

Bachelor of Social Work

The School of Social Work at Arizona State University is committed to the preparation of professional social work practitioners who take pride in their practice, who place the highest values on excellence, who are willing to devote their careers to finding the most effective methods of intervention, and who are committed to understanding and serving those most in need. The Bachelor of Social Work Degree Program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

The Mission of the School of Social Work is the preparation of professional social workers who are committed to empowering individuals, families and communities. The School focuses on populations who are most oppressed and most in need of the services social workers have to offer. A special emphasis is placed on working with ethnic minorities of the Southwest.

The School is committed to the University's mission to be competitive with the best public research universities in the country. Faculty members have active research agendas which encompass a wide variety of topics, including working with children, drug and alcohol abusers, and the developmentally disabled, and in administration and planning, and many other areas of interest.

The BSW level practitioner is seen as a generalist with certain areas of special expertise. The curriculum focuses on such roles as advocacy, referral, casework and problem solving functions. In addition, a major thrust and identity of the program is to prepare graduates for case management positions, a strongly emerging trend in Arizona and other states. Most case management models include the basic social work skills which the program currently covers. These are skills which are handled competently and professionally by BSW graduates.

Admission - Effective with General Catalog 2000-2001

Students may apply for admission to the Social Work professional program after completing:

a minimum 56 semester hours with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.50 at ASU;
 ENG 101 and 102 or equivalent (grade of "C" or better);
 the University math requirement MAT 142 or higher;
 the following core social work classes with a 2.75 minimum GPA and a minimum grade of "C" in each: SWU 171, SWU 291, SWU 295, SWU 303, SWU 310; and
 a minimum of 240 hours or experience in human services. Voluntary, paid, and/or equivalent family/personal experiences may be acceptable

Students apply for admission to the professional program prior to **November 1st** and **March 1st**. If accepted, and all prerequisites have been met, then students may begin taking courses designated "Major Only" in the following semester.

Application to the professional undergraduate social work program is separate from application to the University. Application materials may be obtained from the School of Social Work's Office of Academic Services. These include an application form, guidelines for statement of educational and career goals, and two professional reference forms.

Any student with a "D" or "E" grade in a core social work course will not be admitted to the professional program..