



## Spread the Word About the Child Welfare Education for Baccalaureates (CWEB) Program!

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Designed to recruit and prepare students for a career in public child welfare, the Child Welfare Education for Baccalaureates (CWEB) Program administered by the University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work's Child Welfare Education and Research Programs is open to undergraduates at 15 schools of social work throughout Pennsylvania. Undergraduate students who are official social work majors in any of the 15 approved schools are eligible to apply for the CWEB Program. Qualified students can receive substantial financial support during their senior year in return for a commitment to work in one of Pennsylvania's county public child welfare agencies following graduation. Students must satisfactorily complete child welfare course work and an internship at a public child welfare agency. During the internship, students complete a substantial portion of the foundational training required for all public child welfare Caseworkers and gain exposure to a variety of social service systems. Upon graduation, students receive assistance with their employment search.


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Currently, there are 40 CWEB students completing internships in 15 Pennsylvania Counties. Over 1,250 students have graduated from CWEB during the program's first 20 years. CWEB graduates have completed internships and obtained employment in 93% of Pennsylvania's counties. County child welfare agencies benefit from the CWEB Program as it addresses critical child welfare workforce needs by providing skilled, entry-level social workers who come to the field with a combination of academic knowledge and exposure to child welfare practice.

More information about the CWEB Program can be found at <https://www.socialwork.pitt.edu/researchtraining/child-welfare-programs/child-welfare-education-baccalaureates>



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# Certification Clean Up

Submitted by Rachael Ickes

CWRC has been reviewing trainee certifications (DSW and Supervisory Level) that are currently showing outstanding in Bridge and as a result we have sent numerous records to the county queues for final approval. Some of these may have been from a few years ago which means we did not have the required signed documentation back from counties prior to the release of Bridge. You may see an influx of trainee certifications displaying in your queue over the next couple of days; you can either approve them to complete their status or reject them if certification is no longer applicable.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please contact [cwtpreg@pitt.edu](mailto:cwtpreg@pitt.edu) if you have any follow up questions or concerns.



## Bridge Update

Submitted by: Kari Giles

Here are some upgrades that are either new or coming soon to Bridge:

- We will be adding a “Special Assistance Request” area to the demographics screen for trainees to indicate if they have any special needs, e.g., visually impaired, hearing impaired, etc.
- You can now search by workshop ID in the registration and calendar screens
- We will be adding pre-requisites to registration emails. If the pre-requisite is an online course, the registration email will also include the link.
- If there is a reference to an E-Learn course in Bridge, a link will be provided to that online course.
- We are adding the ability for liaisons to bulk register users in the series modules and not be limited to workshops in a specific cohort
- We have added the workshop status (i.e., open, open with registration closed, cancelled, pending, closed) to the registration screen
- Child agencies now have the same registration priority as parent agencies
- Liaisons, supervisors, and executives will now be able to view an account history for their trainees
- In the registration screen, you can now view how many trainees are waitlisted for a workshop
- The Training Status report has been fixed to only display trainees that attended
- The event history widget now displays workshops from the most recent at the top to the oldest at the bottom
- Pre-work reminders are emailed to trainees 72 hours before a workshop starts and everyday thereafter until the pre-work is completed by the trainee

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For anyone who would like to set up a one-on-one Bridge training via Microsoft Teams, please contact [cwtpreg@pitt.edu](mailto:cwtpreg@pitt.edu). This training can be for new liaisons or for anyone who may need a refresher. We would also love to hear any feedback, suggestions, and ideas you may have about Bridge via our online form at <http://forms.cwrc.pitt.edu/BridgeFeedback/>. If you have any technical issues or questions, please email the Bridge team at [BridgeHD@pitt.edu](mailto:BridgeHD@pitt.edu).



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compassion and understanding for  
others can bring us the tranquility  
and happiness we all seek.”  
~ Dalai Lama XIV**

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