

and your decision to apply. The Selection Committee advises applicants to include in

candidates for the social work program.

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) 2023 term. You will be prompted to pay the application fee at the end of the application. All other supplementary documents

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 as part of the second level of screening.

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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C. Master of Social Work

During the Master of Social Work program, students will have the opportunity to strengthen and deepen their knowledge and skills in their chosen area of practice so that they may 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 development 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

There are two entry points to the MSW Program.

1. **Direct Entry** – full-time, one-year professional graduate degree program offered to students with a first level social work degree from a university program accredited by the Canadian Association for Social Work Education (CASWE).

Applicants must satisfy the following minimum requirements:

1. A Bachelor of Social Work degree from a recognized university with a minimum GPA of 3.0 (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 entry to the MSW program. Applicants who do not satisfy these minimum requirements are not considered further in the selection process.
2. A minimum of 1500 hours or one-year, full-time equivalent of social work-related work experience. This may be paid or volunteer work, but must not include field placement, practicums, co-op, or internship work. Experience must be clearly demonstrated through the submission of a curriculum vitae.

Enrolment is limited to 16 students. Applicants will be assessed on academic and professional readiness. Satisfying the minimum requirements will not guarantee admission.

The application deadline is January 30th each year. All application materials and supporting documents must be received by the Admissions Office on or before the deadline.

Admission Criteria

Personal Statement	50%
Curriculum Vitae	25%
References	15%
GPA	10%

Note: The School of Social Work reserves the right to interview an applicant should it be necessary to evaluate professional readiness for the program.

Master of Social Work (MSW) – full-time, two-year graduate degree program offered to students with a complete undergraduate degree program (120 credit hours) from a recognized university and in the social sciences.

Applicants must satisfy the following minimum requirements:

1. A completed undergraduate university degree (120 credit hours) in the social sciences from a recognized university with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better on the most recent 60 undergraduate credit hours is required.
2. Successful completion of two introductory social work courses, SCWK 2013 Introduction to Social Welfare and SCWK 2023 Introduction to Social Work, or evidence of completing equivalent course work.

Applicants who do not satisfy these minimum requirements are not considered further in the selection process.

3. Preference will be given to applicants with a minimum of 1500 hours of one-year, full-time equivalent of social work-related work experience. This may be paid or volunteer work, but must not include field placement, practicums, co-op, or internship work. Experience must be clearly demonstrated through the submission of a curriculum vitae.

Enrolment in the two-year MSW program is limited to 16 students. Applicants will be assessed on academic and professional readiness. Satisfying the minimum requirements will not guarantee admission.

Students in the first year of the program must successfully complete all course work with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 to be able to progress to the second year.

The application deadline is January 30th each year. All application materials and supporting documents must be received by the Admissions Office on or before the deadline.

Admission Criteria

Personal Statement	40%
Curriculum Vitae	25%
References	15%
GPA	10%
Grade for SCWK2013	5%
Grade for SCWK2023	5%

at the Master's level as providing provides knowledge and skills in research and scholarship, professional leadership, social work supervision, advanced practice and/or areas of specialization. The learning objectives for the MSW reflect an advanced level of knowledge and skills in selected major areas of social work practice.

The MSW at St. Thomas University focuses on advanced clinical practice with a structural lens providing students with:

- advanced theory and practice skills in professional leadership and social work supervision
- advanced direct practice skills development

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

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.

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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.

Advanced Field Practicum (9 credit hours)

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.

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.

SCWK 6119 Field Education Seminar (Advanced Field Placement Option) (3 cr)

SCWK 6129 Advanced Field Placement (9 cr/450 hours)

SCWK 6129 Thesis (9 cr)

cumulative GPA of 3.0 to be able to progress to the second year.

The program structure for the second year is the same as the one-year Master of Social Work.

D. School of Social Work Policies

Please see: <https://stu.ca/socialwork/policies/> for all School of Social Work policies.

E. Social Work Courses

Social Work courses are only open to social work students admitted to the social work programs. Courses for the MMBSW are only available to MMBSW students. Courses for the MSW are only for MSW students.

-2013.

An examination of the history, philosophy, and development of social welfare as a social institution in New Brunswick and elsewhere. Analysis of the institution and its relationship to the history, philosophy, and values of the profession of social work.

-2023.

An introduction to the values, ethics, history, and methods of professional social work practice, with particular emphasis on the profession in New Brunswick. An introduction to generic practice and social work with various client groups.

-3053.

This course will provide practical experience in the field, in an approved setting, three days per week. Students are expected to develop knowledge and skills in small teams utilizing a community based approach to practice under the supervision of a faculty liaison. Prerequisite: Available to BSW students only.

-3073.

This course is a structurally informed group work course for students enrolled in the 3rd year of the BSW degree program. It critically analyzes social work group-based through an anti-oppressive and structural lens, and students will develop skills in group membership, leadership, and being a reflective social worker. Practical group experiences and reflection activities are utilized to demonstrate theories of group dynamics and development, and to enhance group assessment, facilitation, and evaluation skills.

-3163. A

Using critical, anti-oppressive, decolonizing, and Indigenous frameworks, this course analyzes structural social work practice in the context of diversity, recognizing social justice as being inextricably linked to social work. (3 credit hours)

-3253.

The pursuit of social justice is a core value of both social work education and social work practice. The purpose of this course is to teach students the historical context, the fundamental concepts, and the direct skills necessary for organizing and enacting social change efforts within diverse contexts and with diverse groups. Students will be exposed to various theories of social change, multiple modes of working for social change, and techniques for strategizing for maximum effectiveness in pursuing change efforts. Students will be expected to use their knowledge in an applied manner and will engage in hands on change efforts with diverse groups and in various diverse contexts. This course is a co-requisite of SCWK 3053: Field Instruction I.