Applying To The BSW Program at Wright State University

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Objectives for Today’s Presentation

- **Walk through the Application Packet:**
  - Next application date is by *February 1st (Or the next weekday if the 1st is on a weekend)*
  - There is only 1 application period each year.

- **Make sure you submit a COMPLETE application packet**

- **Help you decide what courses to take before you apply**
Prerequisite courses at WSU

- ENG 1100 & ENG 2100
- “C” or better in SW 2700, 2710 & 2720 – These courses can not be taken more than 2 times
- BIO 1050 or 1070 or Human Biology equivalent [Or Human Anatomy]
- SOC 2000
- PLS 2000 or PLS 2120
- ECON 2000 or 2900 [Macroeconomics is required for transfer courses]
- COM 2020
- PSY 1010

Transfer students can visit transferology.com to see the course equivalent or contact the WSU Transfer Student Resource Center – 937-775-4830
Application Requirements

- G.P.A. of 2.25 or better at Wright State

- Completion of social work application including:
  - Personal statement and social issue statements
  - Two professional letters of reference
  - Disclosure of criminal record
  - Transcripts from other colleges or universities
  - Applying to WSU, if needed
Letters of Professional Reference

- Letters must be on professional letterhead
- One letter must come from a faculty member.
  - If transfer student must come from SW faculty
  - If WSU student, must come from faculty outside of SW
- Second letter should come from employers, professors outside the Dept of SW, or volunteer coordinators.
- Letters should **NOT** come from friends, employees you work with who are not your supervisor/s, your neighbors, a social service provider who has treated you (e.g., your mental health therapist, your AA sponsor) or others that cannot speak to your professional abilities.
- Letters should be written by people with whom you have had recent (2 years-present) professional contact.
Professional Statement

The Professional Statement will be reviewed for:
- Content
- Writing Skills
- Ability to follow directions

Discuss why you want to be a social worker. Prepare a **500 word statement** [2 double spaced pages].
- Include:
  - Information about your personal life story that has influenced your desire to be a social worker should be one paragraph or less.
  - Specific strengths you currently have to bring to this professional role.
  - Identify areas of social work practice you need to strengthen before entering practice.
  - Specify your hopes for how the social work curriculum will assist you in your professional growth.
Social Issue

The Social Issue Statement will be reviewed for:

- Content
- Writing Skills
- Ability to follow directions

Discuss a social issue that is of particular interest to you. Prepare a 250 word statement [1 double spaced page]. Describe how you believe:

- Our society should address this issue.
- How you might contribute to its resolution.
- Think like a social worker – Rely on what you are learning in SW 2700.
Professional Writing Tips

- Stick to the word requirement.
- Address each bullet point.
- Be specific – you need to support claims that you make with examples from your classroom learning, volunteer experiences, and/or research.
- **Proofread your document** – your grammar, spelling, sentence structure, and paragraph usage will be evaluated.
- Use 12 point Times New Roman font.
- Use 1 inch margins.
- Label the top of the paper with the required heading – either ‘Professional Statement’ or ‘Social Issue.’
- Make sure your name is on the paper.
Gathering the Application Material

- You must complete the criminal records disclosure.
  - Answering “Yes” does not prevent you from getting accepted into the social work major.
  - Criminal records checks will be required of some social work field placements and future jobs and may restrict persons due to the offense or how recent the offense is.
If All Prerequisites For Admission Are Met

- Start your Language NOW!!
  - through 2020 level in one language, typically 4 courses
  - Those who completed high school in 1986 or earlier are only required to take language through 1020 (2 courses).
- Finish GE requirements (fine arts, natural sciences)
- CoLA requirements: PHL 3000 and SW 3000 (can only be taken at WSU)
- SW 3890 (can only be taken at WSU)
- Electives to add up to at least 120 hours
Important Date

- Application due on Friday, February 1, 2018 by 4pm
Helpful websites

- **SW website:** [http://liberal-arts.wright.edu/social-work](http://liberal-arts.wright.edu/social-work)
- **SW application:** [http://liberal-arts.wright.edu/social-work/advising/admission](http://liberal-arts.wright.edu/social-work/advising/admission)
- **Transfer Student Resource Center:** [http://www.wright.edu/transfer](http://www.wright.edu/transfer)
- **Applying to WSU:** [https://wright.force.com/Portal_Login](https://wright.force.com/Portal_Login)
- **WSU Financial Aid:** [https://www.wright.edu/raider-connect/financial-aid](https://www.wright.edu/raider-connect/financial-aid)
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