Admission to the Bachelors of Social Work Program at Augusta University

Students are considered pre-majors until formally accepted into the program. Prior to being formally accepted into the program, students should meet with their advisor in the advising center where they will be advised about taking entry level social work courses (SOWK 1101, 2100 and 2102) and the general studies courses that apply to social work, as outlined in the University Catalog. Students must submit a formal application to the BSW Program, upon completion of SOWK 1101, 2100, AND 2102, or typically in the spring of their sophomore year as they may be completing their SOWK 2100 and 2102 courses. Students must be accepted to the major prior to taking social work practice courses. If a student wishes to transfer into the major as a junior and has not completed the Introduction to Social Work course, he/she can petition to begin in the practice classes. Upon the approval of their advisor, students may begin in Social Work Practice I while concurrently enrolled in Introduction to Social Work, but must sign a waiver acknowledging understanding the need to complete the application, and that they are on provisional status until accepted through the formal application process. Applications will be reviewed by a committee comprised of social work faculty and be considered based on academic and personal readiness for coursework.

Application forms are available on the department website, and in the BSW office (706) 737-1735. Students may submit an application during or after the semester they anticipate completing the requirements. Students may submit the application at any time, but in order to register for Social Work Practice I in the fall, applications must be submitted by the deadline of March 1, 2018. Students may be admitted fully, without provisions; on provisional status; or denied admission. If a student is admitted on provisional status, a plan for attaining full admission will be provided by the committee. If this plan is not met in full, the student will not be allowed to continue in the program. If denied admission, the student may initiate an appeal procedure.

Students must meet the following components in order to be considered as a candidate for social work major:

1. Completion of the Introduction to Social Work course with a “B” or better.
2. Have a 2.5 overall GPA.
3. Completion of an application (obtained from the BSW Program website).
4. Submission of a personal statement. Personal statements should be three to five pages long, and include:
   a. when and how you became interested in the field of social work.
   b. what influenced you in the choice of social work as a profession?
   c. your career goals or beginning thoughts on your areas of interest.
   d. discussion of what you see to be personal strengths that will help you in your development of professional skills and knowledge and what strengths may contribute to the field of social work.
   e. personal attributes you would like to further develop as part of your participation in the social work program.
   f. any life experiences you believe will contribute to or impede your progress in the BSW program.