

Applicants who are being considered for conditional admission are ranked based on their GPA at the time of application to the BSW.

Additional Consideration:

The Faculty of Social Work supports the principles of equity and promotes social and cultural diversity. Applicants who identify themselves as experiencing cultural and/or social barriers will be given additional consideration in the application process.

Admission Rate:

On a yearly basis, the Faculty of Social Work receives more applications than there are spaces available. The precise number admitted will depend on the number of qualified applications and the resources available to the Faculty.

Payment:

There is no application fee to apply for admission to the BSW Program. However, there is an application fee to apply for admission to the University of Regina. BSW applicants who are NEW to the University of Regina must pay the application fee. Current University of Regina students have already paid this fee, and may select 'pay later' to avoid paying it a second time.

Admission Decisions:

As soon as all applications are received, the Faculty of Social Work as well as members of the Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers will work diligently to assess each and every one. Admission decisions are typically mailed to the applicants in late February or early March.

BSW Welcome Orientation & Academic Advising

Successful applicants will be asked to attend a BSW Welcome Orientation and Academic Advising session in early March.



Application Checklist (How to Apply):

- Step 1:** Apply for admission to the University of Regina's Pre-Social Work Program. Once admitted, receive academic advising before you register in your classes and complete the Pre-Social Work Program. Note: If you have already completed the Pre-Social Work Requirements at the University of Regina or through another institution (verified by a Faculty of Social Work Academic Advisor or confirmed by our online Transfer Credit Course Equivalents guide), you may skip this step.
- Step 2:** Apply online for admission to the BSW Program. **The deadline to apply is January 15th.** <http://www.uregina.ca/socialwork/programs/bsw/how-to-apply-BSW.html>. You will receive a notification at the end of the application confirming successful submission. Please print this notification for your records.
Note: Application to the BSW is not available between January 16th and September 30th. Paper applications will not be accepted.
- Step 3:** Request official transcripts from any other post-secondary institutions attended.

Contact the Faculty of Social Work

Applications to the BSW are processed at our Regina Campus location.

Regina Campus

Faculty of Social Work, University of Regina
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Regina, SK S4S 0A2
Phone: (306) 585-4554 Fax: (306) 585-4872

Saskatoon Campus

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Faculty of
**SOCIAL
WORK**

University of Regina

**Bachelor of Social Work
(BSW) Program**

Your Guide to Applying

The Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) from the University of Regina is accredited by the Canadian Association for Social Work Education.

Eligibility Checklist:

- Completion of the **Pre-Social Work Program**: 30 university credit hours, including these courses or their **direct equivalent**:
 - English 100
 - Indigenous Studies 100
 - Psychology 101
 - Sociology 100
 - Social Work 100
- Minimum 70% grade point average
- Work experience in human service
- Volunteer experience in a human service

Academic Requirements:

The specific courses listed above are required for admission to the BSW. If you have taken similar courses from other institutions, you must ensure that they transfer to the University of Regina as the **direct equivalent** of our required courses. You may speak with a Faculty of Social Work Academic Program Advisor, or refer to the transfer credit equivalency guide to ensure transferability: <http://www.uregina.ca/student/registrar/transfer-credit/transfer-credit-course-equivalents.html>.

Please note that level credit is not a direct course equivalent (eg. ENGL 100 LEVEL is not equivalent to ENGL 100).

Applicants must have a minimum 70% BSW Admission grade point average at the time of applying. We calculate each applicant's BSW Admission GPA using grades from their most recent 30 credit hours of approved post-secondary courses.

Conditional Admission:

BSW applicants must successfully complete the Pre-Social Work Requirements by April 30th of the application year. In order to be considered for *conditional admission*, applicants must be enrolled in these requirements at the time of applying to the BSW.

Taking Courses at Other Institutions

If you have taken/are taking any of the Pre-Social Work Program requirements through an institution other than

the University of Regina, when you apply to the BSW Program **you must submit official transcripts** showing successful completion of and/or enrollment in the courses. Transcripts must be received at the University of Regina by the BSW application deadline of **January 15th**.

Please request official transcripts to be sent to:
Enrollment Services, University of Regina
3737 Wascana Parkway
Regina, SK S4S 0A2

Note: If the University of Regina already has your most up-to-date transcripts from other post-secondary institutions attended, you do not need to re-submit them.

Common Visiting Students (taking courses through another institution in Saskatchewan toward the BSW program requirements, using the 'common visiting student' form): although your transcripts are sent automatically, it is your responsibility to ensure they arrive in time to meet BSW Admission deadlines.

Assessment:

All applicants who meet the academic requirements will have their applications reviewed by a panel consisting of two members of the Faculty of Social Work and one member of the Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers. Reviewers will assess your commitment to and experience in human service, as described by the details you provide in your application related to your work, volunteer/community and educational experiences, and personal statement.

Work Experience:

Applicants are recommended to have some paid work experience to include on their application. Human service experience is preferred, and is broadly defined as meeting people's needs by improving their overall quality of life. Through this experience, students will have acquired transferable skills and competences as well as an understanding of the field of human service. This can include a combination of full-time, part-time, seasonal or other employment opportunities.

Volunteer Experience

Not only does volunteering have a meaningful and positive impact on individuals and communities, but it also helps our students develop new skills and interests, attain a strong sense of achievement, and interact with a diverse range of people. Our review panel is looking for students who have shown that they adhere to social work values by staying active and involved in their communities.

Students may find volunteer opportunities:

- Through our website: www.uregina.ca/socialwork/involved/volunteer.html
- Through a UR Guarantee Program Advisor: www.uregina.ca/urguarantee/
- By contacting a local agency or organization

Personal Statement:

Applicants are asked to reflect on the following:

- 1) Why have you chosen to pursue a social work education and career?
- 2) From the work and volunteer experiences you listed in the application, what have you learned about your interactions with other people and about yourself (including your strengths and areas for growth), and how does this relate to your interest in pursuing a career in social work?
- 3) What skills, knowledge and experience do you have that will support your work with diverse and oppressed populations, including Indigenous peoples?
- 4) Identify a social issue impacting Canadians today and describe how it relates to social work; please discuss how it motivates you to be a social worker.

These questions are subject to change.

Ranking:

Applicants who have met the academic requirements and have demonstrated adequate commitment to and experience in human service will be ranked by GPA. Although applicants must have a minimum 70% GPA to be eligible to apply to the BSW, a GPA above 70% may be required to gain admission.