

# 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 Maliseet Bachelor of Social Work program which provides an excellent professional education for Indigenous students in a safe and culturally affirming 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 with diverse populations.

## 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 practice in the mental health, housing, 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. The program is designed to provide a strong foundation in the social sciences, including sociology, anthropology, and psychology, as well as a focus on social justice, human rights, and social policy. The program also includes a focus on social action and community development, and a focus on clinical practice in the local social agency, providing a practical experience in the field. In addition, a practicum component is required to help students keep pace with the changing landscape of social work practice and to provide a professional experience.

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

practicum occurring throughout the Winter Semester of the fourth year (450 hours) in a block format, followed by a week.

History, culture, ethics, and 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  
Preparation for professional practice

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

1. A minimum of 60 credits in liberal arts with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0, or a minimum GPA of 3.0 on the most recent 30 credits.
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 awareness of the intersection 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 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 includes a minimum of 700 hours of field practice, as required by the Canadian Association for Social Work Education Standards for Accreditation. The practicum commences during the Winter Semester of the third year (250 hours). The second practicum occurring throughout the Winter Semester of the fourth year (450 hours) in a block format, followed by a week.

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

