REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

The Social Work Program at CCSU has a selective admissions policy. The policy is based on the need to maintain a program of excellence in the classroom and to assure availability of quality internship placements. Acceptance to the Social Work Program is based upon successful completion of the requirements outlined below. Meeting the minimum standards for admission does not guarantee acceptance to the Social Work Program. The Program reserves the right to admit a limited number of students each year.

- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 for courses taken at CCSU, as well as an overall GPA of 2.00, which includes both CCSU grades and grades for courses taken at other institutions.
- A minimum overall GPA of 2.50 for the following introductory Social Work courses and related requirements including:
  - PS 110 or PS 230
  - ECON 200
  - BIO 111 or BMS 111
  - STAT 215 (prerequisite = MATH 101 [C- or higher] or math placement exam)
  - SOC 110 or ANTH 140
  - SOC 111 or SW 100
  - SOC 233
  - SW 225 (prerequisite = ENG 110; co-requisite = SW 226 or SW 227)
  - *SW 226 (3 prerequisites = SOC 110 or ANTH 140, SOC 111 or SW 100, & PS 110 or PS 230)
  - *SW 227 (2 prerequisites = SOC 233 & BIO 111 or BMS 111)

  * 70 hours volunteer fieldwork required throughout the semester, therefore, SW 226 & SW 227 cannot be taken in the same semester.

Each of these courses must be completed with a minimum grade of C.

NOTE: Students may be enrolled in some prerequisite courses at the time of application but must complete them with a C or higher and maintain the minimum GPA requirements before full admission will be granted.

- A minimum score of 2 (emerging) in each of the following CSWE competencies:
  - 2.1.1 Identify as a professional social worker and conduct oneself accordingly
  - 2.1.3 Apply critical thinking to inform and communicate professional judgements (writing and critical thinking)
  - 2.1.4 Engage diversity and difference in practice

- A minimum score of 3 in every category of the Sophomore Volunteer Field Evaluations
- A minimum scores of 3 on the Professional Social Work Disposition Rubric. This is assessed in SW 225, SW 226, and SW 227, if taken at CCSU. The Transfer Student Reference Form may be substituted for field experiences from other colleges.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Fall Semester: October 1    Spring Semester: March 1    Summer: August 1
A COMPLETE APPLICATION INCLUDES

Application to the Social Work Program is done online through Taskstream. A one-semester account can be purchased for $29.99 (price subject to change).

Applicants will need to upload or scan the items listed below into Taskstream in order to complete the application. Upon admission to the Social Work Program, additional semesters of Taskstream will need to be purchased in order to submit course assignments and to apply for the Field Education Experience in the final year of the program. For the most accurate information regarding application materials be sure to log into Taskstream and review the left-hand menu of requirements needed for submission.

- An official transcript from every college/university attended by the applicant. Transcripts should be obtained directly from the college or university previously attended.
  NOTE: Unofficial copies of CCSU transcripts are acceptable.
- Current Degree Evaluation
- **Transfer students only:** Transfer Student Reference Form completed by the previous institutions’ Social Work/Human Services program director/coordinator and scanned into Taskstream.

You will also need to create a “folio” in Taskstream to include the following items:

- Personal Narrative
- Course syllabi from all Social Work courses: SW 100 (if applicable), SW 225, SW 226, and SW 227.
  NOTE: Transfer students should include related course syllabi from other institutions.
- Graded course assignments from all Social Work courses: SW 100 (if applicable), SW 225, SW 226, and SW 227. NOTE: Transfer students should include related course assignments and evaluations from other institutions and/or copies of portfolio material.
- 70-Hour Volunteer Generalist Practice Evaluation(s). NOTE: Transfer students should include related evaluations from other institutions.
- Documentation of participation in campus or community events, activities, workshops, conferences, and/or trainings. (e.g., certificates, flyers, handouts, pamphlets, letters, or evaluations may be uploaded as evidence).
- Current resume

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

- The Social Work Department faculty review each student application portfolio in Taskstream to assess student preparedness to be admitted to the Social Work Program.
- Accepted and conditionally accepted students must attend a mandatory orientation meeting before the beginning of the next semester. At this orientation, attendees will meet with the Social Work faculty, the Department Chairperson, and student officers of the Social Work Club and Social Work National Honor Society. Attendees are informed on the Program policies, requirements, fieldwork expectations, and assessments. This is an opportunity for attendees to meet their peers and Social Work faculty, ask questions about the program, the application process, and/or entrance to the Program.