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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
 - Professional reference names
 - 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*

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

Transfer students can visit [transferology.com](https://www.wright.edu/admissions/transfer) to see the course equivalent or contact:

WSU Transfer Student Resource Center

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

GPA

- 2.25 or better at Wright State University

Professional Reference Names

- One should be a faculty member who is familiar with your academic work.
- The other could come from another faculty member, employers, or volunteer coordinators.
- 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.

Statements

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:*
 - <https://health-education-human-services.wright.edu/social-work-and-human-services/bachelor-of-arts-in-social-work>
- *Wright State University's department of Social Work:*
 - <https://health-education-human-services.wright.edu/social-work-and-human-services>
- *Transfer student resource center:*
 - <https://www.wright.edu/admissions/transfer>
- *Wright State University's online application portal:*
 - https://wright.force.com/Portal_Login
- *Student Accounts, Financial Aid & Registration services (RaiderConnect):*
 - <https://www.wright.edu/raiderconnect>