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The School of Social Work is committed to a politicized social work practice grounded in a structural approach. This fosters greater awareness of the broad and intersecting injustices caused by oppressive structures while preparing students to be effective and ethical practitioners.

Our goal is that graduates are able to integrate vision, knowledge, and skills for practice that may lead to social transformation toward a more equitable and just society. While seeking to develop and teach a politicized social work practice, we strive to remain open to new ideas, analyses, and realities that challenge and inform our ongoing efforts.

The School of Social Work, which offers the only English master and bachelor of social work degrees in New Brunswick, began as a Bachelor of Arts in Applied Social Science in 1976, followed by the addition of a Certificate of Social Work, and a Bachelor of Social Work in 1980.

In 1983, the Union of New Brunswick Indians and New Brunswick Indian Committee requested development of a social work program for Indigenous students. This began with a Certificate in Social Work and has evolved to the Mi'kmaq and Maliseet Bachelor of Social Work program which provides accredited professional social work education to Indigenous students in a flexible and culturally relevant framework.

The Master of Social Work Program, which focuses on advanced clinical practice, was launched in 2021. It provides students with advanced theory and practice skills in professional leadership, social work supervision, and direct practice skills development.

A. Bac S c a W P a

The Bachelor of Social Work four-year degree provides graduates with the theoretical knowledge and skills they need to work with individuals, families and communities. A balance of general liberal arts education in the first two years, followed by a professional social work education in the final two years, through both courses and practical field placements, provides the knowledge and skills for a generalist social work practice.

Students apply to the program after their second year of a Bachelor of Arts having earned 60 credit hours. The courses in the liberal arts are significantly strengthened in the subsequent two years by a series of core courses essential to a social work practice: critical social work theory, anti-oppressive social work practice, group work, mental health issues, addiction, child welfare, trauma, and family law. The field practicums supplement these courses, with one focusing on social action at the community/organization. Practicums

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

practicum occurs during the Winter Semester of the fourth year (450 hours) in a block format, four days a week.

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- History, values, ethics, and skills of social work practice
- Critical analysis of social welfare, social policy and social services
- Challenging oppression and confronting privilege in social work practice
- Community organizing
- Preparation for professional practice

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- two reference letters which assess your readiness for the Social Work profession; one academic and a second related to community experience, volunteer work, or paid employment.
- official transcripts of marks from all post-secondary institutions you have attended. Please note, if you have a STU transcript, you will not need to submit it, as our Admissions Office has access to it.

B. M' a /Ma Bac S c a W P - a (MMBSW)

The Mi'kmaq/Maliseet Bachelor of Social Work (MMBSW) program is offered by St. Thomas University in partnership with First Nation Communities.

The MMBSW program respects and celebrates the traditions and cultures of Indigenous peoples as demonstrated by its flexible and culturally relevant approach to incorporating Indigenous ways of knowing and learning throughout the social work courses that are offered in the program.

The program consists of 60 credit hours of social work courses to be completed over a three-year period. Applicants must have completed a minimum of 60 credit hours of liberal arts courses as a prerequisite to admission.

Only Indigenous students are eligible.

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Applicants must have completed a minimum of 60ch in liberal arts courses as a prerequisite for admission. A minimum grade point average of 2.0 (which may be based on the most recent 15ch) is required for admission to the MMBSW program.

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Stage 1

The application deadline for the post-degree MMBSW program is January 31. The application, including supporting documents, must be received by the Admissions Office on or before the January 31 deadline. The required application and documents include the following:

- a completed application for admission found at STU.ca/apply, including the \$55.00 non-refundable application fee (\$40.00 for New Brunswick applicants)*
- personal statement in which you outline your reason(s) for applying to a professional program of social work studies, and identify your professional/learning goals and any relevant vocational plans. You are encouraged to refer to personal, volunteer, professional and/or employment experiences that have influenced your understanding of social work