



## Social Work (BSW)

Social work is a profession committed to the pursuit of social justice, the enhancement of quality of life and the development of the full potential of each individual, group, and community in society. Social workers may work in community development, or with those discriminated against because of race, class or gender, those experiencing poverty, those affected by mental or physical illness and disability, families or individuals in crisis, or with those who have been abused.

### **LENGTH OF PROGRAM:**

2 years (following two years of general undergraduate work, usually in Arts, or college transfer program or a previous degree or 5 years+ work experience)

### **NUMBER OF STUDENTS ACCEPTED AND NUMBER OF STUDENTS APPLYING EACH YEAR:**

Approximately 50 out of 200

### **TUITION:**

\$2700 per year for the 2000-01 academic year

### **HIGH SCHOOL PRE-REQUISITES:**

None (only the necessary pre-requisites to get into university/college)

### **UNIVERSITY PRE-REQUISITES AND STANDARDIZED TESTS:**

Three ways to enter program:

- (1) 2 years of an undergraduate/college transfer program (at least 24 credits of social sciences and humanities are needed); or
- (2) previous Bachelor's degree; or
- (3) 5 years or more out of school and working

There are no standardized tests but there is an admissions process (i.e. entrance essay, reference letters)

### **REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE OF JOBS AFTER GRADUATION:**

Government (i.e. Ministry for Children and Families), school social worker, hospital, community organizations, non-profit agencies, for profits (i.e. nursing homes, rehabilitation centres), private practice, corrections, income/financial assistance

### **INCOME:**

\$45,000 per year

### **FUTURE JOB DEMAND:**

Increasing demand as a result of the shift towards deinstitutionalization, aging of the population, increasing social problems (i.e. violence, abuse, inadequate housing, etc.) and increasing focus on interdisciplinary work.





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## **PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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