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# **M.H.S In Child Protection**

## Overview

The Master of Human Services in Child Protection will provide competency-based child protective services instruction aimed at closing the gap between ground level, on-the-job training and scientifically grounded best-practices. It will develop the critical knowledge, values, and skills necessary for child protection professionals to respond effectively to complex problems confronting children and families in the child protective services system.

The program prepares students through the core curriculum and allows for specialty training through various tracks. This facilitates choice for students and fosters the development of specialized expertise.

### This program is designed for individuals seeking careers in or as:

- child protective services/case workers/child advocates for foster care children
- child protective services supervisors/managers/administrators
- child protective investigators with the local law enforcement agency
- mental health workers with foster care children on their caseload
- foster care service providers
- Guardian Ad Litems advocating for foster care clients
- Juvenile justice workers with foster care clients on their caseload
- Mentors such as Big Brothers/Big Sisters who support a foster child
- Professionals in other fields who find increasing numbers of their clients are in foster care and/or who may wish to specialize their practice (school system, medical, counseling/psychology)

This master's program comprises 33 credits: 24 credits (6 courses) of core curriculum plus a 9 credit (3 course) concentration.