

Plymouth State UNIVERSITY



Social Work Department is pleased to announce:

The 2014-15 CHILD WELFARE (IV- E) EDUCATIONAL TUITION PARTNERSHIP*

The CHILD WELFARE (IV- E) EDUCATIONAL TUITION 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 (IV- E) EDUCATIONAL TUITION PARTNERSHIP provides full in-state Tuition Assistance (approximately \$8,820) AND a Stipend (approximately \$2,500), for academic fees and to purchase books, materials and other necessities required to complete the program. Upon graduation, participants shall have a service commitment to DHHS, Division of Children, Youth and Families for two years of full-time PAID employment for each educational year (two (2) semesters) of support assistance provided through this partnership.

The Social Work Department is accepting applications from full-time sophomore, junior, or senior Social Work majors with an anticipated graduation date of May 2014 or 2015. 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 Social Work Department's Child and Family Services Option.

HOW TO APPLY: (Note: Additional items/ tasks may be required)

A. Submit an Application Form and a Written Personal Statement

1. Complete Application Form
2. Prepare a 3 – 5 page essay that addresses the following:
 - Personal information, background, education, and experience relating to social work and child welfare;
 - Please try to include some of the following qualities and/or skills applicable to public child welfare: Interpersonal Relations, Self-Awareness, Analytic Thinking, Adaptability, Observation Skills, Sense of Mission, Communication Skills, Motivation, Planning and Organizing Skills, Teamwork.
 - How a BSW would improve the quality of the candidate's capacity for working in the field of child welfare
 - Description of current child welfare job or related experiences, if applicable, including caseloads and responsibilities;
 - Description of how the candidate sees themselves working for DCYF post-graduation and how that fits into their career goals; and
 - Description of all relevant volunteer activities.

B. Submit Three Letters of Recommendation

References should address the following:

1. In what capacity that person has worked with the candidate;
2. How long they have known the candidate; and
3. Why they are recommending the candidate for the Child Welfare (IV- E) Educational Tuition Partnership.

C. Interview

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.

Note: Dependent on the outcomes of A- C, candidates may be asked to participate in a Shadowing Experience & Written Reflection which will also be scored and considered in candidate selection.

WHEN: Applications must be submitted by **MARCH 7, 2014** to:

Kristina Lind, Ph.D., LICSW
Social Work Department – MSC #57

*Awards for 2014-2015 contingent on renewal funding from DHHS.

For additional information, please contact Professor Lind at ksl1010@plymouth.edu or 603-535-3077



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Student Application for the academic year 2014-2015

Name: _____ Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Campus Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Summer 2014 Contact Information: _____

- DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE -

Overall GPA: _____

Major GPA: _____

Candidate Selection Assessment Area	Possible Points	Points Earned
Application/ Personal Statement	4	
Letters of Recommendation	4	
GPA	4	
Work Experience (SW related)	4	
Interview	8	
Shadowing Experience & Written Reflection	8	
Total	32	

Comments: