

EWU BASW Program – Applicant Instructions

Thank you for your interest in joining the social work profession through applying for admission to the Bachelor of Arts in Social Work (BASW) Program at Eastern Washington University (EWU). The following instructions and the application checklist are to help you evaluate your eligibility and readiness for the program, and to guide you in submitting a complete application. Please submit all application materials to basw@ewu.edu.

All application materials, including references, must be submitted by March 31, 2021.

We will begin accepting applications for the program cohort that starts fall quarter of 2021 on October 12th, 2020. Applications are due by **March 31st, 2021**. Applications will be available on the BASW Program web page from October 12th, 2020 through March 31st, 2021. If you have questions about the BASW Program admission requirements or how to meet them, please contact Dr. Kathryn DePaolis, BASW Program Director, at (509) 359-4538 or kdepaolis@ewu.edu.

Eligibility to Apply:

Before you apply, you should meet these criteria:

1. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 to apply for the BASW Program. Applicants with a GPA lower than 2.5 must provide a statement with their application explaining the reason behind their GPA not meeting the minimum requirement and these applications will be reviewed on a case by case basis;
2. Applicants must have no more than TWO EWU or DTA required classes remaining by the start of the BASW Program (courses that are in progress during the spring and summer quarter in which the student is applying may be counted toward meeting the preceding criterion);
3. Applicants must have completed English 201 or an equivalent course as part of their DTA transfer credits with a minimum grade of 2.7 (B-) at the time of their application;
4. Applicants must have completed Intermediate Algebra or Algebra Reasoning (MTHD 104 or MTHD 106 at EWU) or an equivalent course as part of their DTA transfer credits with a minimum grade of 2.0 (C) at the time of their application;
5. Applicants must have spent a minimum of 40 hours in a volunteer or paraprofessional capacity at the time of their application working in one place where the applicant's primary responsibilities directly involved working with others in a helping process.

6. If you have questions about these criteria, how to meet them, or how to meet them before beginning the BASW Program, please contact Dr. Kathryn DePaolis, BASW Program Director, at (509) 359-4538 or kdepaolis@ewu.edu.

Criminal Justice, Child or Adult Protective Services Involvement:

When applicants have criminal justice, child protective services (CPS), or adult protective services (APS) histories, such backgrounds can limit their opportunities in practicum placement and professional employment. Although discussing one's criminal justice, CPS or APS background does not automatically guarantee or preclude admission to the BASW Program, failure to disclose *all* of the circumstances of *any* adult record with Criminal Justice, CPS or APS at the time of application to the BASW Program is grounds for immediate dismissal from the program when any failure to disclose such information is discovered. Before practicum placement can begin, all BASW students must submit to a background check.

Disclosing criminal justice, CPS or APS involvement in an applicant's history must include all of the following for each incident as a *supplement* to their application statement:

1. When the event(s) occurred;
2. What their age(s) was/were when the event(s) occurred;
3. What the specific event(s) were, with a clear description of the applicants' own behavior;
4. How the event was resolved, including any consequences to the applicant;
5. Any other information that is relevant for deciding about the appropriateness of the applicant working with vulnerable people.

Applicants who disclose criminal justice, CPS or APS involvement will receive a letter from the BASW Program Director about how their history might affect their prospects for subsequent practicum placement and professional employment. This letter will be sent to applicants as an email attachment within 60 days of their application and disclosure.

Application Materials to Submit:

A complete application must include all of these items:

1. An application form;
2. Unofficial transcripts from all postsecondary institutions attended;

3. A BASW Program Eligibility Checklist;
 - a. This is included at the end of this document;
4. A BASW Application statement, which must address in no more than three double spaced pages;
 - a. What is your primary reason for wanting to become a social worker?
 - b. What previous accomplishments of yours best prepare you to be a social worker?
 - c. What will be your greatest challenge in meeting the demands of the BASW Program, including full time coursework and 16 hours a week of practicum (during the second year of the Program) and what is your plan to address this challenge?
5. Email addresses from at least two (2), and no more than three (3) references (space provided on application):
 - a. One MUST be from someone directly familiar with your paid or volunteer work with people, who has supervised your work for at least 40 hours, such as:
 - i. Employment supervisors;
 - ii. Volunteer activity supervisors;
 - b. Other references may be from:
 - i. Faculty members – High school teachers are acceptable;
 - ii. Coaches;
 - iii. Civic or Academic club sponsors, such as science or chess club or gay-straight student alliance;
 - c. References *shall not* be from:
 - i. Family members;
 - ii. Family friends;
 - iii. Personal friends or romantic partners;
 - iv. Clergy other than those who were your supervisors;
 - v. Personal therapists, counselors or recovery program sponsors;
6. If applicable, a brief statement about how an applicant shall complete the requirement that no more than two EWU or DTA required classes shall be outstanding by the end of summer quarter;
7. If applicable, a statement about any and all criminal justice, CPS or APS involvement. The specific contents of that statement were described previously.