

General Information for Admission into the Social Work Program

The Social Work Program admits students without regard to race, color, national or ethnic origin, age, disability, religion, gender, or sexual orientation. All students, whether full-time or part-time, in day or GPS classes, are extended the same access, rights, and privileges while enrolled in the Social Work Program.

Any students desiring entrance to the Social Work Program must make a formal application. Applications should be submitted to the Director of the Social Work Program during the semester in which the student is enrolled in SWK 201; or in the student's first Barton College social work course.

Criteria for Admission Include:

- Minimum of a 2.00 grade point average - overall.
- Completion of SWK 201 with at least a C- grade.
- Two letters of recommendation. One should be from a professor; and the second can be a professional reference from any employer.
- Completion of a personal essay.
- Submission of a further writing sample may be requested of transfer students.
- Interview with the student may be requested.
- Completed application packet, including essay, references, and resume.

There is an admission committee consisting of social work faculty. Faculty meet at the end of each semester; to review the qualifications of students applying to the social work program. Decisions for full admission, conditional admission, or no admission are based upon review of the application. A letter will be sent to the student indicating the decision and listing the reasons for that decision by the end of the semester.

Contact Information

Barton College ID# _____

Name _____

Barton Email _____

Permanent St. Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number with Area Code
(Best number where you can be contacted.)

(_____) _____

Have you been convicted of a criminal offense other than a minor traffic violation?

Yes No

If yes, please explain. (This does not automatically disqualify you from the program. It does help us to work toward an appropriate field placement.)

You are required to attach a copy of your resume to this application.

It should include all paid experience, volunteer experience, and membership in clubs and organizations.

Work and Life Policy:

No social work credit can be awarded to any student for either life or work experience. Students cannot use their paid position as their field education placement.

Professional Performance Expectations:

The program expects students to exhibit behaviors that are consistent with professional performance in the classroom, on campus, and in the community.

The professional performance standards include:

- A commitment to the goals of social work and to the ethical standards of the profession, as specified in the NASW Code of Ethics.
- A commitment to the essential values of social work including respect for the dignity and worth of every individual and his/her right to a just share of society's resources (social justice).
- A commitment to behaviors that conform to program policies, institutional policies, professional ethical standards, and societal norms in classroom, field, and community.
- A commitment to responsible and accountable behavior by being punctual and dependable, prioritizing responsibilities, observing deadlines, and accepting supervision and critique in a positive manner.
- A commitment to serve all persons in need of assistance in an appropriate manner; regardless of the person's age, class, race, religious affiliation, gender, disability, and/or sexual orientation.
- A commitment to deal with life stressors using appropriate coping mechanisms.
- A commitment to seek assistance for physical or mental health challenges that interfere with academic and/or professional performance.

Termination from the Social Work Program:

Evaluation of the student is an ongoing process. At least yearly, the social work faculty reviews the progress of the student in the program and may make termination recommendations based on academic, professional, and/or behavioral considerations.

Criteria for termination may include:

- Final grades in SWK courses consistently fall below a C-.
- Documented violations of the Barton College Honor Code.
- Documented violations of the NASW Code of Ethics.
- Illegal behavior; such as illegal drug use, weapons violations, etc.

I _____, have read and understand the admissions requirements, work and life experience policy, the professional practice expectations, and the termination policy for the Social Work Program. My signature below affirms that I agree to adhere to these policies and expectations.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____



Your personal essay is to be written in correct APA style — that is, typed, double-spaced, with 1 inch margins, and 12 point Times New Roman font. Each of the questions you are addressing should be a Level 1 Heading — centered, bold, and upper and lower case. Your discussion of each question should be in narrative, paragraph format. Your completed personal essay should be at least 3-4 pages in length.

Please reflect upon and discuss each of the following questions.

- 1) Who or what influenced your **decision to major in social work**?
- 2) At this point in time, what is **your understanding of social work** as a discipline and a profession? Include, in this, your description of micro and macro social work practice.
- 3) Demonstrate your understanding of the **professional value of social justice**.
- 4) Identify and explain **your personal / professional strengths** which will be an asset to you as a professional social worker.
- 5) Identify and explain **your personal / professional challenges** which may impact your performance as an effective social worker.
- 6) Describe a **personal experience** in which you have either given or received help and what you learned from that experience.
- 7) At this point in time, how do you **envision yourself as a practicing social worker**?

To: Prospective Social Work Student Recommender

From: Social Work Admissions Committee

Re: Submission of Reference

Please complete the reference form provided by _____ .

Once the reference is completed, please place the form in the envelope provided, seal the envelope, sign the back flap, and return it to the student for submission with the other application materials.

**The student deadline is (date) _____
for submission of the application packet to the Social Work Program.**

**Therefore, if you could return the form to the student prior to that date,
it would be appreciated.**

Thank you for your assistance in this important process. If you have further questions or would like to contact us directly, please feel free to call or email:

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Recommender Name _____

Title _____

Agency _____

Address _____ Phone Number with Area Code _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ (_____) _____

Email _____

Student's Name _____

Relationship to Student _____

Leadership	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Not Observed
Oral Communication						
Written Communication						
Logical Thinking						
Performance in Classroom or Job						
Initiative						
Work Habits						
Work Attendance / Classroom						
Cooperation						
Responsibility for New Learning Experiences						
Flexibility						

Would you recommend this student for admission into the Social Work Program at Barton College? Yes No

Additional Comments _____

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