

3. detailed résumé on your education, work, and volunteer history.
4. two reference forms (from diverse sources such as academic, professional, personal)
Reference forms for distribution to your referees can be found here: STU.ca/mmbsw.
Please refer your references to the MMBSW Reference Guideline (also on STU.ca/mmbsw) and advise them of the January 31 deadline for the program.
5. official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions you have attended. Please note, if you have a STU transcript, you will not need to submit it, as our Admissions Office has access to it.

*Please submit an online application for admission at STU.ca/apply. Click "Sign Up" and follow the instructions to sign-in to the online application portal. Once you are signed in, click "Start a New Application," followed by "Start Application" under the Post-Degree Program section. Select the Mi'kmaq/Maliseet Bachelor of Social Work program, your anticipated enrolment status (Full-time or Part-time) and the Fall (Sept- Apr) 2020 term. You will be prompted to pay the application fee at the end of the application. All other supplementary documents (personal statement, personal current résumé) can be emailed to the Admissions Office at admissions@stu.ca.

For further information, please see our MMBSW Application Instructions 2020-2023 on STU.ca/mmbsw. Please also refer to the Application checklist on your applicant portal (once your application for admission has been submitted) to make sure you haven't forgotten anything. As your documents are received by the Admissions Office, they will be marked as received on your checklist.

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As part of the application process, all eligible candidates will be contacted to attend a group interview with two social work faculty members and complete a written social issue analysis.

All applicants will receive a letter indicating the status of their application. The letter will be mailed to the address entered on the online application form.

For further information, please contact:

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MMBSW Program Coordinator
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respond more effectively to social issues at the personal, family, cultural, community, and socio-political levels.

Course objectives are congruent with the overall objectives of the program, and practice experience and applied elements form an integral part of each course. Specific skill develop-

ment in each student's area of interest will take place in assignments and the field practicum and thesis options.

The MSW courses and field education aim to:

- foster the development of professional social workers who are knowledgeable, skilled, and committed to social justice
- prepare graduates to make ethical decisions and perform professional tasks informed by research evidence and an understanding of socio-political contexts
- develop student leadership skills in facilitating organizational, community, and policy change
- promote critical inquiry and consider diverse perspectives
- develop student knowledge and skills to integrate an intersectional analysis and approach to social work practice
- strengthen existing partnerships with community social service and health-related agencies through collaboration on field practicums, curriculum, and student placement opportunities

Admission to the Master of Social Work

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Applicants must satisfy the following minimum requirements:

A Bachelor of Social Work degree from a recognized university with a minimum GPA of 3.5 (on a 4.3 scale). Students in their final year of a BSW program are eligible to apply and may be given provisional acceptance pending completion of degree requirements by May 30 of the year of 10 (equivalent to 95 BDC BT.9 (, and polic) (e M) 17, 4de0 (en pr) 13T. 30. 7nc) 6s1 social seW6 (30r) 10 (ee r)

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Following acceptance to the program, MSW students must register for the program by the deadline specified in their letter of offer. Any student not registering by the registration deadline will be required to re-apply for admission. To register, follow the steps below.

- Contact your assigned faculty advisor to discuss and review your program of study.
- Obtain written approval of your program of study from your faculty advisor well in advance of registration.

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Your personal statement should be no more than 1,500 words, double-spaced, and in 12-point font. Please respond to the following:

- A. Describe the experiences, skills, qualities, and/or personal identities (e.g. disability status, racialized identity, gender, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, etc.) that you bring that would be helpful in working with diverse populations.
- B. Drawing from your work experience, indicate with examples what interests you about structural approaches to social work. How do you expect to learn and achieve your career goals within the context of the MSW program at St. Thomas University?
- C. Indicate your current scholarly and professional interests and how the MSW program at St. Thomas University will help you achieve these. This information will be used to inform advance practicum and thesis options.
- D. Clearly indicate whether you are applying to the thesis or advanced practicum option.

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For your reference letters, you should provide the following information to those acting as a reference.

Thank you for agreeing to provide a reference for an applicant to St. Thomas University's Master of Social Work program. Your comments will be considered carefully by our Admissions Committee. Professional suitability is weighted heavily in our selection process. You can be of help to the applicant by sharing observations on the applicant's professional and academic suitability. Because of the nature of the program and the profession, it is critical that persons with suitable personal qualities be selected. Your comments on the candidate's qualities that will affect their performance as a social worker are of particular interest to us.

Our MSW focuses on advanced clinical practice with a structural lens and will provide students with advanced theory and practice skills in three major areas: (1) professional leadership, (2) social work supervision, and (3) advanced direct practice skills development.

The courses offered are based on the application of structural social work theory which places major emphasis on understanding the structural roots of personal and social problems. The program prepares social workers to analyze and challenge sites of privilege, as well as to assist individuals and groups who are experiencing the effects of marginalization and oppression.

The program's objectives are consistent with the mission and social justice statements of St. Thomas University and its School of Social Work.

Please speak to the applicant's ability to succeed in graduate studies and discuss the applicant's strengths and qualities. Some areas you might consider speaking to:

- Academic ability
- Time management skills
- Written and oral communication skills
- Organization skills
- Ability to work with others
- Capacity for independent thought and critical thinking
- Ability to complete responsibilities
- Additional information or comments that you would consider helpful in assessing the applicant's suitability for this master's program
- Any concerns and/or areas for further self/professional development

Wherever possible, reference letters should be submitted on formal letterhead and be dated and signed by the writer. Letters may be submitted electronically to admissions@stu.ca

Thank you again for your assistance. Your comments will be treated confidentially.

Master of Social Work Program Structure

The Master of Social Work program is a full-time, one-year, professional-based graduate degree program offered to students with a first level Social Work degree from a university

The program consists of thirty-three credit hours:

- eight three-credit hour courses
- option of completing either a thesis or an advanced field practicum for an additional nine credit hours.

T H E S I S

The Master thesis must demonstrate mastery of advanced clinical social work practice located within the relevant literature. The thesis will be based on independent study and research which is of theoretical, historical, or empirical focus.

A D V A N C E D F I E L D P R A C T I C U M

The advanced field practicum requires the student to complete 450 hours of field practice experience where the focus is on specialized skills and knowledge in social work practice, as arranged by the School of Social Work.

P R O G R A M

Students are accepted into the MSW on a full-time basis. There is a three-year limit (9 academic terms) to complete the degree requirements of 33 credit hours.

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SCWK 6013 Advanced Theory for Direct Practice I (3)

SCWK 6053 Research and Evaluation in Social Work I (3)

SCWK 6043 Advanced Theory for Social Policy (3)