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Mission Statement & Goals
The University of North Dakota, Bachelor of Science in Social Work Program provides students with knowledge, values and skills for generalist social work, with an emphasis on culturally responsive practice in rural communities.

• build upon students’ liberal arts foundation to provide knowledge, values and skills necessary for competent social work generalist practice;
• prepare students for culturally responsive practice to rural communities;
• prepare students for service and leadership within the community and the social work profession; and
• prepare students for continued professional development opportunities.

About the Program
Student interested in declaring social work as a major meet initially with their Academic Advisor, who will work with the student to create a plan of study. Students are then assigned an advisor, who will work with the student throughout the remainder of their career at the University of North Dakota.

Second Degree Program
The student who has secured a bachelor's degree in a related field and wishes to secure a bachelor's degree in social work can complete the Second Degree Program. The Second Degree Program allows a student to secure a BSSW in one year.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

• Completion of SWK 255 and 257.
• Overall GPA of 2.75.
• Grade of B or higher in SWK 255 and 257.
• Willingness to adhere to the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Code of Ethics and the University of North Dakota Code of Student Life.
• Completion of 45 semester hours of coursework at the end of the term in which the application is submitted.

ADMISSIONS PROCESS

Students may apply in any term. The deadline for fall is March 15th, for spring is October 15th and for summer is June 15th. To apply for admission to the program, students complete the application in consultation with their advisor.

The application process is competitive. All factors including grade point average, strength of written materials, and volunteer experience will be given consideration in decision surrounding admission. The Director of the BSSW Program will notify the student of the decision regarding admission.

Contact Information

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