



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY KINGSVILLE

SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM APPLICATION (BSW DEGREE PROGRAM)

General Information

First Name

Middle

Last

Fall 20_____
Semester of Entry
(Fall Semesters Only)

Date of Birth

K Number

TAMU-K Student E-Mail Address

Phone Number

Alternate Phone Number

Local Mailing Address

City

State

Zip Code

Permanent Mailing Address

City

State

Zip Code

Emergency Contact

Relationship

Phone Number

Social Work Admission Criteria Checklist

_____ Admission to Texas A&M University-Kingsville

_____ Completion of at least 41 semester hours of coursework which include the following courses (or their equivalent if a transfer), with an overall university grade point average of 2.50 or better.

- BIOL 1106/1306 & BIOL 2401
- ENGL 1301, ENGL 1302, & ENGL 2342
- HIST 1301 & HIST 1302
- POLS 2301 & POLS 2302
- UNIV 1201 or Global Learning component
- [General Core](#) Mathematics component
- [General Core](#) Creative Arts component
- [General Core](#) Oral Communications component
- ENGL 1171 or [General Core](#) Component B course

_____ Completion of PSYC 2301, SOCI 1301, PSYC/SOCI 3381 (or equivalent transfer course) and SCWK 2331 with a “C” or better and a 2.50 grade point average in these three courses. (12 credit hours total)

_____ Completion of 20 hours of social or human service work approved by the Social Work Program.

_____ Submission of an Application for Admission into the BSW Degree Program on forms provided by the Social Work Program and in accordance with the policies and procedures set out in the [Social Work Student Handbook](#).

_____ Submission of a personal narrative, at least five (5) pages *minimum* (12-point font) excluding cover sheet and references (scholarly references are expected) and conforming to the standards of the 7th edition of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (APA Format)*. The paper must contain the elements listed below:

- Understanding of the social work profession (including its historical development, mission, and values) and how the social work profession resembles and differs from sociology, psychology, psychiatry, and counseling;
- List and define all six (6) core values of the social work profession; discuss the relationship of these core values to the *NASW Code of Ethics* and why social work values and ethics form the foundation of generalist social work practice along with social work knowledge and skills. Identify at least two of the values that hold special meaning to you as a future social work practitioner and explain why.

(the personal narrative elements are continued on the next page)

- Discuss why you desire to enter the social work profession. Include a discussion of the following:
 - a. your personal identification with the social work profession;
 - b. the ecological paradigm (person-in environment perspective, biopsychosocial approach to clients);
 - c. advocacy for diverse client access to social work services;
 - d. your conceptualization and appreciation of human diversity, social and economic justice, and generalist social work practice;

- discuss three (3) of your personal strengths and three (3) of your personal weaknesses or challenges covering the following points:
 - how your personal strengths will help you become a professional social worker; and
 - how you plan to overcome any personal weaknesses or challenges to become a professional social worker; and

- discuss your future goals as a professional (e.g., graduate work in social work, social work employment, social work career path, career-long learning plan, etc.)

Volunteer and Compensated Human/Social Service Experience

Location	Date	Yrs./Hrs. of Experience	Responsibilities at Agency

Criminal History

Have you ever been charged with, have had or have pending charge(s), or have you ever been convicted, plead guilty, or plead no contest to a:

- Felony _____ Yes _____ No
- Class A or B Misdemeanor _____ Yes _____ No
- Class C Misdemeanor
(Other than Traffic Tickets) _____ Yes _____ No

Please explain any pending charge(s) or the final disposition of charges including dates.

NOTE: Revealing any criminal history does not automatically disqualify you from being accepted as a BSW degree major; however, failing to reveal such experiences constitutes a violation of the *NASW Code of Ethics* and may be grounds for termination from the BSW degree program. You have an obligation to report any changes in your criminal history to the Social Work Program Director within one week of the change. **You should be aware that a criminal record may not disqualify you from being accepted into the BSW degree program, but may disqualify you from certain practicum opportunities, licensure, and/or some employment opportunities.** It is your responsibility to determine if any criminal history will disqualify you from licensure or any employment opportunities. Additionally, you should be aware that agencies may require a background check for social work practicum students or new hires at their discretion. You will bear any costs associated with such background checks that may be requested by agencies.

Student Signature: _____

Demographic Information

Gender (as listed for insurance purposes): _____

Ethnicity: _____ Anglo American/Caucasian
 _____ Hispanic American/Latino
 _____ African American
 _____ American Indian/Native American
 _____ Asian American/Pacific Islander
 _____ Other, Please Specify: _____

Current Classification at TAMU-Kingsville:

- Freshman (0 – 29 Earned Credit Hours)
- Sophomore (30 – 59 Earned Credit Hours)
- Junior (60 – 89 Earned Credit Hours)
- Senior (90 + Earned Credit Hours)

Transfer No
 Yes (if “yes”, please indicate which institution you are transferring from)
Transferring institution/last attended: _____

Marital Status: Single
 Married
 Divorced
 Widowed

Work Status: Full-Time >> if Full-Time, Number of Hours Working Per Week: _____
 Part-Time >> if Part-Time, Number of Hours Working Per Week: _____
 Not Employed
 Self-Employed

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Student Agreement (STUDENTS MUST INITIAL EACH ITEM BELOW)

_____ I agree to adhere to the [National Association of Social Workers \(NASW\) Code of Ethics](#).

_____ I agree to adhere to the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners' most recent [Rules Relating to the Licensing and Regulation of Social Workers](#).

_____ I agree to adhere to the provisions found in the Texas A&M University-Kingsville Social Work Program *Student Handbook*.

_____ I agree to [join the NASW](#) as a BSW student member as soon as I am eligible to do so.

_____ I understand and agree to obtain [student liability insurance](#) at the 1,000,000/3,000,000 level at my own expense during the spring semester BEFORE entering the social work field practicum (the social work field practicum always begins in the fall semester).

_____ I understand that I must be professionally advised by a Center for Student Success Academic Advisor prior to registration for each semester and will not be able to register for SCWK courses until departmental permission has been issued and course pre-requisites have been met.

_____ I agree to attend all mandatory student orientation sessions and other mandatory meetings required by the social work program (dates and times TBA).

_____ I understand that I may be dismissed from the BSW degree program by the Social Work Program Director for a violation of the *NASW Code of Ethics*, Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners' *Code of Conduct and Standards of Practice*, any provision in the *TAMUK Social Work Program Student Handbook*, repeated unprofessional performance, unacceptable academic performance, or a failure to fulfill any items in this student agreement.

Student Name (Printed)

Date

Student Signature

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Date Received: _____

Accepted ___ Denied ___

Initials: _____