

Last Name: _____

BSSW Progression Application Packet

Checklist:

_____ Application completed and signed

_____ Personal essay completed

_____ Code of Conduct signed

Deadline for submission: February 15 for Fall Progression

February 15 for Honors

September 15 for Spring Progression

You may submit this application packet (Application and Personal Essay) one of three ways:

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THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK

Application to Progress in Social Work

Due Dates: February 15 for Fall Progression
February 15 for Fall Honors Progression
September 15 for Spring Progression

Complete this section only if you are applying for Honors Progression
and the February 15 deadline:

Are you applying for the Honors Program? YES _____ NO _____

Name _____ Student ID# _____ 000 _____ Date _____

Local Address _____ Phone _____

_____ UT E-mail address _____ @vols.utk.edu

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Personal email address _____

When did you declare social work as your major?

_____ as a freshman at UT

_____ as a change of major at UT. My previous major was _____.

_____ as a transfer student from a community college or another university. I previously attended
_____ college/university.

Have you completed at least 45 credit hours including English 101/118 and 102 and other general education requirements?

YES _____ NO _____

Have you completed an Introduction to Social Work course (i.e., SW 200 at UT)?

YES _____ NO _____ What was your final grade? _____

At what school/university did you take this course? _____

Have you completed a Social Welfare course (i.e., SW 250 at UT or Social Problems at a Community College)?

YES _____ NO _____ What was your final grade? _____

At what school/university did you take this course? _____

Have you applied to UT? YES _____ NO _____ Already Enrolled _____

Are you currently enrolled in a community college? YES _____ NO _____

If yes, which one? _____

What is your current cumulative grade point average? _____

If there are any questions or concerns about this application, you will be contacted for a follow-up interview.

I certify that the information given by me in this application is true and accurate and I understand that any falsification or omission shall be sufficient cause for refusal of admission or dismissal from the BSSW Program.

Student's Signature

Date

Personal Essay

Please note: There are two (2) essay sections below (traditional and honors). You only need to complete one section.

*Complete this essay section if you wish to apply for **traditional progression**:*

To progress as a social work major (prior to enrolling in SW 312 or any 300-level or 400- level required social work course) all BSSW students must complete a ***1-2 page typed (double-spaced, 12 font, Times New Roman) response to the questions below***. The content and writing style will provide important information about you and your understanding of the social work profession. Please only share personal information to the degree to which you are comfortable.

Please use the underlined words as subheadings in your essay:

- 1) What motivated you to pursue a career in social work, as opposed to another helping profession such as psychology? Please discuss your career goals and any specific areas of interest in social work practice you may have.
 - 2) As referenced by the BSSW Program Student Code of Contact attached to this application, the social work program is a professional degree program. Describe what professional behavior and accountability means to you as a student and future professional social worker.
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*Complete this essay section if you wish to apply for **honors progression**:*

To progress as a social work major (prior to enrolling in SW 312 or any 300-level or 400- level required social work course) all BSSW students must complete a ***2-3 page typed (double-spaced, 12 font, Times New Roman) response to the questions below***. The content and writing style will provide important information about you and your understanding of the social work profession. Please only share personal information to the degree to which you are comfortable.

Please use the underlined words as subheadings in your essay:

- 1) What motivated you to pursue a career in social work, as opposed to another helping profession such as psychology? Please discuss your career goals and any specific areas of interest in social work practice you may have.
 - 2) As referenced by the BSSW Program Student Code of Contact attached to this application, the social work program is a professional degree program. Describe what professional behavior and accountability means to you as a student and future professional social worker.
 - 3) Describe your interest in the Honor's program AND reasons why you should be considered for the Honor's program.
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The University of Tennessee College of Social Work BSSW Program Code of Conduct

Since social work is a professional program, the expectations for BSSW students are more comprehensive than those in other undergraduate majors that are strictly academic in nature. Students in a professional social work program are expected to uphold the core values and ethical standards of the social work profession. Specifically, there are certain cognitive, emotional and character requirements that BSSW students must possess in order to complete the entire BSSW program and participate fully in all aspects of the professional practice of social work. All BSSW students in the University of Tennessee, College of Social Work are expected to meet these standards in the classroom as well as in their field practicum. As part of the requirement for entry into the major, a student is asked to read the following code of conduct derived from the NASW Code of Ethics.

Professional Behaviors

The BSSW student behaves professionally by knowing and practicing within the scope of social work, adhering to the National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics and the Tennessee Board of Social Worker Standards of Conduct (1365-01-.10) as found in the Tennessee Board of Social Work Certification and Licensure General Rules and Regulations.

Interpersonal Skills

The BSSW student communicates and interacts with other students, faculty, staff, clients and professionals in a professional manner, and demonstrates respect for and consideration of other students, faculty, staff, clients and professionals in spoken, written and electronic form. The BSSW student expresses her/his ideas and feelings clearly and demonstrates a willingness and ability to listen to others.

Self-awareness

The BSSW student is willing to examine and change his/her behavior when it interferes with her/his working with clients and other professionals, and is able to work effectively with others in subordinate positions as well as with those in authority.

Professional Commitment

The BSSW student has a strong commitment to the essential values of social work (the dignity and worth of every individual and her/his right to a just share of the society's resources). The BSSW student is knowledgeable about and adheres to the National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics and the Rules of the Tennessee Board of Social Worker Certification.

Self-care

The BSSW student recognizes the signs of stress, develops appropriate means of self-care, and seeks supportive resources if necessary.

Valuing Diversity

The BSSW student appreciates the value of human diversity. BSSW students do not impose their own personal, religious, sexual, and/or cultural values on other students, faculty, staff, clients or professionals. BSSW students are willing to serve in an appropriate manner all persons in need of assistance, regardless of the person's age, class, race, religious affiliation, gender, disability, sexual orientation and/or value system except for alleged academic dishonesty, which shall be addressed through the procedures set forth in *Hilltopics*, code of conduct violations will be addressed through the CSW Professional Standards Committee.

Pledge to Adhere to Codes of Conduct

Being admitted into the BSSW program requires students to adhere to the professional values, ethics and standards identified in the National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics as well as the University of Tennessee, College of Social Work, BSSW Program Code of Conduct.

The student's signature indicates that the student has read, understands, and hereby pledges to adhere to the BSSW Program Code of Conduct.

If faculty determine my professional development is less than satisfactory, the BSSW program has the responsibility to review my suitability for the social work profession.

Name (please print) _____

Signature _____

Date _____