

SOCIAL WORK

Faculty of Health and Community Studies

School of Social Work

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At MacEwan University, social work students learn how to create meaningful change. You are the catalyst in the lives of others that helps them move forward in a positive manner. In this constantly evolving field, MacEwan University prepares students with the competency and professional skills to practice in a social work setting.

For more than 45 years, the university has earned a reputation for graduating skilled, compassionate and professional social workers. Social workers assess and respond to human problems at both an individual and a societal level.

MacEwan University combines a strong academic approach to social work with direct practice field placements and university level electives. Diversity and work with different cultures is integrated into all aspects of the program.

As professionals in a country that upholds respect for diversity, and in keeping with democratic rights and freedoms, social workers respect the distinct systems of beliefs and lifestyles of individuals, families, groups communities and nations without prejudice (United Nations Centre for Human Rights, 1992). Specifically, social workers do not tolerate discrimination based on age, abilities, ethnic background, gender, language, marital status, national ancestry, political affiliation, race, religion, sexual orientation or socio-economic status. *Taken from the Canadian Association of Social Workers (CASW) Code of Ethics, copyright 2005.*

Career Potential

Graduates of the program are eligible to apply to the Alberta College of Social Workers to become registered social workers (RSW). Graduates can enter the workforce immediately upon graduation or, if eligible, apply to continue their studies in the MacEwan Bachelor of Social Work. Graduates may choose to work in a broad range of social work related areas, including:

- services to families, children and youth
- addiction and mental health
- community health and social service agencies
- correctional services agencies
- employment assistance programs
- family counselling agencies
- health and long-term care organizations
- immigration and settlement services
- preventive social services
- non-profit community agencies
- school boards
- services to seniors

Transferability

Internal Opportunities

MacEwan University is committed to providing bridging and laddering opportunities to its certificate and diploma graduates. Graduates of this diploma can apply to year 3 of the MacEwan Bachelor of Social Work

(BSW). Graduates may also be granted up to 75 credits to MacEwan University's Bachelor of Child and Youth Care degree and up to 60 credits to the Bachelor of Arts degree. Students are advised to consult an advisor for these programs for specific admission requirements and required bridging courses.

External Opportunities

All courses completed for the Social Work diploma are credit courses and may be transferable individually toward further study at other Alberta institutions. Students may also apply to several other BSW programs including but not limited to: Fraser Valley University, Thompson Rivers University, the University of Calgary, and the University of Victoria. For current, detailed information on individual course and diploma transferability, refer to the Learner Pathways System at www.transferalberta.ca (<http://www.transferalberta.ca>) or contact the receiving institution directly.

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For information on the Bachelor of Social Work go to MacEwan.ca/BSW (<http://MacEwan.ca/BSW>)

Categories of Admission

Applicants may be admitted to one of the following:

Regular Admission

To be evaluated through the Office of the University Registrar

Applicants must be 19 years of age or older by December 31st of the year they enter the program, and must have a minimum overall average of 65 percent, with no course grade lower than 50 percent, in the following high school courses:

1. ELA 30-1
2. Social Studies 30-1
3. Three Group A, B, C or D courses

Notes:

- Applicants are strongly encouraged to present a broad range of subjects in order to benefit from the breadth of learning and to increase flexibility of future program and course choices.
- A maximum of two Group B subjects may be presented; they must be from different disciplines.
- A maximum of one Group D subject may be presented. Group D subjects used for admission must be 5-credit or any credit combination of at least 5 credits (e.g., two 3-credit subjects).

Applicants with nine or more university-level credits must also present a minimum Admission Grade Point Average (AGPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Mature Admission

To be evaluated through the Office of the University Registrar

Applicants must be 20 years of age or older and have been out of full-time high school at least one year by the beginning of the intake term. Applicants must have a minimum overall average of 65 percent, with no course grade lower than 50 percent, in the following high school courses:

1. ELA 30-1
2. Social Studies 30-1

Applicants with nine or more university-level credits must also present a minimum Admission Grade Point Average (AGPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Previous Post-Secondary Work

To be evaluated through the Office of the University Registrar

Admission in this category does not imply or guarantee the transfer of any coursework and/or credential unless a block transfer agreement (internal or external) is in effect and published in the calendar by the Office of the University Registrar. In addition, transfer of coursework does not imply or guarantee that an applicant will be admitted.

Applicants must have successfully completed the following from a recognized institution:

- A minimum of 24 post-secondary credits with a minimum Admission Grade Point Average (AGPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Additional Admission Criteria

All applicants must meet the following:

English Language Proficiency

To be evaluated through the Office of the University Registrar

Applicable to All Admission Categories

All applicants must meet an acceptable level of English language proficiency. We will require official documents such as high school or post-secondary transcripts or proof of successful completion of standardized language evaluation. Full details are available in MacEwan University's academic calendar or online at MacEwan.ca/ELP (<http://MacEwan.ca/ELP>).

Other Admission Criteria

To be evaluated through the Program

Applicable to All Admission Categories

Applicants are required to submit the following to be assessed by faculty from the Social Work program:

1. A resume and personal/professional profile.
2. Evidence of a minimum 70 hours of relevant volunteer/work experience within the last two years.
3. Applicants must include two reference letters, one general and one from a volunteer or work experience supervisor.

Applicants offered admission are required to submit the following:

- A clear Police Information Check (or equivalent from another policing agency) that includes a Vulnerable Sector Search. The Police Information Check must be submitted by the published document deadline and have been issued within three months of the start of the program intake term.

- An Alberta Intervention Record Check (or equivalent from another province/territory). The Intervention Record Check must be submitted by the published document deadline.

Program of Study

Course	Title	Credits
Year I		
Term I		
SOWK 101	Social Work Philosophy and Ethics ¹	3
SOWK 102	Introduction to Social Work Practice ¹	3
SOWK 105	Field Placement ²	4
ENGL 102	Analysis and Argument	3
PSYC 104	Introductory Psychology I	3
SOCI 100	Introductory Sociology	3
Credits		19
Term II		
SOWK 110	Social Work Practice Methods I ¹	3
SOWK 111	Social Work With Families	3
SOWK 112	Social Work With Children and Adolescents	3
SOWK 115	Field Placement ²	4
ENGL 103	Introduction to Literature	3
ELEC	Select one Arts and Science Elective	3
Credits		19
Year II		
Term III		
SOWK 201	Group Work ¹	3
SOWK 202	Social Work Practice Methods II ¹	3
SOWK 204	Social Policy and Anti-Oppressive Practice	3
SOWK 205	Field Placement ²	4
POLS 101	Introduction to Politics	3
ELEC	Select one Arts and Science Elective	3
Credits		19
Term IV		
SOWK 203	Mental Health, Trauma and Addictions	3
SOWK 210	Community Practice Methods III	3
SOWK 211	Social Work Methods IV	3
SOWK 215	Field Placement ²	4
ELEC	Select two Arts and Science Electives	6
Credits		19
Total Credits		76

¹ The minimum passing grade for this course is a C-.

² The minimum passing grade for this course is CR.

The minimum passing grade for a course at MacEwan University is a D unless otherwise noted next to the appropriate course in the program of study.

Course Substitutions

Credit Earned in:	May Be Substituted for Credit in Program Course:
CORR 100	SOWK 102
CYCW 100 & CYCW 211	SOWK 112
CYCW 101	SOWK 102
CYCW 112 & CYCW 209	SOWK 111
CYCW 204	SOWK 201
ECDV 110 & ECDV 160	SOWK 112
ECDV 115 & ECDV 165 & ECDV 230	SOWK 102
ENGL 101	ENGL 102 & ENGL 103

INTD 105	SOWK 102
MHST 101	SOWK 102
MHST 103	SOWK 112
MHST 106 & MHST 122	SOWK 111
MHST 120 & MHST 201 & MHST 202	SOWK 203
MHST 125 & MHST 205	SOWK 105
NURS 101	SOWK 102
OPCA 205	SOWK 112
PSSC 141	SOWK 102
PSYC 223	SOWK 112
PSYC 339	SOWK 203
RPPR 103	SOWK 102
SLPA 242 & SLPA 243	SOWK 105
SOWK 217	SOWK 101
TAST 101	SOWK 112

Program Regulations

Program Standards

Students admitted to this program are presumed to be capable of fulfilling the academic requirements of their program with, if applicable, provision of reasonable accommodation. The reasonable accommodation of students with disabilities shall not require the University to lower its standards, academic or otherwise, nor shall it relieve a student of the responsibility to develop and demonstrate the essential skills and competencies expected of all students pursuing the program (policy E3400, Students with Disabilities).

Regulations Governing Field Practicum (Work Integrated Learning)

Students must achieve satisfactory performance in all field placement courses in accordance with the course learning outcomes and grading criteria. Field placement hours may include days, evenings and weekends. Students are required to arrange their own transportation for required field placement activities and any costs incurred for meals, travel, parking and accommodation are the student's responsibility. Students will require daily access to a vehicle for any practice experience not accessible through public transportation. Required field placements will generally be within a 150 km radius of the MacEwan University site. Students cannot be in attendance at field placement agencies as a MacEwan University student except at times and locations authorized by the field placement course instructor for the course in which the student is currently enrolled. Students must comply with policy C2060 Work Integrated Learning regarding field placements. Students must have completed all prerequisite courses as well as all program and agency specific requirements (i.e. which could include vaccinations and supporting documents) prior to the start of any field placement course. In accordance with policy C2060 Work Integrated Learning, the University reserves the right, at any point during a field placement, to remove a student from the placement for serious performance issues (i.e. engaging in behaviors that place a client and/or others at risk or that is contrary to the professional or safety requirements of the placement). In such cases and with the concurrence of the Dean, the student will be assigned a grade of F in the course. Although this decision may be appealed according to policy E3103 Student Appeals, the student will not be permitted to remain in the field placement during the appeal.

Police Information Check

A student must meet the specific Security Clearance / Police Information Check requirements including Vulnerable Sector and Intervention Check as set out in the admission criteria for the duration of the program or they may be required to withdraw from the program.