



Admission to the 5-Year Social Work Program

BSW students who plan to pursue their graduate degree in social work, Master of Social Work (MSW), may apply for the Five (5) year Social Work Program. Within the 5-year plan, students apply for admission to the MSW program when they are seniors in the BSW program (typically when they are registering for SOWK 4601). Thus, the student will be positioned for completion of both the BSW and MSW in five years. Students must submit two Letters of reference from BSW Faculty for admission to the 5-year program. The graduate application fee is waived for students in the 5-year program. GPA and ethical standards must be maintained throughout the first four years of the BSW program for admission to the MSW program under the 5-year plan.

5-Year Social Work Program Requirements

- Prior acceptance to the BSW program
- Recommendation Letter from the BSW program
- Please provide us with a personal statement addressing the areas identified below. Preparation of this material will help you reflect and better define your professional social work education plans. It will also allow us to know something about you and help us assess your potential and readiness for graduate education and the social work profession. Be mindful of your grammar, spelling, and syntax.
 - The personal statement should be double-spaced and typed, 4-6 pages long, include your name on each page, and number your answers (e.g., 1., 2., etc.). Your personal statement should address the following:
 1. What key life experiences have led you to select social work as a profession? In what ways do you think your experiences have prepared you for this profession?
 2. Describe briefly some major social issues and problems you are particularly concerned about within your community and country. Include your perception of the role of social workers in dealing with these issues and problems.
 3. What, if any, are your long-range professional goals? What work do you see yourself doing and where do you see yourself practicing after graduation? (What community? What agency/service? What population? What issues?)
 4. Have you worked or volunteered in a human service agency? How would you describe that experience? If you have no work experience in human

services, describe your interest and participation in community or college activities that illustrate how you have been personally involved with people. Specify your duties and responsibilities.

5. Why is the Concord University MSW online program of particular interest to you?
6. A fully online graduate program can create unique challenges and opportunities for students. Describe your prior experience with online learning. Additionally, briefly describe your academic success strategies, including personal time management, interactions with faculty and other students, and faculty advisement.

Students following the 5-year plan can be admitted directly to the MSW program.