

ADMISSION TO THE SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM

WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Admission to West Virginia State University does not automatically qualify students as candidates in social work. Although attending as social work “majors,” students must qualify for candidacy through a formal process, requiring academic, personal and social assessments. Students become candidates in the program when they have satisfactorily completed a set of academic criteria. These criteria are outlined below and appear in the University Catalog and in the Social Work Student Handbook.

Students must petition for admission through formal application to the Chairperson of the Social Work Program when they have completed 45 semester hours. Delaying this process may prevent students from future registration in social work practice and field placement courses and affect their eligibility for the BSW degree.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

To be formally admitted as a candidate into the Social Work Program, a student must:

1. Submit a completed application to the Chairperson, Social Work Program, after completing 45 semester hours.
 2. Demonstrate an understanding of the principles and values of the social work profession by earning a grade of “C” or better in SW 131-Introduction to Social Work.
 3. Demonstrate appropriate interpersonal qualities, aptitude, and temperament by earning a satisfactory rating in the field experience component of the Introduction to Social Work course.
 4. Demonstrate general academic proficiency by earning a GPA of 2.3 better, computed overall.
 5. Demonstrate an aptitude for social work knowledge by earning a grade of “C” or better in all Social Work Courses(s) undertaken.
 6. Demonstrate proficiency in effective writing skills by earning a grade of “C” or better in English 101 and English 102.
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The application packet can be obtained from your advisor or from the Department of Social Work office-Wallace Hall 917.
