

## Admission Materials for the Social Work Program

### Admission to the Social Work Program

Social work is a professional program, thus requiring formal admission. You should apply for admission to the program following completion of Social Work 100: Social Work the Helping Profession. Admission requirements are as follows:

- Completion of SOCWK 100: Social Work: The Helping Profession.
- Grade of “C” or better in SOCWK 100
- Core (social work classes) GPA minimum of 2.75
- Overall GPA minimum of 2.3
- Students are admitted provisionally to the program; that is, their grades must meet the above criteria by the end of the semester in which they submit their applications.
- These GPA requirements must be maintained to continue in the major after admission to the program.
- Students must have completed 20 documented hours of volunteer experience.

### How Do I Go About Getting Admitted to the Social Work Program?

Admissions application materials are due either the **1<sup>st</sup> Monday in October or the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in March**. These materials must be placed in a manila envelope and turned into the main office, Waters 204:

- **Personal statement**
- **Documentation of your 20 hours of volunteer experience**
- **Signed background disclosure form**

- Two references on form provided (one from volunteer placement and one from a professional who can speak to your potential for social work).

### Continuing in the Social Work Program

Before being allowed to enter the Practice Sequence (SOCWK 525 Human Behavior and the Social Environment II; SOCWK 530 Seminar in Applied Social Work Research; SOCWK 560 Social Work Practice I) the faculty will conduct a formal review of your progress in the program, which includes GPA as well as your compliance with program core competencies. These core competencies are required by the Council on Social Work Education. These [competencies are listed](#) on the program's website and are used to continually evaluate your performance throughout the program. You will be evaluated on your potential to fully achieve the program competencies by the end of your social work education.

### The Admissions Process: Other Relevant Information

- All admissions materials are to be assembled by the candidate and submitted to the Admissions Committee by the **first Monday in October during the Fall term or by the first Monday in March** during the Spring term.
- No student will be allowed to enroll in the practice sequence prior to a formal review by the faculty.
- Candidates will be notified in writing of the Admission Committee's decision.

### Evaluation of Student for Admission to the Program

The "Admissions Committee" is composed of the social work faculty and members of the social work program Community Advisory Committee.

- The committee reviews the application of each candidate.

- The committee evaluates and examines the content and quality of each student's written work (personal statement).
  - Written work is evaluated on organization of ideas, spelling, grammar and content.
  - Students' classroom performance and behavior is evaluated.
  - Reference letters are also evaluated during the admissions process.
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- Committee members form an overall impression of the student based on direct experience with the student and reading the personal statement and references.
  - After this information is gathered, the committee discusses the student and his/her suitability for admission into the social work program.
  - Students are then sent provisional letters of acceptance or are notified that they have not been accepted into the program.
  - Students not accepted are invited to discuss their status with the faculty.