

■ A TRANSFORMING EXPERIENCE

Our BSW program at Arkansas State transforms “kind and caring individuals into compassionate and competent change agents.” To become an agent of change, you must be open to change in yourself. Expect to change personally as well as professionally. We provide a learning community where exchange of thoughts and feelings among faculty and students is encouraged in a student-friendly, trustworthy environment that promotes your growth.

STUDENTS AND FACULTY PLEDGE

- To uphold the NASW Code of Ethics
- To uphold the College of Nursing and Health Professions Code of Honor



“Employment of social workers is expected to grow by 25 percent from 2010 to 2020, faster than the average for all occupations.”

—Bureau of Labor Statistics

■ APPLICATION GUIDE

- Submit all application materials directly to the Director, BSW Program, Arkansas State Department of Social Work
- Be sure all pre-requisites have been completed as required before applying. (See Admission Requirements section.)
- Check out the deadlines for admission.
- Application orientation sessions are available.

Go to our website for detailed instructions or call us at 870-972-2396

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■ ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Even though a student may declare a major in social work at any time in their academic career, students are required to submit a separate admissions application to Arkansas State's Department of Social Work in order to be formally accepted into the program. Typically, students apply for formal admission prior to their junior year. Entrance into the BSW program is a competitive process, and students must meet the following requirements for application consideration:

- Must have completed a minimum of 45 hours at a college/university
- Have and maintain cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher overall as well as keep a GPA of 2.75 or higher to complete the BSW program
- Must have completed:
 - SW 2203: Introduction to Social Work,
 - ENG1003: Freshman English I,
 - ENG1013: Freshman English II,
 - PSY 2013: Introduction to Psychology,
 - BIOL 1003/1001: Biological Science and Biological Lab,
 - SOC 2213: Introduction to Sociology,
 - POSC 2103: Introduction to U.S. Government
(Grade of "C" or better on all courses)
- Writing skills that permit the student to complete the writing demands of the program

MALPRACTICE INSURANCE

Before being assigned to clinical practicums all students in College of Nursing and Health Professions' programs are required to purchase malpractice/liability coverage. Assistance in arranging for coverage will be made through program directors.

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS AND DRUG TESTING

Some of the clinical agencies used by the programs in the College of Nursing and Health Professions require criminal background checks and/or drug testing prior to placement for assigned practicums. Information for obtaining the background check and drug testing is provided by the program. Costs are borne by the student.

■ CURRICULUM

Students graduating from Arkansas State with a bachelor's degree must successfully complete 120 credit hours. The 120 credit hours are broken down in the manner described below for social work majors.

General Education Requirements: 35

POSC 2103, Intro to U.S. Government

PSY 2013, Intro to Psychology

SOC2213, Intro to Sociology

SCOM 1203, Oral Communications

(Required Departmental Gen.Ed. Option)

SW 1203, Making Connections (University Requirement).....3

Major Requirements:

PSY 4533, Psychology of the Abnormal3

SOC 3383 AND 3381, Social Statistical Methods and Lab4

SOC 4293, Methods of Social Research3

SW 2203, Introduction to Social Work3

SW 2223, Social Problems3

SW 3253, Social Work Practice I3

SW 3303, Human Behavior in Social Environment I3

SW 3333, Human Behavior in Social Environment II3

SW 3363, Cultural Diversity3

SW 4263, Social Work Practice II3

SW 4273, Field Experience I3

SW 4283, Field Experience Seminar3

SW 4296, Field Experience II6

SW 4303, Social Work Practice III3

SW 4313, Social Welfare Policy3

Basic Disaster Life Support (College Requirement)No Credit

Social Work electives12

Open Electives21

Total Required Hours: 120

■ TO PREPARE FOR A FUTURE IN BSW

FIELDS OF PRACTICE COMMUNITIES:

- Child welfare (protective services, foster care, adoptions)
- Hospitals and nursing homes and hospice
- Geriatric services
- Addictions treatment
- Justice system (adult and juvenile)
- Mental health
- Military and Veteran Administration
- Domestic violence
- Human trafficking, refugee, and immigration services

BASIC DISASTER LIFE SUPPORT EQUIPS STUDENT WITH SKILLS TO UTILIZE IN TIMES OF DISASTER SUCH AS:

- Joplin Missouri (tornado)
- Jonesboro, Arkansas (school shootings)
- Katrina (hurricane)
- Haiti (Hurricane)
- Japan (Earthquake, tsunami)
- 9/11
- And More

BSW STUDENTS TAKE PART IN

- Advocacy
- Assessment
- Case Management
- Community Outreach
- Crisis Intervention
- Intake/Referral
- Interviewing
- Networking
- Problem Solving
- Program Evaluation
- Research
- Social Welfare Policy

The Bachelor of Social Work degree is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Completion of this program prepares students for being generalist social work practice.