

Requirements for Admittance

Admittance to the Full MSW Program

Application into the Full MSW program is a two-step process. To facilitate the graduate application process and to streamline the entry, applicants must: 1) satisfy the requirements of the ENMU Graduate School and apply to the Graduate School for admission and 2) submit the required materials (described below) to the Graduate School.

The following are the admission requirements:

1. Click on Apply for Admission and complete the online Graduate School application available at <https://www.enmu.edu/academics/colleges-departments/graduate-school>
2. Submit the required materials:
 - a. Two writing samples:
 - i. A professional or academic sample, such as a research paper, literature review, or client assessment sample that they have recently written for a class or publication.
 - ii. A personal statement or essay explaining why they want to work in the field of clinical social work, clinical military social work, or child welfare.
 - b. Two references are to be completed by individuals who can speak directly to the applicant's potential success as a graduate student.
 - c. Applicants must hold a baccalaureate degree from a college or university accredited by a recognized regional accrediting organization with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
 - i. Applicants with a GPA between 2.75-2.99 may be considered for conditional admission if all other program admittance requirements are met.
 - ii. Applicants with a GPA between 2.50-2.74 who meet other program requirements may enter ENMU as a non-degree seeking graduate student. Students may take social work courses as a non-degree seeking student to raise their cumulative GPA. Students must earn a minimum GPA of 3.0 during the first semester or the first nine (9) hours of enrollment. The student may then reapply to the Graduate School and program admission would be reviewed once the GPA reaches 3.0 and program admittance requirements are met.

All applicants are screened by the program's admissions panel and notified of acceptance by letter.

Applicants looking to transfer in graduate hours from another institution must submit a request by email to the program graduate coordinator. This request must identify the courses (name, number and description) they wish to transfer. Transfer credits beyond nine (9) hours will be considered on a case-by-case basis related to the required coursework of the ENMU MSW program. The majority, more than 51%, of the credit hours to complete the MSW degree must originate from ENMU.

Admittance to the Advanced Standing MSW Program

An applicant who earned a baccalaureate social work degree with a 3.0 or higher from a CSWE-accredited program or a program in the CSWE candidacy process within the last seven (7) years may apply for advanced standing. Admission into the Advanced Standing MSW program is a two-step process. To facilitate the graduate application process and to streamline the entry, applicants must: 1) satisfy the requirements of the ENMU Graduate School and apply to the Graduate School for admission and 2) submit the required materials (described below) to the Graduate School.

The following are the admission requirements:

1. Click on Apply for Admission and complete the online Graduate School application available at <https://www.enmu.edu/academics/colleges-departments/graduate-school>
2. Submit the required materials:
 - a. Two writing samples:
 - i. A professional or academic sample, such as a research paper, literature review, or client assessment sample that they have recently written for a class or publication.
 - ii. A letter of purpose: a personal statement or essay explaining why they want to work in the field of clinical social work, clinical military social work, or child welfare.
 - b. Two references completed by individuals who can speak directly to the applicant's potential success as a graduate student; one of which must be provided by a member of their BSW faculty.
 - c. Applicants must hold a BSW degree from a CSWE-accredited program or a program in the CSWE candidacy process awarded in the last seven (7) years and a minimum of a 3.0 GPA from this program.
 - i. Applicants with a GPA between 2.75-2.99 may be considered for conditional admission if all other program admittance requirements are met.

- ii. Applicants with a GPA between 2.50-2.74 who meet other program requirements may enter ENMU as a non-degree seeking graduate student. Students may take social work courses as a non-degree seeking student to raise their cumulative GPA. Students must earn a minimum GPA of 3.0 during the first semester or the first nine (9) hours of enrollment. The student may then reapply to the program. Graduate School and program admission would be reviewed once the GPA reaches 3.0 and program admittance requirements are met.

All applicants are screened by the program's admissions panel and notified of acceptance by letter.

BSW students who do not meet program admittance requirements for advanced standing.

Students who do not meet the 3.0 BSW GPA requirement, or whose coursework was completed over seven (7) years ago, may be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the program for acceptance. Students who do not meet the admissions criteria for an advanced standing degree but hold a CSWE-accredited baccalaureate social work degree may be required to take generalist practice courses to address advancements in the CSWE Educational Policies and Standards.

The following are the review requirements for applicants whose BSW GPA is below 3.0:

1. The program conducts a degree audit to identify the coursework and content the student did not perform well in, thus lowering their BSW GPA below 3.0.
 - a. The course descriptions from the original institution will be reviewed for corresponding courses to be offered as a bridge to the MSW coursework.
 - b. The remainder of the credits required for a full MSW will be waived by the program.
 - c. Applicants may enter ENMU as a non-degree seeking student and enroll in up to nine (9) credit hours to raise their GPA to the required 3.0 minimum.
2. The applicant will be notified by the program by email and phone call as to the review and its outcome.

The following are the review requirements for applicants whose coursework was completed over seven (7) years ago:

1. The program conducts a degree audit.
 - a. The course descriptions from the original institution will be reviewed for corresponding courses to be offered as a bridge to the MSW coursework.
 - b. Any coursework in which the applicant received a "B" in or higher will be accepted.

- c. Applicants who hold an active license at the baccalaureate level and whose licensure is in good standing with their state will have the generalist requirements waived.
2. The applicant will be notified by the program by email and phone call as to the review and its outcome.

Applicants eligible for a secondary mechanism are notified by the program by phone and email.

Applicants looking to transfer in graduate hours from another institution must submit a request by email to the program graduate coordinator. This request must identify the courses (name, number and description) they wish to transfer. Transfer credits beyond nine (9) hours will be considered on a case-by-case basis related to the required coursework of the ENMU MSW program. The majority, more than 51%, of the credit hours to complete the MSW degree must originate from ENMU.

Evaluation of Applications

The MSW Program has the responsibility to review student admission application packets for acceptance into the program. Faculty review and evaluate student packets using a standardized tool. Additional interviews may be required for further clarification of information, or a discussion of issues raised by the application process.

Applicants are evaluated on the following:

- Potential to effectively engage in social work practice.
- Potential for eligibility for social work licensure.
- Demonstrated successful academic performance.
- Effective communication skills and verbal expression.
- College-level writing skills.
- Interpersonal skills, including the ability to establish rapport and work well with others.
- Overall presentation of self that includes attitude, maturity, and judgment appropriate to the standards of the social work profession.
- A heightened level of self-awareness and insight in assessing strengths and challenges as they might impact carrying out professional responsibilities.
- Reliability and cooperation in carrying out responsibilities.
- Motivation to pursue a career in the field of social work.
- Motivation and commitment for level of study for social work program and social work profession.
- Positive references based on ability to accept constructive criticism; conceptual ability; self-directed behavior; performance under pressure; interest in welfare of others; flexibility; leadership abilities; respect for diversity; integrity; dependability, etc.

The following are the decisions that applicants may receive regarding their application for admission:

- Admit
- Conditionally Admit
- Denial

Students who are admitted to the program will receive an acceptance letter from the graduate school and a welcome email from the program with contact information for the graduate coordinator, the field director, and a link to the *MSW Student Manual*. Students are responsible for reviewing the MSW Student Manual and providing proof of review (signed acknowledgement scanned to program administrative assistant), as all program students are held accountable to this manual.

Students who receive conditional admittance to the program will receive an acceptance letter from the graduate school and a welcome email from the program. The welcome letter will provide contact information for the graduate coordination, field director, and notify them of their conditional status and the following conditions:

- a. The student must obtain a 3.0 GPA in their first semester in the program. After this semester, students who obtain a 3.0 in the first semester will receive an email from the program indicating they have cleared conditional status.
 - a. Students who do not receive a 3.0 GPA in their first term will be placed on academic probation. This will result in a meeting with the graduate coordinator to establish an academic success plan for future semesters and quarterly meetings with the graduate coordinator.
 - b. A subsequent semester below 3.0 will result in academic suspension and removal from the program. Students will have to reapply for admittance after taking coursework to raise their GPA to the 3.0 admittance standard.

In this welcome email students are also provided with a link to the *MSW Student Manual*. Students are responsible for reviewing the MSW Student Manual and providing proof of review (signed acknowledgement scanned to program administrative assistant), as all program students are held accountable to this manual.

Applicants who receive a denial letter from the Graduate School based on a low GPA (below 2.5) may have the option to enter as a nondegree seeking student and take up to nine (9) credit hours to raise their GPA. These applicants are encouraged to contact the MSW Program Director as to their denial and option for nondegree seeking status. Once their GPA reaches the 3.0 threshold, applicants will reapply to the program and up to nine (9) credit hours of MSW coursework may transfer in.