Applying To The BSW Program at Wright State University

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Presentation Objectives

- Introduce the Wright State University Social Work Department, within the College of Health, Education and Human Services, B.S.W. program.
- Walk through the BSW application process
  - Admission requirements
    - Courses
    - GPA
  - Application requirements
    - Letters of recommendation
    - Professional statement
    - Social Issue statement
  - Where to submit applications
- Guide future BSW majors' course selection
General Education Requirements

➔ BIO 1050 OR 1070
➔ COM 2020
➔ EC 2000 OR 2900
➔ ENG 1100
➔ ENG 2100
➔ PLS 2000 OR 2120
➔ PSY 1010
➔ SOC 2000
➔ SW 2700*
➔ SW 2710*
➔ SW 2720*

Transfer students can visit transferology.com to see the course equivalent or contact:

**WSU Transfer Student Resource Center**

➔ https://www.wright.edu/admissions/transfer
➔ 937-775-5700
➔ transfer@wright.edu

*Must pass with a ‘C’ or better and cannot be taken more than twice

➔ GPA

➔ 2.25 or better at Wright State University
References

- Letters MUST BE on a professional letterhead
- One reference MUST be from a faculty member
  - Current Wright State students: the faculty reference must be from OUTSIDE of the Social Work department
  - Future Wright State students: the faculty reference must be from INSIDE your current/previous university’s Social Work Department
- One additional, professional reference is required
  - Letters should NOT come from friends, employees you work with who are not your supervisor/s, your neighbors, 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.
- Letters should be written by people with whom you have had recent (2 years-present) professional contact.
Social Issue Statement

- 250 words
- Double spaced
- Discuss a social issue that is of particular interest to you including:
  - How our society should address this issue.
  - How you might contribute to its resolution.
  - Think like a social worker – Rely on what you learned in Intro to Social Work

Professional Statement

- 500 words
- Double spaced
- Discuss why you want to be a social worker and include:
  - Information about your personal life story that has influenced your desire to be a social worker [should be one paragraph or less].
  - 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.
Professional Writing Tips

- Stick to the word requirement.
- Address each 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 1 inch margins.
- Label the top of the paper with the required heading – either ‘Professional Statement’ or ‘Social Issue.’
- Make sure your name is on the paper.
Submit Application Materials

Submit all application materials to: social_work@wright.edu
Helpful Websites

- **Wright State University’s B.S.W. program:**

- **Wright State University’s department of Social Work:**
  - [https://health-education-human-services.wright.edu/social-work-and-human-services](https://health-education-human-services.wright.edu/social-work-and-human-services)

- **Transfer student resource center:**
  - [https://www.wright.edu/admissions/transfer](https://www.wright.edu/admissions/transfer)

- **Wright State University’s online application portal:**
  - [https://wright.force.com/Portal_Login](https://wright.force.com/Portal_Login)

- **Student Accounts, Financial Aid & Registration services (RaiderConnect):**
  - [https://www.wright.edu/raiderconnect](https://www.wright.edu/raiderconnect)