

CHILD & ADOLESCENT PROGRAM (ChAP)

Certificate Policies

Admissions:

MSW students in good academic standing are welcome to apply to the Child & Adolescent Certificate Program (ChAP). Please note that your application will be read and scored by members of the ChAP Certificate Program. Decisions are final and confidential so we are unable to discuss individual decisions with applicants. Each application is given careful review and consideration.

Once Accepted:

If you are accepted into the ChAP Certificate program, the ChAP Director will place you in a child & adolescent well-being-focused practicum agency and will review your practicum placement progress on an ongoing basis. The ChAP Certificate program retains the right to terminate students, on a case-by-case basis, for violations of academic integrity, the University Code of Student Conduct, the NASW Code of Ethics, or other factors that bear on the ability to maintain the standard of care in social work practice.

In addition, failure to achieve a minimum grade of B in any of the 4 courses used to satisfy the Certificate requirements **or** failure to successfully complete the assigned practicum placement may result in being dismissed from the program. Additionally, active participation in ChAP Community activities (via Canvas) is expected from all ChAP students throughout the academic year.

The ChAP Certificate follows Rutgers University School of Social Work policy regarding leave of absence from the program. Students are permitted two semesters of leave after which they must reapply to the MSW program and to the Certificate.

If you are dismissed from the Rutgers MSW program for any reason, you are automatically dismissed from the ChAP Certificate program. Should you be reinstated to the MSW program, you will not be automatically reinstated to the ChAP Certificate program and must reapply.

You may opt to withdraw from the ChAP Certificate program at any time and without penalty. To withdraw you will need to give written notice to the ChAP Certificate Program at childcertificate@ssw.rutgers.edu.