The Baccalaureate Child Welfare Education Program (BCWEP), is a consortium of undergraduate social work programs in New Jersey working in conjunction with the New Jersey Department of Children and Families, Division of Child Protection & Permanency (formerly the N. J. Division of Youth & Family Services). BCWEP is only open to declared Social Work majors and as part of the senior internship. Participation in this program as an intern meets all of the requirements of the Rutgers Department of Social Work’s senior-level field internship courses (Senior Field Practice I and Senior Field Practice II 910: 471 & 472). Students are placed at local Dept. of Child Protection & Permanency (formerly DYFS) offices throughout the state, under supervision of credentialed field instructors. The internship will begin in September 2015, and continue through April 2016.

BCWEP provides tuition (minus any awarded scholarships or grants) to selected students throughout New Jersey to support them during their internship year at the Division of Child Protection & Permanency. BCWEP does not provide assistance for housing nor does it factor in housing specific financial aid into its equation (eg. R&B grant/scholarship, etc). Successful applicants for the program must commit to working for at least two years in a caseworker position within the Division of Youth and Family Services. For more information on the BCWEP program, please visit www.stockton.edu/bcwep

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS:

- Applying for BCWEP: This is a multi-step process with the requirement for acceptance into the social work major before a student is granted a BCWEP internship for the academic year 2015-2016. The eligibility criteria for applying for a BCWEP internship are as follows:
  - Accepted for admission to the Social Work Major at Rutgers University-Newark Department of Social Work and remain as a social work major.
  - Enrolled in or completion by end of spring term 2015 in Social Work Theory and Methods I, and for those who have not been waived, the completion of Junior Field Practice ((910:324).
  - At least a 2.8 cumulative grade-point average (GPA) at Rutgers University-Newark.
  - You must have been a student at Rutgers University-Newark, completed and have grades for at least one full semester at RU-N, prior to making application for BCWEP.
  - Successfully complete or plan to take the course: 910 343: Children and Families (you may take this course in fall 2015, if you have not already taken this course).
  - You must be able to fulfill the requirements for graduation with a B.A in Social Work from Rutgers-Newark by the completion of the Summer II semester of 2015, at the latest.
  - You must have fulfilled the Rutgers general education requirement for English.
  - Student must possess a Social Security card and able to work in the U.S.
  - Student must have a valid driver’s license at the time of application.*

*Because driving of state vehicles with clients is an essential function of the DCP&P caseworker position, the following may disqualify you from consideration: driving record with five points or more within the past five years; any driving under the influence conviction within the past five years; or any combination of three motor vehicle violations/license suspensions within the last five years. If you are uncertain about your license and think you may be disqualified, you can email the BCWEP Program Coordinator, Dawn Konrady (dawn.konrady@stockton.edu), and she can assist you in determining whether you would be disqualified or not prior to submitting your application.

Once conditionally accepted, students are then expected to complete a criminal history background check (fingerprints) and Child Abuse Record Index search (CARI) before becoming officially accepted into the program. Acceptance to BCWEP is contingent upon successful completion of Social Work Theory and Methods I and, for those who have not been waived, the successful completion of Junior Field Practice. Students will find out whether they have been accepted as BCWEP interns in early May, 2015. As stated above, once they have been accepted into the program, BCWEP interns are required to complete Children and Families (910: 343), with a “C” or better, if they have not already completed that particular course. This course can be taken in the fall 2015 semester.
DIRECTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE BCWEP INTERNSHIP:

Along with their completed one-page application, which can be downloaded from the Dept. of Social Work website, Methods I course web pages, or from the Junior Field Practice course webpages, you must submit, by March 16, 2014 to Gwen Porter Barnes, Administrative Asst. in the Dept. of Social Work, 4th floor Hill Hall,

- Updated resume, including your junior field placement experience or county college field experience
- Your transcript with your most up-to-date grade-point average (GPA) from the Rutgers Degree Navigator. You do not need to include your county college transcript.
- Two letters of reference, to be hand carried (not mailed) in a sealed envelope to Gwen Porter Barnes. Reference letters may be submitted until March 23, 2015. The two reference letters may be from individuals such as: a professor from outside the Social Work Dept., your junior field instructor, a work supervisor, a staff member at a work site where you have done volunteer work, a clergyman, a professional who knows you and can attest to your positive traits and character; Dept. of Social Work professors cannot be reference letter writers for BCWEP applicants.

APPLICATION, WITH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS, TO BE SUBMITTED TO:

Ms. Gwen Porter Barnes, Administrative Asst., fourth floor, Room 415, Dept. of Social Work, no later than March 16, 2015. The two reference letters, which also need to be hand-carried in a sealed envelope to Ms. Porter Barnes, may be submitted by March 23, 2015. Ms. Barnes will forward all completed application with supporting materials to Carol Dobos, Director of Field Education, Room 420, Hill Hall.

When all of your materials have been received, you may be contacted by the Social Work Dept. in order to schedule an interview with a representative of the Baccalaureate Child Welfare Education Program and the Dept. of Children & Families.

If you have any questions about the BCWEP application process, contact Prof. Carol Dobos, Director of Field Education, at 973-353-5867, or Prof. Marion Jackson, Asst. Director of Field Education, at 973-353-5784, For additional information about the Baccalaureate Child Welfare Education Program (BCWEP), you may also access the BCWEP website at:

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