

FORM 3

**COVER SHEET
EXTENSION OF AN EXISTING PROGRAM NOTIFICATION OF
INTENT
(LOCATION NOI)**

Part I requires the completion of the following forms: Appendices B-4, B-5, and B-6.

Program Information

Program Name: **Part Time MSW Program – Tri-Cities** (an extension of the Yakima Program)

Option _____

Institution Name: Eastern Washington University

Degree Granting Unit: School of Social Work

(e.g. College of Arts and Science)

Degree: MSW Level: Graduate Type: _____

(e.g. B.S. Chemistry)

(e.g. Bachelor)

(e.g. Science)

Major: _____ CIP Code: **44.0701** Minor: _____

(e.g. Chemistry)

(if required for major)

Concentration(s): *(if applicable)*

Proposed Start Date: April, 2007

Projected Enrollment (FTE) in Year One: 9.6 At Full Enrollment by Year 2009: 12

(# FTE) (# FTE)

Proposed New Funding: Self-Support

Funding Source: State FTE Self Support Other:

Mode of Delivery / Locations

Single Campus Delivery _____

(enter locations)

Off Site Columbia Basin Community College

(enter location(s))

Distance Learning _____

(enter formats)

Other

Note: If the program is the first to be offered at a given site or location, the submission must also include the information required for the establishment of a new teaching site as outlined in section B.1 of the Program and Facility Approval Policy and Procedures.

Scheduling

Day Classes Evening Classes Weekend Classes Other *(describe)*

Evening

Attendance Options

Full-Time

Part-Time **X**

Substantive Statement of Need

According to recent U. S. Bureau of Labor statistics, projections until the year 2015 place the need for human service workers at 136%, the second largest occupational growth area, and 24% ahead of computer engineers and scientists. Need assessment has been conducted through meeting with social agency CEOs from both the public and private sector who have identified a need for significant numbers of additional MSW educated staff throughout this geographic area. The School has conducted continuous meetings with agency executives and staff and there is a clear need for a continuous stream of MSWs to meet the needs of the region. Student demand for the MSW program has remained strong. Offering the program on a three year cycle is responsive to local need for professionals in the field and student demand.

We have admitted 52 students into the new Yakima cohort that has been approved by the HECB and 18 of these students reside in the Tri-Cities area. This request is to offer one section of the courses for the program directly to the students in the Tri-Cities area.

The mission of the School of Social Work and Human Services is to serve persons seeking an MSW degree in the state's rural, regional, and small urban centers who are un-served or underserved by professional social work education. The mission of the School of Social Work enhances the mission of Eastern Washington University which essentially serves a comparable student population.

The EWU School of Social Work: (1) is one of a select number of schools in the country that has as its mission the preparation of social workers for rural/regional/small urban practice; (2) has almost 20 years of serving location-bound baccalaureate-level practitioners with part-time, off-campus community based MSW degree programs; (3) has created innovative, state of the art, field unit experiences for students; and (4) has been committed to serving people of color.

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Endorsement by Chief Academic Officer Date _____

ENROLLMENT AND GRADUATION TARGETS
EWU Part-time MSW in Tri-Cities

Part I

Include this form with a new degree program proposal or a Notification of Intent to extend an existing program. Staff will post this information to the HECB Web site during the comment period.

Year	1	2	3	4	5
Headcount	18	18	18		
FTE	9.6	12	12		
Program Graduates			18	(55 in total including Yakima)	

HECB P.O. Box 43430 Olympia, WA 98504-3430 www.hecb.wa.gov/autheval

Assessment Plans

According to the Council on Social Work Education, graduates of MSW programs are considered advanced practitioners who can analyze, intervene, and evaluate in ways that are highly differentiated, discriminative, and self-critical.

Students are assessed in each and every class, in both the foundation and advanced practicum placements, and finally, in an oral exam which occurs on campus before a panel of both social work and non-social work faculty representing the Graduate School at EWU.

The MSW program at EWU is assessed according to the following student outcomes by the Council on Social Work Education at regular, periodic intervals. Schools of social work must prepare students to:

1. Apply critical thinking skills within professional contexts, including synthesizing and applying appropriate theories and knowledge to practice interventions.
2. Practice within the values and ethics of the social work profession and with an understanding of, and respect for, the positive value of diversity.
3. Demonstrate the professional use of self.
4. Understand the forms and mechanisms of oppression and discrimination and the strategies and skills of change that advance social and economic justice.
5. Understand and interpret the history of the social work profession and its current structures and issues.
6. Apply the knowledge and skills of a generalist social work perspective to practice with systems of all sizes.
7. Apply the knowledge and skills of advanced social work practice in an area of concentration.
8. Critically analyze and apply knowledge of bio-psycho-social variables that affect individual development and behavior, and use theoretical frameworks to understand the interactions among individuals and between individuals and social systems (i.e., families, groups, organizations, and communities).
9. Analyze the impact of social policies on client systems, workers, and agencies and demonstrate skills for influencing policy formulation and change.
10. Evaluate relevant research studies and apply findings to practice, and demonstrate skills in quantitative and qualitative research design, data analysis, and knowledge dissemination.
11. Conduct empirical evaluations of their own practice interventions and those of other relevant systems.
12. Use communication skills differentially with a variety of client populations, colleagues, and members of the community.
13. Use supervision and consultation appropriate to advanced practice in an area of concentration.
14. Function within the structure of organizations and service delivery systems and seek necessary organizational change.

The MSW program at EWU meets the above standards and is fully accredited at both the baccalaureate and masters levels by the Council on Social Work Education.