

WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY

-- Department of Social Work – 370 Millett Hall, Dayton, OH 45435 -- (937) 775-2751
SOCIAL WORK APPLICATION

HELLO!! Attached is your application for admission to the Wright State University Social Work Major. Your decision to apply for admission to Social Work indicates you have given careful consideration to your interests, abilities, and commitments relevant to helping people resolve the social problems which affect them.

Acceptance of a student into the Social Work major is decided upon by the Social Work faculty. The decision to admit a student into the program indicates a commitment by the faculty to assist you in your educational and professional development.

Below is a checklist of all of the items we should receive by email by **February 1st**. Applications must be sent to the department email, social_work@wright.edu, to be considered submitted on time. Hard copy applications will not be accepted in the Social Work office.

For more information about applying to the major, please visit the WSU Social Work Department website at wright.edu/social-work and Like us on Facebook at [wright.state.socialwork](https://www.facebook.com/wright.state.socialwork).

Submit all materials to the department email, social_work@wright.edu

Any application not having all the required items successfully submitted by February 1st may not be reviewed until the following February 1st deadline. The following courses should be completed by the end of the Summer term/s for Fall admittance. Students may take an equivalent course at another college that was approved by the WSU Social Work Department BSW Program Director. If you have previously taken, or are currently enrolled in, an approved equivalent course, please list it on the space provided.

- A. ___ Passed or enrolled in SW 2700 – *Intro to Social Work* with a minimum grade of C.
 Approved equivalent transfer course: _____
- B. ___ Passed or enrolled in SW 2710 – *Intro to Social Welfare* with minimum grade of C.
 Approved equivalent transfer course: _____
- C. ___ Passed or enrolled in SW 2720 – *Multicultural Competence in a Diverse World* with a minimum grade of C. Approved equivalent transfer course: _____
- D. ___ Academic Writing and Reading (ENG 1100, grade C or higher)
 Approved equivalent transfer course: _____
- ___ Research Writing and Argument (ENG 2100, grade C or higher)
 Approved equivalent transfer course: _____
- ___ Intro to Psychology (PSY 1010)
 Approved equivalent transfer course: _____
- ___ Intro to Sociology (SOC 2000)
 Approved equivalent transfer course: _____
- ___ Political Life (PLS 2000) or American National Government (PLS 2120)
 Approved equivalent transfer course: _____
- ___ Interpersonal Communication (COM 2020)
 Approved equivalent transfer course: _____

___ Economic Life (ECON 2000) or Social Issues (ECON 2900) [Macroeconomics is required for transfer courses] Approved equivalent transfer course: _____

___ Health and Disease (BIO 1070), or Intro to Biology of Food (BIO 1050)

Approved equivalent transfer course: _____

E. ___ A minimum, overall GPA of 2.25.

F. ___ Two PROFESSIONAL reference names are required.

Information about who you identify as references:

- One should be a faculty member who is familiar with your academic work.
- The other could come from another faculty member, employer, or volunteer coordinator.
- References should not be friends, employees you work with who are not your supervisor/s, your neighbor, a social service provider who has treated you (e.g., your mental health therapist, your AA sponsor), or others that cannot speak to your professional abilities.
- References should be by people with whom you have had recent (2 years- present) professional contact.
- References may be contacted by the Admissions Committee.

Your application includes:

G. ___ Completed Criminal Background Disclosure statement.

H. ___ Social Work Professional Statement and Social Issue Statement for admission.

I. ___ Application for the major in Social Work.

J. ___ Copy of unofficial transcripts with grades of all classes taken at another college or university.

Social Work faculty may request an interview to discuss your application, including if you do not follow the instructions for the Professional Statement and Professional References. The faculty may also request that you rewrite sections of the application if some items are not clear.

If you have taken courses at another university, please confirm with the social work advisor before the due date which courses may meet requirements for the Social Work Major.

Per CSWE, students cannot receive social work course credit for life experience or previous work experience.

If you have any questions about this application do not hesitate to contact the Social Work Department at 937-775-2751 or social_work@wright.edu.

Sincerely,

Department of Social Work

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APPLICATION TO THE MAJOR IN SOCIAL WORK

Date: _____ WSU UID# _____

Name: _____

Last

First

MI

Mailing

Address: _____

Number & Street

City

State

Zip

Phone: (_____) _____ (home)

(_____) _____ (work)

(_____) _____ (cell)

Permanent

Address: _____

Number & Street

City

State

Zip

Phone: (_____) _____ Email: _____

Please check if you would like information about either of these special interests:

____ *I am interested in learning more about the Gerontology Certificate Program and working with older adults.*

____ *I am interested in working with child welfare, foster care, investigation and/or adoptions.*

If you are recently transferring from another school, have you applied to Wright State University? _____

If not, please begin that process right away. Information can be found at <https://www.wright.edu/admissions>.

Professional References

Name	Relationship	Email	Telephone

SUMMARY OF VOLUNTEER AND WORK EXPERIENCE. Please list in reverse chronological order, beginning with the most recent experience.

Volunteer Experience in Social Services from High School Graduation to Present

Agency/Employer	Job Title	Dates	Hours/Week

Paid Experience in Social Services

Agency/Employer	Job Title	Dates	Hours/Week

Other relevant paid or volunteer experience

Agency/Employer	Job Title	Dates	Hours/Week

I certify that the information contained in this application for admission to the Social Work major is correct and completed by me. I recognize that false representation may result in dismissal from the Social Work major.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

SOCIAL WORK PROFESSIONAL STATEMENT GUIDELINES

As a part of your application for admission to the Social Work Department we ask that you write a statement responding to the items listed below. Your statement will be read by members of the Social Work Faculty. It will be assessed for the relevance of content as well as the clarity of expression. Apply the knowledge and experiences you have gained in your social work classes to complete this statement.

You are expected to respond to all of the items. Your statement must be typed and double-spaced. Make sure your name is on both the professional statement and social issue paper.

- (1) Students make a decision to pursue a career in social work for a variety of reasons including volunteer and/or work experiences, course work, personal values, and life experiences. Please develop a 500-word statement (about 2 typed, double-spaced pages) discussing your own specific reasons for wanting to become a social worker.

Include:

- Specific strengths you currently have to bring to this professional role.
- Identify areas of social work practice you need to strengthen before entering practice
- Specify your hopes for how the social work curriculum will assist you in your professional growth.

Tips for professional statement:

- Stick to the 500-word requirement.
- Address each aforementioned bullet point.
- Be specific – you need to support claims that you make with examples from your classroom learning, volunteer experiences, research, etc.
- Information about your personal life story that has influenced your desire to be a social worker should be one paragraph or less.
- Proofread your document – your grammar, spelling, sentence structure, and paragraph usage will be evaluated.
- Use 12-point Times New Roman font.
- Use one-inch margins.
- Label the top of the paper with the heading ‘Professional Statement’.
- Include your name on the paper.

- (2) Discuss a social issue that is of particular interest to you. Prepare a 250-word statement (about one typed, double-spaced page) in response. Describe how you believe:
- Our society should address this issue.
 - How you might contribute to its resolution.

Tips for social issue paper:

- Stick to the 250-word requirement.
- Address each aforementioned bullet point.
- Be specific – you need to support claims that you make with examples from your classroom learning, volunteer experiences, and/or research.
- Proofread your document – your grammar, spelling, sentence structure, and paragraph usage will be evaluated.
- Use 12-point Times New Roman font.
- Use one-inch margins.
- Label the top of the paper with the heading ‘Social Issue’.
- Include your name on the paper.

(3) Is there any additional information which you believe might be important for the faculty to know as we consider your application for admission?

■■■ **NOTE** ■■■

It is advisable to retain a copy of these materials for your personal records.

Criminal Records Disclosure

Name (print): _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

The Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Licensing Board requires that you complete a form detailing any criminal history. To help prepare you for this process and to help screen potential senior placements, we are asking you to complete this application. You will NOT automatically be denied admission to the Department of Social Work or, in the future, a license to practice. However, failure to accurately provide this information will be considered falsification.

The following language has been taken from the Licensing Board and also applies to the WSU Department of Social Work application :

The Board does not pre-evaluate criminal convictions; the evaluation is a part of the application process. Since the Board has the responsibility to protect the public, a primary objective of the Board is to ensure applications for licenses from applicants with criminal convictions have documentation on file that gets an appropriate review. For this reason, the Board evaluates all misdemeanors and felony convictions in the same manner for each type of professional license.

All applicants are required under law to report all misdemeanor and felony convictions unless they are only minor traffic violations. All charges and/or convictions require a "yes" answer, even if the original charge and conviction is in an expunged status. Failure to report any police record is falsification of an application and is grounds for denial of an application. When reporting convictions, the applicant is required to provide a complete explanation of the underlying circumstances, sufficient rehabilitation evidence and a copy of the court documents. The Board evaluates each application with any reported convictions on a case-by-case basis to make a determination concerning the applicant's ability to practice with safety to the public. Included in the Board's evaluation is the nature and severity of the offense, additional subsequent acts, timeframe of crime, compliance with sanctions, and evidence of rehabilitation. (<http://cswmft.ohio.gov>)

Please answer the following questions:

1. Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor, other than a traffic offense?

___NO

___YES. If yes, please provide detailed information, and include any disciplinary actions.
Additional documentation may be required.

2. Have you ever been convicted of a felony?

___NO

___YES. If yes, please provide detailed information, and include any disciplinary actions.
Additional documentation may be required.

Department Scholarships are available for students admitted into the Social Work major, however you may submit application for them at the same time as you apply to the major. A list of the scholarships available is below. Additional information and the scholarship application can be found at <https://www.wright.edu/raiderconnect/financial-aid/scholarships>

The Department of Social Work Annual Scholarships

Blazer Scholarship

The Blazer award was established in 1993 in honor of the late Richard Blazer, a Dayton area social worker. Special consideration is given to students under-represented in the major, such as minorities, non-traditional aged students, or students with disabilities. Applicants should demonstrate a financial need that impacts their ability to complete the social work requirements. The student should submit a letter specifying the need and how the scholarship will be utilized, such as toward the purchase of books or transportation.

Social Work Scholarship

Funds for the Social Work award come from the General Campus Scholarship Campaign Fund. Special consideration is given to students under-represented in the major, such as minorities, non-traditional aged students, or students with disabilities. Applicants should demonstrate a financial need that impacts their ability to complete the social work requirements. The student should submit a letter specifying the need and how the scholarship will be utilized, such as toward the purchase of books or transportation.

Gladys Turner Finney Scholarship

The Gladys Turner Finney Social Work Scholarship was established in 1998 to promote and support academic excellence in social work through supplementary aid to African American students with a minimum GPA of 2.75 majoring in social work at WSU. Students may submit a letter to the department acknowledging their qualifications for this award.

Social Work Alumni Society Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded by the Social Work Alumni Society and is based on the academic performance and career goals of the applicants. Students must have a 3.0 GPA and describe in their essay:

- 1) The academic and career goals that will be supported by the scholarship. Include evidence of current academic performance.
- 2) A description of any of your leadership or volunteer roles within social work or other groups.
- 3) A description of how the scholarship will help you fund and complete your education. How do you pay for tuition, books, and living expenses now?

Gentile Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to social work majors who have shown leadership qualities in class and/or in volunteer work that address social work issues. The fund is intended to support students who may not be eligible for other academic scholarships or need based grants.

Student Professional Development

The purpose of this award is to provide students a broader exposure to the social work profession through attendance at national, state, and local conferences. Awards cover partial costs of transportation, lodging, and food. Students are expected to volunteer at the conference in order to cover registration costs and are encouraged to submit a proposal to present at the conference. Students must submit a request for this award at least two months before the conference. Students must include conference brochures that describe the program and its costs. Students must submit a letter that discusses how attendance at the conference will promote their interest in social work. Students must submit a written report of how they utilized this professional development experience.