

**INSTRUCTIONS  
For Application to the  
School of Social Work  
East Carolina University**

**Bachelor of Social Work DEGREE**

## Summary of Process

1. Applications should be submitted by February 15<sup>th</sup>. This application date will allow you to preregister for social work courses if you are accepted into the program. Internally or externally transferred student applications must be received no later than June 30<sup>th</sup>.
2. The BSW program is sequenced so applicants are admitted only for the **fall** semester of each academic year.
3. Applications must be emailed to [BSW@ecu.edu](mailto:BSW@ecu.edu)
  - a. The entire application **MUST be submitted in ONE document**. Multiple documents will not be accepted.
  - b. Subject Line of the email must look like the following: Last Name First Name BSW Application. For example: Watterson Melissa BSW Application)
  - c. Document must be saved as Last Name First name BSW2023.  
For example: WattersonMelissaBSW2023
4. Students must prepare a typed response to ALL questions asked in this application.
5. Applications are reviewed by the Social Work Admissions Committee.
6. Students accepted to the program will be notified by email and must attend the required BSW program orientation prior to the beginning of fall classes (time and date of orientation will also be sent via email).

## Summary of Admission Requirements:

1. Students have successfully completed or are expected to complete the stipulated prerequisite courses of SOCW 1010 and SOCW 2010 and have a minimum average GPA of 2.5 from each course.
2. Students have an overall GPA of 2.5 or higher at East Carolina University.
3. Students have a minimum number of **32 s.h.** completed at the time of entry to the program.

## Admission Notification:

Students will be notified of their application status within 75 days of their application submission when submission is made on or before the deadline. Notification of application status of applications submitted after the deadline may take longer.

- **FULL ADMISSION**

Refers to:

applicants who meet all admission requirements of the application process in a timely manner.

- **PROVISIONAL ADMISSIONS (PA).**<sup>1</sup>

Refers to:

1. Students not meeting the required GPA may apply for *provisional acceptance* to the major at pre-registration, **only if** they 1) have 32 credit hours, 2) are currently enrolled in an introductory social work course (SOCW 1010 or SOCW 2010), and 3) have a high likelihood of achieving a 2.5 or higher GPA in each class, **as well as** achieving an overall 2.5 or higher GPA at the end of the semester. ***Failure to achieve the required overall 2.5 or higher GPA and the 2.5 or higher GPA in the social work introductory courses***, will result in the student not being accepted into the program.
2. *Provisional acceptance* may be applied for when taking SOCW 1010 and/or SOCW 2010 during the summer prior to the Fall semester in which the student is seeking admission. At the end of summer session II, ***the student must have attained an overall GPA of 2.5 or higher, as well as a GPA of 2.5 or higher in each of the social work classes taken during that summer session. Failure to achieve the required overall 2.5 or higher GPA, and the 2.5 or higher GPA in the social work introductory courses***, will result in the student not being accepted into the program.

### **STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEMENT**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read and understand the requirements for admissions to the BSW/Social Work major.

I also understand that if I am admitted as a Provisional Admit (PA), and I do not meet ALL of the required provisions set forth by the BSW Program Committee by the end of the first semester in major, I will be administratively removed from all majors-only courses.

I understand that if my Provisional Admission does not convert to a Full Admission, I will be able to reapply for admission for the next fall cohort.

Once accepted either fully or provisionally, I must attend the BSW program orientation prior to the beginning of fall classes (time and date of orientation will also be sent via email).

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***(Student's Signature and last 4 digits of Banner number***

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***(Date)***

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<sup>1</sup> Students in this category will be allowed to pre-register for any appropriate Major courses. If, at the end of the semester he/she has failed to complete successfully any one of the required admission criteria, the academic advisor will administratively withdraw him/her from all pre-registered 'majors-only' courses.

## East Carolina University Application for Admission into BSW Program

Please type your responses below within the grey boxes.

### General Information:

Full Name:

Banner#:

Local Address:

Permanent Address:

Local Telephone:

Cell Telephone:

ECU Email Address:

Alternate Email Address:

Number of Academic Student Hours completed at the time the application is being filled out  
(Total Including Transfer): \_\_\_\_\_

Current Overall ECU G.P.A.: \_\_\_\_\_

\*if no ECU GPA, indicate when an ECU GPA will be expected (i.e., Summer session 1)

**Please indicate which of the following courses you have completed, and the grade received if you have not taken the course, indicate which semester you plan to take it**

Course Title	Course number	Semester taken	Grades
<b>Biology course that addresses content on human anatomy</b>			
<b>Biology Lab that accompanied Biology course</b>			
<b>American History (addressing from 1860's to present)</b>			
<b>Introduction to Psychology</b>			
<b>Introduction to Sociology</b>			
<b>MATH</b>			
<b>Economics</b>			
<b>Intro to Social Welfare</b>	<b>SOCW1010</b>		
<b>Intro to Social Work Practice</b>	<b>SOCW2010</b>		

**Transcript:**

Attach an unofficial copy of your academic transcript to this application (this can be found by entering Pirate Port and then access your student self service) <https://registrar.ecu.edu/wp-content/pv-uploads/sites/166/2018/01/How-do-I-view-my-unofficial-academic-transcript-1.pdf>

**Criminal Convictions:**

Do you have any criminal convictions? This includes, but is not limited to, drug or alcohol related charges, bad checks, traffic violations, speeding, shoplifting, assault, verbal or cyber threats. (Convicted is defined as judgments pending appeal, expunged judgments, nolo contendere pleas, and/or any deferred judgment or of other arrangement where judgment conviction has been withheld).

Please double click the box below for your response.

Yes  No

*(If yes, please use the space below to identify the charge and briefly explain the circumstances of your conviction. Information about a prior conviction does not preclude admission to the BSW program but may limit Field Placement Options).*

**On a separate page, please list the following:****Volunteer Experience:**

Please list any volunteer activities you have engaged in over the past three years, starting with the most recent, including brief description of activity, name of organization, and length of time you volunteered at the agency.

**Work Experience:**

Please list any paid employment experience you have engaged in over the past three years, starting with the most recent. Include brief description of work duties, name of organization, and length of time you were employed by the organization

## Personal Statement Essay:

On a separate page, answer all questions fully and to the best of your ability in an essay format.

- This essay should be approximately 3-5 pages long.
- Must be done in Times New Roman, 12-point font, double spaced

As the quality of your writing may influence the BSW Program Committee's decision on your admission, invest sufficient time writing this essay.

Upon completion, proofread your personal statement essay and be sure to attach the essay to this application before submitting it.

1. How and why did you become interested in a career in social work?
2. Please identify a current social problem that concerns you. How might the social work profession contribute to the resolution and/or improvement of this problem?
3. List and describe your personal strengths that you believe will help you work successfully with clients.
4. Social work professionals intervene directly with and on behalf of diverse populations. These include adult men and women, racially and ethnically diverse populations, gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender individuals, children, older adults, persons with HIV/AIDS, persons with disabilities, and economically disadvantaged individuals. Many of these clients will present with a variety of concerns including (but not limited to): domestic violence, sexual assault, end-of-life care, confusion over sexual identity and fear of "coming out" to family and friends, and uncertainty about pregnancy. The NASW Code of Ethics states the mission "is to enhance human well-being and help meet the basic human needs of all people, with particular attention to the needs and empowerment of people who are vulnerable, oppressed, and living in poverty" (NASW, 2008).
  - a. Discuss your thoughts working with the above populations and issues.
  - b. Explain any reluctance or apprehension about working with certain populations or issues that may present a challenge to you.
  - c. How do you plan to confront these challenges?
5. This program requires a 448-hour internship during your last semester prior to graduation. The internship requires a Tuesday-through-Friday requirement (32 hours a week – daytime only). If you currently have a time constraint (caregiving, employment, etc.), what steps will you take to complete your internship without interruption? Please detail constraints and solutions.
 

If you do not have a time constraint presently but something unexpected occurs that changes your situation, what would you do to make certain that you are able to complete your internship without interruption?
6. Is there any other information you would like to share that would help us in reviewing your application?