

ADMISSION TO THE SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM

Background

The Department of Social Work operates under a selective admissions policy in accordance with the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). The policy is based on the need to maintain a program of excellence in the classroom, in field education and to assure availability of quality internship placements. All qualified candidates will be considered for acceptance to the Social Work Program. The Department reserves the right to admit a limited number of students each year. Acceptance to the University does not guarantee acceptance into the social work program.

Applications to the Social Work Program are accepted three times a year with deadlines of **August 15, October 1st, and March 1st**. Students submit an admission portfolio and have an interview with the Social Work faculty. Applicants are carefully evaluated not only academically, but also for their potential professional competence in the field. An acceptable student portfolio demonstrates and articulates readiness and motivation to pursue professional social work education.

The proposed policy includes several clarifications of the current admissions policy with one major addition; the addition of SW 225 as a prerequisite course.

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NEW POLICY PROPOSAL

Standards for Admission to the Social Work Program

1. A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 for courses taken at CCSU, as well as an overall GPA of 2.0, which includes both CCSU grades and grades for courses taken at other institutions.
2. A minimum overall GPA of 2.50 for the following introductory Social Work courses and related requirements including:
 - a. SW 100 or SOC 111
 - b. SW 225
 - c. SW 226
 - d. SW 227
 - e. ANTH 140 or SOC 110
 - f. BIO 111 or BMS 111
 - g. PS 110 or PS 230
 - h. SOC 233
 - i. ECON 200
 - j. STAT 215

Each of these courses must be completed with a minimum grade of C.

3. A minimum score of 2 (emerging) in each of the following CSWE competencies:
 - 2.1.1 Identify as a professional social worker and conduct oneself accordingly
 - 2.1.3 Apply critical thinking to inform and communicate professional judgments (writing and critical thinking)
 - 2.1.4 Engage diversity and difference in practice

(See Attached Potential for Professional Competency for Generalist Social Work Practice assessment rubric.)
4. A minimum score of 3 or higher in every category of the *Sophomore Volunteer Field Evaluations*. *(See Attached)*
5. Minimum scores of 3 on the *Professional Social Work Disposition Rubric* for SW 225, SW 226, and SW 227 *(See attached)*. The *Transfer Student Reference Form* *(See attached)* may be substituted for field experiences from other colleges.