



Social Work Program Information

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** American Government & Politics or **PS 230** American State & Local Govt.
 - **ECON 200** Principles of Macroeconomics
 - **BIO 111** Intro to Biology or **BMS 102** Intro to Biomolecular Science
 - **STAT 215** Stat for Behavioral Sciences or **STAT 104** Elementary Stats (prerequisite: MATH 101 or MATH 102 or MATH 103 (C- or higher) or placement exam)
 - **SOC 110** Intro to Sociology or **ANTH 140** Intro to Anthropology
 - **SOC 111** Social Problems or **SW 100** Exploration in Social Work
 - **SOC 233** Sociology of the Family
 - **SW 225** (prerequisite = WRT 110 or WRT 105; 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 102)
 - * 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 score of 3 on the *Professional Social Work Disposition Rubric*. This is assessed in SW 226 and SW 227, if taken at CCSU.

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 (access through Blackboard Learn). The cost for a one year subscription is \$50 or a seven year subscription is \$139 (prices subject to change). Upon admission to the Social Work Program, Taskstream will be needed in order to submit course assignments and to apply for the Field Education Experience for the final year of the program.

To access the program application in Taskstream, contact the Social Work Department, Room 204 Henry Barnard Hall, 860-832-3129, to obtain the self-enrollment code.

Applicants will need to upload or scan the items listed below into Taskstream in order to complete the application. 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.

- ❑ A signed copy of the Background Information (FERPA) Release form. **Note:** This form can be accessed in the Taskstream application, printed, signed, and scanned back into Taskstream.
- ❑ An official transcript from CCSU and every college/university attended by the applicant. Transcripts should be obtained directly from the college or university previously attended. Official transcripts marked “Issued to Student” are acceptable. When possible, it is best to request e-transcripts.
- ❑ Degree Evaluation
- ❑ **Transfer Students Only:** Course syllabi from any Social Work courses transferred into CCSU.
- ❑ Personal Narrative from SW 225
- ❑ 70-Hour Volunteer Generalist Practice Evaluation(s) from SW 226 and/or SW 227.
- ❑ Current resume. Include a section of “workshops, training, and/or conferences attended” that are related to social work study in your resume. Certificates, flyers, handouts, pamphlets, letters, or evaluations may be uploaded as evidence.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

- The Social Work Department faculty review each student application 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. The Social Work Department will contact you with the date and time of the orientation meeting. 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.