

# School of Social Work

The School of Social Work is committed to a politically and socially responsible approach. This focus is a reflection of the broad and interdisciplinary nature of the discipline. The School's mission is to provide a high-quality education that prepares students to work in a variety of settings, including community-based organizations, government, and academia.

Our goal is to graduate a capable and knowledgeable workforce that will lead to a more just and equitable society. While seeking to develop and teach a politically and socially responsible approach, we remain open to new ideas, analyses, and real-life challenges and information.

The development of a social work program for Indigenous students. This began in the

1970s in Social Work and has evolved to the Mi'kmaq and Malisee Bachelor of Social Work program which provides a professional social work education for Indigenous students in a safe and culturally relevant environment.

The Master of Social Work program, which focuses on advanced clinical practice, was launched in 2021. It provides students with advanced theoretical and practice knowledge in professional leadership, social justice, and direct practice interventions.

## A. Bachelor of Social Work Program

The Bachelor of Social Work is a degree program that prepares students with the theoretical knowledge and skills to work in a variety of settings, including family and community, a balance of generalist and specialized practice in the community, health care, and professional social work education in the community, health care and professional field placements, provide the knowledge and skills for a generalist social work practice.

Students apply to the program after the completion of a Bachelor of Arts program. The core in the liberal arts is an integral component of the program; critical social work theory, an interdisciplinary social work practice, group work, mental health, addiction, child welfare, aging, and family. The field placement component provides students with the opportunity to apply their knowledge and skills in a variety of settings, including local social agencies, professional field placements, and in addition, a research methodology course to help students keep pace with the changing landscape of social work practice and professional practice.

The Bachelor of Social Work includes a minimum of 700 hours of field practice, a requirement of the Canadian Association of Social Work Education Standards for Accreditation. The program commences during the Winter Semester of the first year (250 hours). The second

participate in the Wine Semester of the fourth year (450 hours) in a block format, for data analysis.

History, culture, and the role of social work practice  
Critical analysis of social welfare, social policy and social service  
Challenging oppression and confronting privilege in social work practice  
Community organizing  
Professionalism and professional practice

## Admission To Bachelor of Social Work (Four-Year BSW)

1. A minimum of 60 credit hours in liberal arts with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0, or a minimum GPA of 3.0 on the most recent 30 credit hours.
1. A minimum grade of B in SCWK 2013 Introduction to Social Welfare and a minimum grade of B in SCWK 2023 Introduction to Social Work\*.

*Note: Applicants who do not satisfy these minimum academic requirements are not considered further in the selection process.*

2. A critical analysis of the interaction among the individual and the social, political, and economic aspects of society and a demonstrated recognition of the social role of the main focus of change in the society of society as the individual.
3. Evidence of family involvement, and commitment to the profession of social work, as well as the capacity to learn from experience.

*\*Students without the mandatory social work courses will be required to participate in an interview process weighted at 30% (replacing the weight given to the grades of two mandatory courses).*

The BSW Program will include a minimum of 700 hours of field practice, as required by the Canadian Association for Social Work Education Standards for Accreditation. The first part of the program commences during the Wine Semester of the third year (250 hours). The second part of the program occurs during the Wine Semester of the fourth year (450 hours) in a block format, for data analysis.

April 30 of each year. All application materials and supporting documents must be received by the Admission Office on or before the deadline.

The School of Social Work has adopted an Educational Equity Admission Policy for those

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*SCWK 2013 G ade	15%
*SCWK 2023 G ade	15%
Pe onal S a emen	15%
E pe ience ( o k, ol n ee , life and lea ning f om e pe ience)	20%
T o efe ence	20%

*\*Students without the prerequisite second year social work courses will be required to participate in an interview process weighted at 30% (replacing the weight given to the grades of two mandatory courses).*

The deadline fo applica ion i Ap il 30. The applica ion, incl ding ppo ing doc men , m be eci ed b he Admi ion O ce on o befo e he Ap il 30 deadline. The eq i ed applica ion and doc men incl de he follo ing:

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