**Child Welfare Education Program**

The mission of the Child Welfare Education Program (CWEP) is to strengthen the public and tribal Child Welfare workforce.

The Child Welfare Partnership is a collaborative effort between the School of Social Work and the Oregon Department of Human Services Child Welfare. “It was founded in 1994 to help address the evolving needs of abused and neglected children and their families particularly those served by Oregon’s child welfare system.”

The School of Social Work offers the MSW program in Portland, as well as in Distance Option sites in Ashland, Bend, Eugene and Salem. In Portland, the program can be completed in two or three years. Distance sites only offer a three-year option.

Desirable candidates will have experience working with children and families, and a strong commitment to a social work career in public or tribal Child Welfare.

The program offers tuition assistance up to $10,000 to Child Welfare employees and up to $6,000 to non Child Welfare employees, and an enriched educational curriculum.

Partnership students sign an agreement with a commitment to work for child welfare or tribal child welfare for each year they receive support.

Students accepted to or applying for admission to the School of Social Work are eligible to apply. If applying for admissions, three applications must be completed (PSU, SSW, and CWEP.) Applications are accepted one time per year, early in February and are on-line by mid December.

Please visit our website to download an application at [http://www.pdx.edu/ccf/child-welfare-partnership-education-program](http://www.pdx.edu/ccf/child-welfare-partnership-education-program)

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