



Social Work Department is pleased to announce:
2009-2010

The CHILD WELFARE EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIP

The CHILD WELFARE EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIP is a collaboration between Plymouth State University's Social Work Department and the NH Department of Health & Human Services, Division of Children, Youth and Families. The purpose is to prepare social work students for the increasingly complex work of child welfare services. Students develop specialized knowledge, skills and cultural sensitivity in preparation for practice as public child welfare caseworkers in New Hampshire.

The CHILD WELFARE EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIP provides full in-state **Tuition Assistance (approximately \$6,800)** and a **Stipend (minimum \$2,500)**, for academic fees and to purchase books, materials and other necessities required to complete the program. Upon graduation, participants have a **service commitment** to the DHHS, Division of Children, Youth, and Families for **24 months for each year of support**.

The Social Work Department is accepting applications from full-time sophomore, junior, or senior Social Work majors with an **anticipated graduation date of May 2010 or 2011***. Applicants must be in good academic standing in the major (grade of C or better in the required foundation courses and a **MINIMUM** major GPA of 2.5). They should also have a **MINIMUM** overall GPA of 2.5 and be enrolled in the **Bachelor of Science in Social Work: Child and Family Services Option**.

HOW TO APPLY:

Submit a Written Application (30 points)

Prepare a 3 – 5 page paper that addresses the following:

1. Reasons for interest in working with children and families in a child protection agency (abuse and neglect screening, foster care services, adoption, other child welfare services)
2. Previous volunteer or employment experiences working with children and families
3. Qualities and/or skills applicable to public child welfare ; in particular, please try to address some of the following areas: Interpersonal Relations, Self-Awareness, Analytic Thinking, Adaptability, Observation Skills, Sense of Mission, Communication Skills, Motivation, Planning and Organizing Skills, Teamwork

Submit Three Letters of Recommendation (30 points)

References should address the applicant's experiences and qualities that make him/her deserving of this partnership award.

Interview (40 points)

Finalists will be interviewed by the Selection Committee, which will include representatives from the Social Work Department Faculty and the DHHS, Division of Children, Youth, and Families.

WHEN: Applications must be submitted by **April 10, 2009** to:
Cynthia Moniz, Ph.D., MSW at the **Social Work Department – MSC #57**

* Award funding secured for 2009-10; awards for 2010-2011 contingent on renewal funding from DHHS.



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Student Application for the academic year 2009- 2010

Name: _____ Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Campus Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Summer 2009 Contact Information: _____

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Overall GPA: _____ Major GPA: _____

1. Written Application: _____ points (30 possible)

2. Letters of Recommendation: _____ points (30 possible)

3. Interview: _____ points (40 possible)

= _____ Total Points (100 possible)

Comments: