

SOCIAL WORK

Social Work is a dynamic and evolving profession. Social Workers are involved in individual and family counselling, group facilitation, community development, research, social policy and program implementation and administration. Preparation for professional practice in these areas begins with a Bachelor of Social Work (Honors).

The Social Work Program provides a learning environment characterized by the pursuit of excellence in social work education. The program seeks to foster competence in professional practice. Specific objectives of the program include education for social work practice with individuals, families, groups and communities emphasizing the social and organizational contexts of practice. The opportunity to develop practice skills for this is provided through practical experience in a variety of social service and health organizations under professional supervision.

King's Social Work graduates are employed in a wide variety of practice fields and settings. Some will choose to pursue a Master's Degree, either upon completion of their BSW (Honors) or following experience in professional practice.

The Bachelor of Social Work (Honors) Program at King's is accredited by the Canadian Association for Social Work Education (CASWE). Other professional associations with which the School is affiliated include the Canadian Association of Social Workers (CASW); the Ontario Association of Social Workers (OASW) and the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers (OCSWSSW). Students in the third and fourth year of the program are eligible for student membership in OASW and CASW. These associations link Canadian social workers with colleagues around the world making them part of an international community of social work practitioners.

The Bachelor of Social Work (Honors) Program at King's has several objectives: to foster excellence in the practice of Social Work; to emphasize the integration of knowledge and values in the complete practitioner; to develop the student's mastery of the general concepts and principles of the social functioning of individuals, families, groups, and communities; to develop the interpersonal skills necessary to effectively apply these concepts; to explore the social conditions and organizational contexts of social work service.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Students apply to the School of Social Work by February 1st for admission the following September. Applications must be submitted by February 1, 2010 for admission in September, 2010. Application packages may be requested in November from the School of Social Work.

HOW MUCH PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE WILL I GET?

The Practicum is an integral part of the B.S.W. (Honors) Program at King's. In Year Three (the first year of the program), students are placed in agencies Monday, Wednesday and every other Friday in the second term. In Year Four, students are involved in field practice for three days a week all year. Students receive supervision in the Practicum from both practitioners and faculty.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION?

1. Students must complete a minimum of 10 full-course equivalents before entering the B.S.W. (Honors) Program. In the first and second year, students will be able to select a variety of courses from the faculties of Arts and Social Science. Students usually apply for admission to the professional Social Work Program during their second year of university.
2. The ten courses must include:
 - / Social Work 1020 with a minimum of 70%;
 - / Social Work 2204 with a minimum of 70%;
 - / Social Work 2205 or its equivalent with a minimum of 60%;
 - / An overall average of 70% in three Category A (Social Science, Interdisciplinary and Multidisciplinary) and one Category B (Arts, Humanities and Languages) full-course equivalents with a minimum of 60% in each course;
 - / Three optional courses.
3. Students must achieve an overall average of 70% in Year Two or Year Three or graduating year or on last five full-course equivalents if part-time.
4. Students enrolled in other professional Social Work Programs will be assessed on an individual basis.
5. Students also complete non-academic requirements in the admissions process.
6. Admission is determined by the Director on the recommendation of the School's Admissions Committee. Enrolment in the program is limited.

In 2009-2010, 45 of 153 applicants were admitted to the professional Social Work Program, including both full-time and Extended Study (part-time) students.

WHAT COURSES WILL I TAKE?

YEAR THREE:

3308F/G - The Political, Economic and Social Context of Canadian Social Work Practice
3309F/G - Analysis of Canadian Social Policies
3311a/b - The Helping Process in Social Work
3312a/b - Communication and Interviewing Skills in Social Work
3313a/b - Human Development
3314a/b - Family Development Perspectives
3315a/b - Small Group Theory and Social Work
3316a/b - Social Work with Individuals and Families
3317a/b - Social Work Practice with Small Groups
3318a/b - Social Work Practice with Communities
3320y or 3350b- Practicum and Integration Seminar

YEAR FOUR:

4400 - Practicum and Integration Seminar (3 days per week all year).
4413a/b - Social Work, Ethics and the Law
4415a/b - Organizational Context of Practice
4421a/b - Anti-Oppressive Social Work Practice
Four half-course Social Work electives

3320y/4400 - Practicum Field Agencies include settings from all fields of service.

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM

Affiliated with the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, the School of Social Work at King's University College, offers an Advanced Generalist, Master of Social Work program on both a full-time and part-time basis. The program is course-based with an advanced Practicum, and students are admitted to the program for September each year.

The Master of Social Work program at King's continues the strong value-centred tradition of the College and the congruent generalist orientation of its Bachelor of Social Work (Honors) program. The Advanced Generalist orientation of the MSW program provides for the development of knowledge and skill well beyond the undergraduate level in a full range of social work practice areas; including work with individuals, couples, families, groups, communities and organizations, with consideration for the organizational and societal contexts of practice. The graduate program is aimed at educating advanced generalists who can practise with advanced skills, think critically and realistically evaluate research outcomes; professionals who are highly adaptive and broadly skilled. The objectives of the Advanced Generalist MSW program are to educate social workers for advanced generalist practice, including research and program evaluation, and to increase their administrative and supervisory competence.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

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