

Lifetime Achievement Award
Patricia Taylor

Patricia G. Taylor is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with a Ph.D. in Social Work who divides her time between Curriculum Coordinator in the Child Welfare Education Program at the University of Houston, teaching clinical classes at GCSW, and Private Practice, specializing in complex trauma recovery.

Trish chose to become a social worker because she believes in the basic goodness of human beings and their ability to grow, change and adapt to life's challenges. She started in the field helping families and special needs children find each other, branched out to working with domestic violence survivors, and has worked with adults and children with complex trauma as they overcome their personal challenges. Her current work at UH in the CWEP program allows her the opportunity to pass on her experience and see the growth in emerging social workers as they venture into this exciting profession.

Trish is a 4th generation Texan, who got her Ph.D. at a very mature age for the express purpose of teaching clinical social work. She first became aware of her counseling ability when several of her 1st year college roommates consistently talked to her about their problems, and on one occasion she had to intervene to stop a suicide. She is an avid gardener and genealogist and is the mother of two grown children and she and her attorney husband, Dennis, just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Her Ph.D. dissertation focused on a CWEP course offering that gives students going into child welfare work the opportunity to self-explore in order to enhance positively their practice, prevent burnout and compassion fatigue. She teaches Social Work Licensing Review courses to students and the community members through UH and supervises LMSWs on their road to their LCSW.