SOCIAL WORK

Winona State University-Rochester offers the Social Work major which is an in-depth professional major requiring no minor. This Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) program is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). In most states employment as a professional social worker requires graduation with a BSW and successful completion of a national licensing exam.

Through the ***Path To Purple*** Program, students can complete this Bachelor of Social Work degree in its entirety in Rochester by completing lower division credits at Rochester Community and Technical College and the major's upper division credits at WSU-Rochester.

To graduate with a Bachelor of Social Work, a minimum of 120 semester credits are required. Eighty (80) credits can be transferred from a two-year institution. However, all required credits of upper-division Social Work coursework are completed through Winona State University—Rochester.

THE B.S.W. DEGREE IN SOCIAL WORK

- Prepares students for beginning, generalist professional Social Work practice
- Prepares students for state licensure as a professional Social Worker
- BSW graduates are eligible for "advanced standing" status when applying to most Social Work graduate schools, effectively enabling graduates to earn an M.S.W. with approximately one additional year of full time study.

Admission and Academic Standards

Admission to the Bachelor of Social Work program is a procedure separate from WSU admission and from major declaration. The BSW admission application must be completed and submitted by the third Tuesday of February prior to the fall semester when a student wishes to begin the two-year BSW program. Specific eligibility requirements in addition to the academic requirements for both admission and retention must be met. The application materials containing the requirements, instructions, deadlines, and forms can be found in the Social Work Handbook that can be purchased at the Rochester campus bookstore.

I. The following courses (or their equivalents) must be completed prior to full acceptance into the program:

- ENGL 1117 (RCTC)*
- ENGL 1118 (RCTC)*
- BIOL 1110 (RCTC)*
- MATH 2208 (RCTC)
- SPCH 1114 (RCTC)*
- PSYCH 2618 (RCTC)*
- PSYCH 2626 (RCTC)*
- SOC 1614 (RCTC)*
- SOCW 340 (WSU)*
- SOCW 350 (WSU)

A grade of "C" or better is required in each of the above courses, and the GPA for the courses marked with an Asterisk (*) must be 2.5 or greater.

II. Students usually apply to the Social Work Program before they complete all of the courses listed above. Applications are due by the third Tuesday in February.

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III. Admission to the Social Work Program is based on fulfillment of the course requirements specified above, the evaluation score obtained during the BSW application review process, and space available in the program. Although admission is competitive, most qualified applicants are accepted into the program.

IV. Social Work faculty members are available to assist prospective Social Work students with the admission process. Students should contact WSU-R Social Work faculty for further information on this process.

V. Acceptance into the BSW program is the prerequisite for enrollment in all required Social Work courses except SOCW 340 and SOCW 350. Any student may enroll in SOCW 340 and most Social Work elective courses.

VI. Students are responsible for fulfilling all WSU graduation requirements.

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