

**The Graduate Education Program &
Distance Graduate Education Option**
of
Portland State University's
Graduate School of Social Work and Child Welfare Partnership

The Graduate Education Program is a collaborative effort between the Graduate School of Social Work and the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS). The program assists students pursuing their Master of Social Work degree with a focus of study in child welfare. The program provides tuition assistance and educational support.

The primary goals of the program are:

- Recruit promising social work graduates into public child welfare careers
- Increase professional skills of public child welfare practitioners within DHS and enhance public awareness of the role of the agency
- Develop and implement advanced curricula that increase the relevancy of social work theory to child welfare practice
- Provide research opportunities and resources for examining the effectiveness of the social work educational process and the ways in which public child welfare can help children and their families
- Provide statewide access to an M.S.W. with a focus of study in child welfare by administering the Distance Graduate Education Option.

Application(s) Due Dates

Three Applications Required	Due Date*
(1) Portland State University	February 1st
(2) Graduate School of Social Work	February 1st
(3) Graduate Education Program	April 1st

***Campus Program:** Every year

***Distance Program:** Every two years beginning 2006

Application and Admission/Selection Process

Application	Due Date	Acceptance Criteria	Admission/Selection Criteria
<p>Portland State University:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ University application for graduate admission ▪ \$50.00 non-refundable application fee ▪ One official transcript in sealed envelope from every post-secondary institution attended <p>Mail to: PSU, Office of Admissions P.O. Box 751 Portland OR 97207-0751</p>	<p>February 1st</p> <p>Campus: Every year</p> <p>Distance Program: Every two years beginning 2006</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 3.0 GPA ▪ Completed B.A., B.S., or B.S.W. by program start date 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ See Acceptance Criteria
<p>Graduate School of Social Work MSW Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MSW Program Application for Admission to Campus Program or Distance Graduate Education Option (DGEO) ▪ Personal statement ▪ Three letters of reference ▪ One official transcript in sealed envelope from every post-secondary institution attended <p>For Campus Program, mail to: GSSW, PSU, P.O. Box 751, Portland OR 97207-0751</p> <p>For DGEO Program, mail to: GSSW/DGEO, P.O. Box 751, Portland OR 97207-0751</p>	<p>February 1st</p> <p>Campus: Every year</p> <p>Distance Program: Every two years beginning 2006</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Overall GPA ▪ Relevant social work experience ▪ Personal statement demonstrating congruency with values/ethics of social work practice ▪ Professional references for experience and academic ability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Applications reviewed by Admissions Committee and GSSW Faculty Members ▪ Admission decisions made by early April
<p>Graduate Education Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tuition & Education Support Application ▪ Personal statement focused on commitment to public child welfare ▪ Copy of Resume ▪ Three letters of reference: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2 of the 3 must be separate from the GSSW MSW Program application ○ <u>For current DHS employees:</u> One letter of reference must be from your supervisor ○ <u>For DHS recruits:</u> One DHS reference is preferred ▪ Signed "Release of Information Consent" to review your application materials <p>Mail to: Mindy Holliday, Director of GEP/DGEO Child Welfare Partnership, PSU 520 SW Harrison St., Suite 440 Portland OR 97201</p>	<p>April 1st</p> <p>Campus: Every year</p> <p>Distance Program: Every year</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Acceptance by the GSSW ▪ Relevant child welfare experience in public or community partners ▪ Personal statement focused on commitment to public child welfare ▪ Professional child welfare references ▪ <u>For employees:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Supervisory approval ○ Nomination by SDA identified representative ▪ Successful interview 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Applications screened by GSSW faculty and Graduate Education Program personnel ▪ Only applications with supervisory approval are considered for review ▪ Interview panel consists of DHS administrative staff, child welfare managers, supervisors or other interested child welfare personnel along with representatives from the Graduate Education Program, GSSW faculty, and students