



The main objective of the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree is to provide graduates with a generic practice framework so that they are prepared to deliver services to various client constituencies at a level of competence suitable for beginning practice. The School of Social Work at St. Thomas places major emphasis on understanding the structural roots of social problems in Canadian society. The cause of much of the suffering and inequality in society is seen to be rooted in our social and economic order, and not in the individual, the family, or the subculture. All interventions are seen within the context of this understanding and, although much of social work practice is concerned with the immediate needs of individuals, the resolution of social problems is seen as necessarily involving interventions in our major social institutions.

## A. Admission To Bachelor of Social Work – Post-Degree

### Prerequisites

1. A bachelor's degree with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0, or a minimum GPA of 3.0 on the most recent 60 credit hours\*. Normally students currently in 4th year of a bachelor's degree program who will have completed 120 credit hours or more by the end of April of the year of application, are eligible to apply and may be given provisional acceptance pending completion of degree requirements by May 15 of the year of application. Students who will complete their degree requirements beyond May 15th may be considered on an individual basis.

\*A student who has completed a minimum of 60 credit hours with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher in the last 60 credit hours completed (including the last 15 credit hours) may be considered for admission to the BSW program. A student who has completed a minimum of 60 credit hours with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher in the last 60 credit hours completed (including the last 15 credit hours) may be considered for admission to the BSW program.

2. A minimum of 60 credit hours in liberal arts.

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3. An empirical research methods course, acceptable to the School of Social Work. Applicants are advised to check the Research Course Requirement published on the St. Thomas University Website. Applicants without an appropriate research methods course may be accepted to the School of Social Work on the condition that they successfully complete an approved course before beginning the program and no later than August 1.
4. A critical awareness of the interaction among the individual and the social, political, and economic aspects of society and a demonstrated recognition that for structural social



enrolled in university courses, official transcripts of final grades for the first semester, together with a list of second-semester courses, if applicable, by the January 31 deadline. In all cases, final transcripts or official confirmation that graduation requirements have been satisfied, by May 15;

7. Students wishing to be considered under the Educational Equity Admission Policy must indicate their request in the designated section of the application form.
8. the application fee. (The application fee is \$40 for NB applicants and \$55 for applicants from other provinces or countries.)

All eligible applicants will participate in a group interview conducted by representatives of the School of Social Work. These interviews will be conducted either in person on campus, or via telephone conference calls. In these interviews, which are scheduled in March, participants will be evaluated on self-awareness, ability to relate to others, problem-solving ability, and social/political awareness.

In conjunction with the interview process, applicants will complete a brief test involving an analysis of a social problem. This test will be written in Fredericton at the time of the group interview. Applicants participating in a telephone interview will be asked to arrange to have the test written and monitored at a local educational institution. Applicants will be presented with a current or enduring social problem and will be asked whether it is seen to be a social problem, what the causes of the problem might be, what the impact or consequences of the problem are on people and on society, and how they think the problem might be resolved or reduced.

## B. Bachelor of Social Work Requirements

The post-degree BSW is designed for university graduates whose undergraduate programs include a substantial liberal arts component, and who are familiar with, and committed to, a career in social work. Limited in enrolment, the post-degree BSW is an intensive, 60-credit hour, 15-month program. It builds on your previous undergraduate education and leads to the professional BSW credential.

The post-degree BSW is limited in enrolment to 52 students. Admission is highly competitive and possession of minimum requirements does not guarantee admission. Candidates are assessed on the basis of academic preparation and professional suitability.

### Post-Degree BSW Degree Requirements

The Post-Degree program is designed to provide students with 60 credit hours (ch) in social work courses over a period of four semesters (15 months). The following is a description of the program design and courses to be taken in each semester. Prior to acceptance, applicants will have completed an empirical research methods course which provides familiarity with a broad range of qualitative and quantitative research methods as well as research ethics. This course will be reviewed by the admission committee.

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