



## THE BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM

The BSW Program is designed to prepare social work students for professional generalist practice. This involves the application of a diverse knowledge base, professional values, and a wide range of skills. Social workers utilize their knowledge and skills to assist individuals, families, groups, communities and organizations to improve social functioning and obtain the resources needed to accomplish identified goals. Social workers strive to create social change and eliminate social and economic injustice. Careers in social work occur in a variety of settings, such as public/state social services, hospitals, schools, mental health agencies, courts, nursing homes, crisis centers, and children and family service agencies. Career options include direct practice with clients, administration, social planning, and legislative advocacy. Effective social work is centered in assessments of the person-in-the-environment, and the subsequent skillful selection of multilevel interventions, in keeping with social work values and ethical practice.

In addition to core social work courses, BSW students at Washburn University have the opportunity to take four social work electives and complete two semesters of practicum (internship) in social service environments under the supervision of a licensed social worker. Graduates of our program are well-prepared to enter the field and make a difference in the lives of others.

### Admission Requirements

- Apply for admission, including \$20 application fee (non-refundable). Complete the application on-line at [www.washburn.edu/admissions](http://www.washburn.edu/admissions).
- Send official transcripts of all previous college work to: Washburn University, Office of Admissions, 1700 SW College, Topeka, KS 66621 or submit them electronically at [etranscripts@washburn.edu](mailto:etranscripts@washburn.edu)

### Requirements for Bachelor's Degree

- Minimum of 120 semester hours of credit
- Minimum of 60 semester hours from Washburn or a four-year college or university; at least 30 hours must be completed through Washburn
- Minimum of 45 semester hours of credit from courses at the upper division level
- Minimum of 84 graded hours
- Grade of "C" or better in courses counting towards the university requirements, major, and minor

### Requirements for Admissions into the Bachelor of Social Work Program

1. Current enrollment as a student in good standing at Washburn University as defined in the current *Washburn University Undergraduate Catalog*.
2. Approved Declaration of Major (Pre-BSW) in Social Work (verified using the university's SCT Banner System).
3. An overall (cumulative) grade point average of at least 2.5.
4. Completion of a minimum of 36 hours of General Education course credits.
5. Submission of a completed "BSW Application for (1) Formal Admission and (2) Field Practicum."
6. If requested by the department, completion of an admissions interview with the BSW Program Director, the Social Work Department chair, or a social work faculty designee.
7. If the Admissions Committee has any concerns about an application, references may be required upon written request of the BSW Program Director.
8. **Please note that the following social work courses must be successfully completed (grade of C or better) prior to beginning the BSW Practicum: SW100, SW250, SW325, SW326, SW352, and SW353.**

9. Field Practicum marks the start of a student's professional social work career in the community. Two consecutive semesters (Fall and Spring) of field experience in the same practicum placement are required. A practicum seminar class must be taken concurrently both semesters. A student must pass both practicum and seminar the first semester to proceed to the second semester.
- 10. Practicum begins during the first week of each semester, although some placements have an orientation before the start of Fall semester. Time in placement averages approximately 16 hours per week. The following is required: 240 hours per semester and 480 hours overall. Hours cannot be carried over into the next semester, nor can a student complete the practicum early.**

## Washburn General Education Requirements for the Bachelor of Social Work

Washburn	Hours	JCCC
<b>University Requirements (12 hours)</b>		
EN 101 First Year Writing	3	ENGL 121 Composition I
EN 300 Advanced College Writing	3	No Equivalent
MA 112 Contemp. College Mathematics OR MA 116 College Algebra	3	No equivalent MATH 171 College Algebra
WU 101 Washburn Experience (not required if you have 24 or more transfer hours)	3	No Equivalent
<b>Arts and Humanities (12 hours - no more than 6 hours in one discipline)</b>		
Recommended courses: Art, Music, or Theatre Humanities electives	3 9	Recommended courses: Any ARTH, MUS or THEA course 6 hours from any ENGL, HUM, PHIL, REL, MUS, ARTH, FL, SPD, THEA, or LIBR class
<b>Social Science (12 hours - no more than 6 hours in one discipline)</b>		
Recommend Courses: ANTH 125 Cultural Anthropology SOC 125 Social Problems Three Credit Hours from PSYC Social Sciences	3 3 3 3	AN 112 Cultural Anthropology SO 101 Social Problems Equivalency will depend on course 3 hours from any ANTH, ECON, GEOS, HIST, POLS, PSYC, or SOC class
<b>Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Statistics (9 hours - no more than 6 hours in one discipline)</b>		
Three Credit Hours from BIOL Natural Sciences, Math, and Statistics	3 6	Equivalency will depend on course 6 hours from any BIOL, CHEM, PHYS, ASTR, PSCI, GEOS, or MATH (excluding 111,115, 116 or 171) class.