement.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed application, including Personal Statement (see application for questions)</li> <li>Baccalaureate degree from accredited institution</li> <li>Official transcripts</li> <li>Broad liberal arts academic background</li> <li>Minimum GPA is 3.0. Applicants who do not have this minimum GPA should address this in their Personal Statement.</li> <li>An introductory undergraduate course in statistics that covers descriptive and basic inferential statistical procedures with a grade of C or better (prerequisite for the advanced part of the program but NOT a requirement for admission)</li> <li>3 current professional letters of recommendation</li> <li>Résumé (highly recommended)</li> <li>Candidates for Advanced Standing must have a baccalaureate degree in social work from a program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed application, including brief essays (see application for questions)</li> <li>Baccalaureate degree from accredited institution</li> <li>Official transcripts</li> <li>24 credits in the liberal arts</li> <li>Cumulative GPA of 3.0 (applicants whose GPA is lower may be considered if the application is otherwise very strong)</li> <li>3 letters of recommendation from persons familiar with the applicant's work</li> <li>Résumé (highly recommended)</li> <li>Facility in a second language is considered a strength</li> <li>Candidates for Advanced Standing must have a baccalaureate degree in social work from a program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education</li> </ul>
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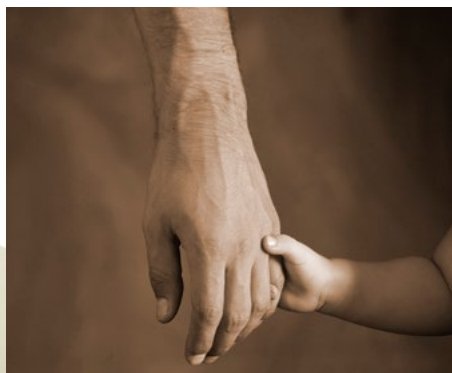
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Child Welfare Education Institute

**MSW Programs:**

Monmouth University  
Ramapo College of New Jersey  
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey  
Stockton University

**Partnering Organizations:**

State of New Jersey Department of Children and Families  
New Jersey Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers







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