



NORTHWESTERN STATE

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

Instructions to Apply for the Social Work Professional Program

The Northwestern State University of Louisiana BSW program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Although a student may select social work as a major at any time, a student may not register for an upper level social work practice courses until they have been admitted into our Social Work Professional Program. Upper level practice courses are SOWK 3120, 3130, 3140, 3150, 3180, 3050, 4030, 4040, and 4190. You will need to meet with your advisor about your readiness to apply to the Professional Program.

As per the University Catalog, this program prepares the student for beginning generalist social work practice. Students must meet the following criteria for admission to the Social Work professional program: 1. Completion of all courses in the pre-professional curriculum. 2. A cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above. 3. A minimum grade of C or above in Social Work 2090, 2100, and English 1010 and 1020. 4. Adherence to the values and the ethics of the social work profession. 5. Submission and approval of an Application for Admission to the Social Work Professional Program prior to the pre-registration period for the next regular fall or spring semester.

Students who transfer into Social Work from another University or from another major may be able to have certain courses substituted. Check with your advisor. Applications to the professional program are typically submitted when students are within 12 hours of meeting admission requirements. Students may be provisionally accepted into the professional program with the expectation they will complete the remaining core courses within one semester.

Beginning during the summer of 2019, students must complete the application to the professional program on line through the Social Work website (<https://www.nsula.edu/socialworkhome/>). Applications are completed through a link, Apply for Admission to the Social Work Professional Program, that is found at the bottom of the NSU Social Work web page. Students must complete the entire application which contains the following three parts: the BSW Professional Program Admission Form, the Statement of Understanding and Agreement, and the Acknowledgment of the Meaning and Consequence of Plagiarism Form.

Please note that only current students with their NSULA credentials are able to complete the application. For those interested in attending NSU to complete the requirements for a social work degree, [click here](#).

To begin the application process:

1. Students should complete the entire application. This can be accessed through the Social Work website. Access the links and follow the on-screen prompts to complete and submit.

Note: For all forms, students may complete them by filling in all blanks or by using drop-down arrows to select answers for each appropriate field. All response fields must be completed correctly as they are required in order to submit each form. Failure to fill out the forms correctly will result in a delay in processing of the forms.

2. Students should consult degree works or their transcript to find their grades for the University core courses. Students must use the Overall GPA as the GPA for the application. This can be found on Degree Works and on Connect. Any courses that students have not taken or is currently taking should be noted as such. Students must make sure they hit submit before exiting out of the form. Missing fields will be noted after hitting submit. Students must scroll up to determine which fields were left blank.

After the entire form is submitted, students will receive an automatic email notification that the form was received by the system. Applications will be processed depending on due dates set each semester.

If students have questions completing these forms, they may contact their advisor or Susan Campbell, PhD at 318-588-7102 or campbellsu@nsula.edu.