

Graduate Certificate in Child Welfare Practice (GCCWP). This certificate prepares students for advanced practice with neglected and abused children and their families in public and private settings. The certificate requires a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution. The certificate course work and practicum focus on the complex factors that contribute to maltreatment and neglect, and emphasizes intervention strategies including evidence-based practices and process models. The GCCWP requires two prescribed electives and completion of one practicum (or an alternative elective for students not enrolled in the MSW program) to be in a qualified children and adolescent setting.

Prescribed Electives and Courses

*SW 505: Introduction to Child Welfare Services (3 hours)

*SW 550: Child Sexual Abuse: Assessment and Intervention (3 hours)

Graduate Practicum course in a setting serving children and adolescents – SW 640, 740, 741, 742, or 743 (3 hours - MSW students only)

* If a student is currently employed in a social service agency that serves children and adolescents, with the approval of the GCCWP Director &/or Associate Dean of Academic and Student Affairs, the requirement of completing a graduate practicum course may be waived (this does not decrease the number of required practica for the MSW program). If the certificate practicum requirement is waived the student should substitute a course from the preapproved alternate certificate elective course list below or petition the GCCWP Director or Associate Dean of Academic and Student Affairs for approval of an alternate elective course (3 hours).

Preapproved Alternate Certificate Elective Courses (choose one only if practicum requirement is waived)

*SW 580: Mental Health Assessment and Interventions with Children and Adolescents (3 hours)

*SW 580: Understanding the Diverse Needs of Children and Adolescents (3 hours)

*SW 580: Topical Seminar in Social Work - Partnership for Supporting Children and Families in Need (3 hours)

*SW 580: Topical Seminar in Social Work - Case Management in Child Welfare (3 hours)

Students interested in the GCCWP should contact [Stephanie Haynes Ratliff](#).