

# ADMISSION TO THE SOCIAL WORK MAJOR

Admission to the social work major is competitive and is not guaranteed by admission to Eastern Connecticut State University. The Social Work Program accepts approximately 30 new students each year.

Students may apply for admission to the social work major following completion of at least 45 credits including an introductory social service course (SWK 200 or equivalent). The introductory course must include at least 20 hours of field experience. At the discretion of the social work faculty, volunteer or other social agency experience may be substituted for the pre-admission field work requirement.

Additional admissions requirements include:

- \* A cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 ('C')
- \* Completion of the college writing GER requirement (ENG 100) or its equivalent
- \* Completion of at least four of the six liberal arts foundation courses listed below
- \* Completion of at least two additional GER courses (cultural traditions recommended)

Application forms for the social work major are available from the Sociology Department Office (CB 421), the Program Coordinator, or may be downloaded from the Program's web site at <http://www.easternct.edu/depts/sociology/socialwork/application1.html>

Completed applications include:

- \* The Social Work Program application form

- \* A complete academic transcript (including transcripts from Eastern and other academic institutions from which transfer credit is received)
- \* The social work professional evaluation form completed by social work or human service professional who can evaluate the student's potential for success in a social work career.
- \* A personal statement written by the student describing his/her motivation for entering the field of social work and personal attributes or experiences which will contribute to the student's potential for effectiveness in the social work profession.

Applications should be submitted to the Social Work Program Coordinator by January 31 in order to enter the social work major the following September. Applications are reviewed by the social work faculty who will convey its decisions to applicants by March 1. A second round of application reviews is conducted in August to accommodate transfer students and others who miss the January deadline.

**Students applying for admission to the program will be evaluated using the following criteria:**

- \* Number of social work program liberal arts foundation and professional foundation courses completed including SOC 100, PSY 100, ANT 106, SOC 107, PSC 110, BIO 202, SWK 200, SWK 211, and SWK 213, or their equivalents if taken at schools other than Eastern. Completion of all liberal arts foundation and professional foundation courses is not required for program admission.
  
- \* Grade Point Average, with special attention given to grades earned in liberal arts foundation and professional foundation courses. An overall GPA of at least 2.0 ('C') is required for program admission.

\* Evidence of the applicant's commitment to the ideals and practice of the social work profession.

\* Personal behavior and classroom performance demonstrating likelihood for adherence to the ethical expectations and obligations of professional social work practice as contained in the National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics. Review the social work program handbook for a description of behavioral standards.