



Admission to the BSW Program

Students are eligible to apply for admission after they have completed the required 18-credit hours of designated courses at Concord (see list below). Application into the Social Work program must be submitted prior to or while enrolled in SOWK 301 Social Policy & Services History.

Admissions and Retention Committee meetings are held several times throughout each semester. The Admissions Application is to be completed and submitted online to the Social Work Department. Documents not submitted with the application can be emailed to [Andy Blum](#). Students will be notified of a time and date for their interview with the Admissions and Retention Committee, which consists of all full-time social work faculty. It is necessary that students attend their scheduled interview session once registered to do so. Failure to comply may result in delay of admission to the Social Work program.

Prerequisite Required Courses

- English 101
- English 102
- Psychology 101
- Sociology 101
- Social Work 161
- Social Work 229

BSW Application Requirements

- Complete and submit the [BSW Application](#)
- Must have completed the prerequisite required courses with at least a 2.0 GPA, with a 2.5 GPA required for the two SOWK courses. (No grade lower than "C" will be accepted for SOWK 161 and 229).
- Complete and submit the [Rubric for Assessing Professional Behaviors](#)
- Include three letters of recommendation
 - One academic reference (must be a faculty member that does not teach in the Social Work program)
 - Two professional references (Please exclude letters from friends, relatives, and classmates)
- Biographical Reflection – Moving into the role of a social worker can be challenging and often times an identity shift needs to occur in order for students to show their competency in the knowledge, values, skills, and cognitive processes needed to complete the program. These areas are guided by our Code of Ethics and professional standards. Keeping this in mind, please answer the following questions in an essay, being sure to include a brief (one paragraph) introduction of yourself and your career goals. *Please ensure that your essay follows APA formatting guidelines.*
 1. State and discuss one or two main social work values and how these might guide your practice. Then explain the importance of separating your personal values and experiences from your professional role and provide an example of when this might be used in practice.
 2. Using self-reflection, identify 2-3 traits or strengths that will contribute to your success in the social work profession.
 3. Identify and discuss 2-3 personal attributes that might be a barrier to your ability to be a professional social worker. Discuss your plan for strengthening these areas.
 4. Based on your current knowledge of the social work profession, discuss what you believe would be the hardest aspect of the profession. What population do you feel you would struggle to work with the most and why?

If you are interested in applying to the BSW program, please [apply online](#).