

Pre-Service Training for Social Work Students

The North Carolina Child Welfare Education Collaborative

Background

A special provision, passed by the General Assembly in 1999, authorizes the NC Division of Social Services to grant full or partial exemptions to the mandatory Pre-Service Training (“Child Welfare in North Carolina” course) for graduates and students enrolled in accredited MSW or BSW programs in North Carolina.

Participating social work education programs reviewed the correlation between the curriculum of the North Carolina Child Welfare Education Collaborative and the child welfare pre-service competencies that inform the Division’s mandatory Pre-Service Training (“Child Welfare in North Carolina” course). Based on the findings of this review process and delineation of an acceptable approach to address missing competencies, the Division granted a waiver of the Pre-Service Training (“Child Welfare in North Carolina” course) requirement for programs successfully completing the review.

MSW students enrolled at the programs that completed the curriculum review can satisfy the Pre-Service Training (“Child Welfare in North Carolina” course) requirement by successfully completing the following: 1) a customized, version of pre-service training, 2) a practicum in a public child welfare setting, and 3) the coursework that the program has identified to address the competencies. BSW students at authorized programs usually complete the Pre-Service Training requirement (“Child Welfare in North Carolina” course) by completing a specific child welfare course and completing a placement in a public child welfare setting. Students are “provisionally” certified until they graduate with an MSW or BSW degree. Full certification requires that the student complete the degree and complete the activities the program designates as those necessary for Pre-Service Training.

Authorized Social Work Programs

The social work programs listed below are authorized by the NC Division of Social Services to offer an alternative form of Pre-Service education. The Division has reviewed the curriculum each school uses to teach core child welfare competencies and issued a Pre-Service training waiver to these schools.

Once students have completed the classroom parts of the waiver program, they receive a Provisional Pre-service Training Certificate. Students who have this certificate may, under appropriate supervision, be assigned cases and engage in direct practice in their child welfare field placements. All provisional certificates have a termination date and are valid only for purposes of continued education.

Students who successfully complete all requirements for the child welfare Pre-Service Training waiver are issued a certificate of completion and are listed in the statewide training database.

The Collaborative Central Office can verify a graduate’s status (919)-962-6450 or

nc-cwec@email.unc.edu).

Basic components provided by ALL programs:

- ❑ Social work courses the program has designated as those that address child welfare core competencies
- ❑ Child welfare course or training/workshop
- ❑ Public child welfare field placement in a county DSS
- ❑ Graduation with a degree in social work

Authorized BSW Programs

Appalachian State University

Successfully completes at least one child welfare course: SW 4358, Social Services with Child and Youth or SW 4365 Social Services with Troubled Families and completes SW 3540, Competencies for Child Welfare, a one semester course taught by ASU faculty.

North Carolina State University

Successfully completes SW 415 Child Welfare, a one semester course taught by NC State University faculty; as well as enroll-in and successfully complete course SW 498 added Value Seminars on Public Child Welfare Issues each semester they are a participant in the CWEC scholar or waiver program.

University of North Carolina at Wilmington

Successfully completes two courses, SWK 311: Child Abuse and Neglect and SWK 312: Seminar on Practice in Children, Youth, and Family Services.

East Carolina University

Successfully complete 2 courses taught by ECU faculty: SOCW 4520 Child Welfare Studies and SOCW 4505 Communities and Children

North Carolina Central University

Successfully completes SOCW 4000, Child Welfare, a one-semester course taught by NC Central faculty.

University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Successfully completes SWOK 3090, a one-semester Child Welfare course taught by UNC Charlotte faculty

University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Successfully completes a special Child Welfare Course, SWK 584: Social Services for Children and participate in four day preparation for field seminar.

University of North Carolina at Pembroke

Successfully completes SWK 3830 Child Welfare Services Course taught by UNCP and all major assignments in professional core courses must address Child Welfare issues.

Western Carolina University

Successfully completes SOCW 326, Child Welfare, a semester long course taught by WCU faculty. Also completes a 2-day workshop addressing on-the-job competencies.

Authorized MSW Programs**East Carolina University**

Successfully complete a special 6-day seminar to address pre-service competencies not in the regular curriculum and SOCW 6426: Advanced Policy in Family and Children's Services.

Fayetteville State University

Successfully completes all major assignments in professional core courses addressing Child Welfare issues and participates in a special 3-day seminar to address pre-service competencies not in the regular curriculum.

Joint MSW Program

Successfully completes SWK 584, Social Services for Children and participates in a special 5 day seminar to address pre-service competencies not in the regular curriculum.

University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Successfully completes SWOK 7090, a one-semester Child Welfare course taught by UNC Charlotte faculty

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Successfully completes SOWO 860 – Child Welfare Perspectives, a 1-semester course, and participates in a special 6-day seminar to address pre-service competencies not in the regular curriculum

