**WHAT IS PCWCP?**

The Public Child Welfare Certification Program (PCWCP) has been implemented by the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services and eleven university undergraduate social work programs in order to better serve the children and families in this state. The goal of this program is to fill the ranks of Child Welfare Workers with the most competent and well trained workers who can provide high quality services immediately following employment. The Cabinet has partnered with the Universities to offer Bachelor Social Work juniors and seniors their academic program in conjunction with participating in the Cabinet’s child welfare training curricula prior to graduation. These students are provided instate tuition, a stipend and must complete a two year employment commitment with the Cabinet upon successful completion of this program.

The following participating universities are dedicated to making this program a success:

- Brescia University  (270) 686-4219
- Campbellsville University  (270) 789-5049
- Eastern Kentucky University
  - * Richmond/Corbin (859) 622-2279
  - Kentucky State University  (502) 597-6891
- Morehead State University
  - * Morehead/Mt. Sterling (606) 783-9537
  - * Prestonsburg/Ashland (606) 783-2551
- Murray State University  (270) 809-4628
- Northern Kentucky University  (859) 572-5572
- Spalding University  (502) 873-4476
- University of Kentucky  (859) 323-7484
- Western Kentucky University  (270) 745-5312
- University of Louisville  (502) 598-1265

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE?**

To be eligible for this program, you must be a full-time BSW social work major. You must have:

- An overall cumulative GPA of 2.5.
- A cumulative GPA of 3.0 in social work courses.
- Receive no less than a “B” in the required PCWCP courses and field practicum(s).

**WHAT WOULD MY OBLIGATIONS BE?**

As a participant in this program you will be obligated, by contract, to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. You will be expected to apply for employment 30 days prior to graduation and accept a position with the Department for Community Based Services, in the Social Service Worker series, and remain employed there for two (2) years.

If a participant does not meet these obligations or does not successfully complete the program, this may result in the forfeiture of all funds received and the reimbursement to the Cabinet for its costs.

**SHOULD I APPLY?**

If you are interested in being a part of this exciting, unique program, ask yourself the following questions:

- Do I have the necessary GPA?
- Do I have at least three semesters and not more than four semesters remaining before graduation?
- Will I graduate within two years?
- Am I willing to work for the Department for Community Based Services, in the Social Service Worker series for two (2) years after I graduate?
- Do I have a positive, optimistic attitude toward working with families and children in crisis?

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Campbellsville University  
Eastern Kentucky University  
Kentucky State University  
Morehead State University  
Murray State University  
Northern Kentucky University  
Spalding University  
University of Kentucky  
Western Kentucky University  
University of Louisville

For further information regarding this opportunity, please contact the PCWCP Coordinator in the Social Work program at any of the participating universities.
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