

SOCIAL WORK ADMISSION PROCESS

Minimum criteria for enrollment in Social Work courses are consistent with University policies. Students are eligible for formal admission to the Social Work program if they are currently enrolled and in good standing with the University. Students must declare Social Work as a major and formally request admission into the program by completing an application accompanied by a two-page essay. Ideally, declaration of a major field of study takes place during the sophomore year. When considering Social Work as a major, students are encouraged to meet with a Social Work faculty member in order to discuss their expectations and career goals. Since admission is a prerequisite for field-practicum (SOW 422 and SOW 424), students must declare social work as their major prior to the beginning of their senior year.

Applicants for admission are required to meet the following requirements:

- ❑ **Have completed SOW 201 (Career Choices in the Human Services Profession) or SOW 308 (Dynamics of Marriage and Family) with a grade of “C” or better;**
- ❑ **Have earned a 2.5 cumulative grade-point average or higher (on a 4.0 scale); and**
- ❑ **Submit a two page essay reflecting on the student’s reasons for choosing social work as a major, their future goals and aspirations, and how their personal values and beliefs align with the values of the profession of social work, including any potential conflicts and/or concerns about the profession.**

Applications are reviewed by the Social Work Admissions Committee, and decisions are given to applicants in writing. Transfer students may be admitted under provisions of articulation agreements. Applicants may be admitted provisionally with a cumulative grade point average of less than 2.5 in cases where the Committee concurs that there is demonstrated potential for academic success. However, minimum requirements for provisional admission include a grade of at least C in ENG 101 and a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0. It is expected that those who are admitted on a provisional basis will attain a 2.2

- II. Discuss your personal values and beliefs and how they relate to the practice of Social Work. In what ways do your personal values and beliefs align with those of the profession and in what ways might they conflict or be a cause for concern?
- III. Discuss what aspects of your personality lead you to expect that you would be effective in the field of Social Work. Also be honest about personal characteristics that may cause you to doubt your ability to become a good social worker.
- IV. Conclude the essay with a brief statement about your personal, educational, and occupational goals.

Email completed applications to Dr. Mindy Brooks-Eaves (mindy.brookseaves@kysu.edu).