



School of Social Work

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Dear Applicant,

We are delighted to learn of your interest in our **Bachelor of Social Work** degree program. We have been accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) since 1975. Students may only start the major in the Fall semester. The application process and admission criteria that must be met before your application to the School of Social Work can be considered:

1. You need to be *at least tentatively accepted* to NMSU-Main campus. You may apply to NMSU at <http://prospective.nmsu.edu/apply/index.html>.
2. It is important that you complete 60-65 countable degree credits including the NMSU general education requirements and/or be in progress of completing the School of Social Work requirements.
3. A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 is required.
4. Statistics 251, C EP 110, and Biology 101 w/lab is required for admission.
5. Transfer students should schedule an advising appointment with the undergraduate academic advisor at 575-646-3789 bpurcell@nmsu.edu as early as possible to determine which of their credits will transfer to NMSU and which will count toward this degree. Per our accreditation, no course credit is given for work or life experience.
6. *A complete formal application is required* (Application form, Resume, three (3) Letters of Reference and Personal Statement) Application packets are available in the Fall semester of each year from the Academic Advisor. **The deadline for submitting the application packet is January 31st. Incomplete application packets are not reviewed or considered for admission.** Applications that are received after the deadline will only be considered after all on-time applications have been evaluated and if there are additional student seats available.
7. Attach a copy of a current unofficial transcript of all college course work to date, showing grades and cumulative GPA.
8. Final acceptance to the Social Work program will be determined by the School of Social Work Admissions Committee. Acceptance or denial letters will be sent directly from the School of Social Work to the applicant in time for advisement and pre-registration for the Fall semester.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Maria A. Gurrola'.

Maria Gurrola, Ph.D.
BSW Program Coordinator

BSW APPLICATION CHECK LIST AND COVER SHEET

Applicant's Name:	Banner ID#:
Current GPA:	Credits

Required BSW Program Application Documents

- _____ BSW APPLICATION CHECK LIST AND COVER SHEET *(This form filled out)*
- _____ Current Resume
- _____ Application for Admission to the BSW Program and Personal Statement
- _____ Three Professional Letters of Reference (from an employer or professor)

Note: Incomplete application packets will not be reviewed for admission.

PREREQUISITES: Use the following table to indicate the grade you earned in each of the following courses, or if you are currently taking the course, or will need to take the course in the future.

PREREQUISITES	Credits	GRADE	Currently taking	Need to take
ENGL 111G	4 Credits			
ENGL 203/211/218G	3 Credits			
Comm 253/265G	3 Credits			
Mathematics 121/142/210G	3 Credits			
*Stat 251/271, A ST 251	3 Credits			
Hum/Fine Arts	3 Credits			
Hum/Fine Arts	3 Credits			
<i>Social Behavioral Sciences</i> *S WK 221G	3 Credits			
<i>Social Behavioral Sciences</i> *C EP 110G	3 Credits			
Hum/Fine Arts or <i>Social Behavioral Sciences</i>	3 Credits			
Laboratory Science *Biology 101G/101GL	4 Credits			
Laboratory Science	4 Credits			
Second Language	3/4 Credits			
Second Language	3/4 Credits			
Cultural Emphasis/ VAWW	3 Credits			
Cultural Emphasis/ VAWW	3 Credits			

Note: Courses with an * require a grade of C or higher. See list of courses that meet both the cultural emphasis requirement and the Viewing a Wider World Requirement. Otherwise, you might need to take four upper division courses to meet university and program requirements.

**2018 APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE
BACCALAUREATE SOCIAL WORK (BSW) DEGREE PROGRAM**

Name: _____ Banner ID#: _____

Contact Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Contact Telephone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Information: The following information is requested for CSWE statistical reporting purposes only. Your answers to these questions have no bearing upon your admission to the social work program. Please check the category that most closely describes you:

Hispanic _____ African-American, non-Hispanic _____ American Indian or Alaskan Native _____

Asian or Pacific Islander _____ Caucasian, non-Hispanic _____ other: _____

Your Current Age: _____ Gender: Female _____ Male _____

To complete your application, please submit/answer the following:

1. **A resume** of all your paid employment, volunteer experience (include the dates of all such experiences and give us totals in years and/or months), (i.e. church work, summer camp, etc.).
2. **Three professional letters of reference. Please provide one (1) academic reference, one (1) work supervisor reference, and one (1) non-relative reference.**
 - Give each person providing a reference one of the attached reference forms and an envelope. Ask him/her to seal the completed and signed form in that envelope and sign the envelope across its sealed flap. Collect each reference and include them with the rest of your application materials.
 - OR**
 - Provide them with the following link: <https://socialwork.nmsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2013/02/Letter-of-Reference-2018.doc.pdf> where they can download the reference forms and email them directly to the School of Social Work. In an emergency, letters may be faxed but must be followed up by the original hard copy. These reference letters should be typed or printed.
3. **Transfer students from outside NMSU** should schedule an advising appointment with the undergraduate academic advisor at 575-646-3789 bpurcell@nmsu.edu as early as possible to determine which of their credits will transfer to NMSU and which will count toward this degree. Per our accreditation, no course credit is given for work experience or life experience.

Are you a transfer student from a community college? Yes____ No____

If yes, name of community college attended _____

4. **Second Language:** Are you bilingual? Yes____ No____

If yes, what other language can you use? _____

(This would include American Sign Language)

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5. **Personal statement (typed, double-spaced):** Your responses to the following topics of at least 1000 words (4 to 5 pages total) will be evaluated based upon content, critical thinking and also punctuation and grammar. You are to type your responses using the following headings:

- A. **Interest:** Explain why you are interested in social work as a career. Include in your discussion the personal qualities, values and experiences that will enable you to be effectively work with oppressed and vulnerable populations. Please use the word “**Interest**” as your main heading for this section of your personal statement.
- B. **Difference:** Discuss your experiences, values and beliefs about interacting with people who are different than you (for example: sexual orientation, race, culture, religion, etc.). Please use the word “**Difference**” as your heading for this section of your personal statement.
- C. **Reasoning:** In order to complete this portion of your personal statement, you must read the NASW Code of Ethics: You can download the NASW Code of Ethics at this link:
<https://www.socialworkers.org/About/Ethics/Code-of-Ethics/Code-of-Ethics-English>

Describe a social issue that concerns you (Example: Homelessness, access to healthcare, child abuse, or access to bi-lingual education) and describe an ethical approach to address the issue. Make sure to cite a specific section of the NASW Code of Ethics to support your reasoning. Please use the word “**Reasoning**” as a heading for this portion of your personal statement.

Answer the following questions:

- 1. Have you ever been arrested or convicted of a felony, DUI/DWI and/or other criminal offenses. Are there any charges pending against you at this time? ___ Yes ___ No
- 2. Have you ever had an allegation of either child or adult maltreatment (abuse, neglect, abandonment, exploitation, child pornography, etc) made against you that was substantiated or is pending against you at this time? ___Yes ___No

If you answered “Yes” to questions 1 or 2, you must provide a detailed written explanation on the nature of the offense/allegation and its disposition. Include copies of court documents containing proof of rehabilitation if applicable. An interview with the BSW Field Coordinator and BSW Coordinator will be required before the application packet is accepted.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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Application packets are due by 5 pm on January 31st.

Please email completed application packet to socwork@nmsu.edu with “BSW Application” on the subject line. You may also hand deliver it to the NMSU School of Social Work, HSS building, Rm. 210, or mail it to:

School of Social Work Application Committee
New Mexico State University
College of Health & Social Services

NMSU Bachelor of Social Work
2018-2019 Degree Plan

Name _____
Banner ID# _____

University/Statewide Common Core (35cr)
Courses listed below will meet NMSU requirements.
Courses are guaranteed to transfer to other New Mexico Schools as part of the New Mexico Common Core

I - COMMUNICATIONS (9-10 credits)

- a. College Level English Comp (3-4)
Engl 111G, Engl 111H, or Spcd 111G
- b. College Level Writing (3)
Engl 203G, 211G, 218G, 311G, or 318G
- c. Public Speaking (3)
Axed 201G, Comm 253G/265G Hon 265

II - MATHEMATICS (3 credits)

Math 121G, 210G, 142G, 275G, Math/HON 275G
190G, 191G, 192G, 291G, HON 210G, Math 112G
A ST/STAT 251G, STAT 271G

III - LABORATORY SCIENCE (8 credits)

Astr 105G, 110G/Anth 130/L, CS 171, HNFS 263G/264G
Agro/Hort 100G, ES 110G
Biol 101G/L, 111G/L, 211G/L, Biol 110G, Hon 205G
Chem 110G/, 111/L, 112/L
Geog 111G, Geol 111G, 212, Hon 219G
Phys 110G, 120, 211/L, 212/L, 215/L, 216/L, 221/211 L
222/212L

IV - SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES (6-9 credits)

Anth 120G, 125G, 201G, 202G, 203G, Hon 235G, 237G
CJ 101, Econ 201G, 251G, 252G, AG E 210
Geog 112G, 120G, Jour105
Govt 100G, 110G, 150G, 160G, Hon 248G, 249G
HLS 150, Ling 200G, SWK 221G
Psy 201G, Hon 203G, 232G, C EP 110G
Soc 101G, 201G, W S 201G, 202G,

V - HUMANITIES/FINE ARTS (6-9 credits)

Art 101G, 110G, 295, 296; Hon 216G
Engl 115G, 116G, 220G, 244G, 251, 252,
Hon 220G, 229G, 230G, 231G, 234G, 239G. 244G
Hist 101G, 102G, 201G, 202G, 211G, 212G, 221G, 222
Hon 221G, 222G, 241G, 242G, Danc101
Mus 101G, 201G, Hon 208G, Hist 110, 111, 112
Thtr 101G, Hon 270G - Hon 228G (Phil)
Phil 101G, 136G, 201G, 211G, 223G, Hon 225G, 226G, 227G

Student's GPA _____

NMSU Upper Division Graduation Requirements:
Viewing a Wider World (6 credits)
55 upper division credits
Minimum 120 credits required for graduation

*** Prerequisites with an asterisk (*) must be completed before starting the SWK program and require a grade of C or higher.**

Freshman Year

	Grade
English 111G, 111H	4 crs _____
* BIOLOGY 101G/101GL	4 crs _____
Communications	3 crs _____
Second Language I	3-4 crs _____
Math	3 crs _____
Science	4 crs _____
* CEP 110G	3 crs _____
Second Language II	3-4 crs _____
* SWK 221G	3 crs _____

30-32 credits

Sophomore Year

English 203G, 211G, 218G	3 crs _____
Social/Behavioral or Humanities	3 crs _____
Humanities/Fine Arts	3 crs _____
Humanities/Fine Arts	3 crs _____
* STAT 251G/271G, A ST 251G	3 crs _____
Viewing A Wider World /Cultural Emphasis	3 crs _____
Viewing A Wider World /Cultural Emphasis	3 crs _____

21 credits

Sufficient electives to bring the total number of credits to a minimum of 120 credits.

15-21 credits

Junior Year (Formal Application & Acceptance Required)

SWK 300 Social Work Practice Skills	3crs _____
SWK 309 Sociocultural Concepts	3crs _____
SWK 311 Human Behavior/Soc. Environment I	3crs _____
SWK 331V Intro to Social Policy: History	3crs _____
	12 cr.

SWK 443 (For CYFD stipend students only) 3crs

SWK 312 Human Behavior/Soc. Environment II	3crs _____
SWK 313 Social Work Practice w/Individuals	3crs _____
SWK 316 Research for Generalist Practice	3crs _____
SWK 315 Social Work Practice w/Families	3crs _____

12credits

Senior Year

SWK 415 Gen. Practice w/Organ. & Comm.	3crs _____
SWK 417 Social Welfare Policy: Legislation	3crs _____
SWK 401 Field Practicum I	3crs _____
SWK 412 Field Seminar I	3crs _____

12credits

SWK 490 (For CYFD stipend students only) 3 crs

SWK 418 Professionalism in the Field	3 crs _____
SWK 416 Generalist Practice w/Groups	3crs _____
SWK 403 Field Practicum II	3crs _____
SWK 419 Field Seminar II	3crs _____

12credits

All SWK courses require a grade of C or higher.

Advisor _____

Date _____

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
CULTURAL EMPHASIS REQUIREMENT and VIEWING A WIDER WORLD LIST

College of Agriculture and Home Economics	Honors College (Student must have a cumulative 3.2 GPA)
FCS 449V Family Ethnicities and Subcultures	HON 311V Intercultural Communication
AGRO 303V Genetics and Society	HON 325V Contemporary International Literature
ANSC 312V Companion Animal & Human/Animal Bond	HON 317V Cultural Lessons of Nazism
	HON 320V Food and Humanity: World in Crisis
	HON 347V World Dance
College of Arts and Sciences	HON 348V Comparative Mythology: Myth, Ritual/Life Cycle
ANTH 305V Contemporary Native Americans	HON 350V Law, Culture, and Conflict
ANTH 306V Peoples of Latin America	HON 351V Interpersonal Relations and the Self
ANTH 330V Introduction to Religious Studies	HON 353V Justice without Prejudice
ANTH 360V Food and Culture Around the World	HON 364V Jewish Literature and Culture
Soc 361V Social Issues in Rural America	HON 365V Contemporary African/Caribbean Fiction
ANTH 357V Medical Anthropology	HON 382V Contemporary Multicultural Women's Literature
ENGL 325V Contemporary International Literature	HON 388V Leadership and Society
ENGL 331V World Folklore Traditions	
ENGL 339V Chicano Literature	
ENGL 394V Southwestern Literature	College of Education
ENGL 341V American Indian Literature	C EP 451V Introduction to Counseling
FREN 365V Perspectives in French Cult. (in English)	DANC 451V World Dance (Same as HON 347V)
GEOG 325V NM & American West	EDUC 317V Multicultural Issues in Society
GEOG 363V Cultural Geography	
GER 333V German Culture thru Cinema (in English)	College of Health and Social Services
LING 302V Language and Society	PHLS 464V Cross Cultural Aspects of Health
PSY 417V Intercultural Relations	PHLS 380V Women's Health Issues (Same as WS 381V)
SOC 336V Sociology of Pop Culture	PHLS 301V Human Sexuality
SOC 376V Social Change	CAST 301V Introduction to Child Advocacy
SPAN 364V Culture & Civilization of Mexico (in English)	
SPAN 365V Culture & Civilization of Spanish Am.(in English)	College of Business
	MGT 309/ 315V Human Behavior in Organizations
	MGT 388V Leadership and Society

The two VAWW (V) courses must be taken from two different colleges.

BSW students can also meet the VAWW requirement and cultural emphasis requirement separately by taking other courses with a V designation and taking two additional semesters of a language, or complete one additional language course and one course from this list.