EWU BASW Program – Applicant Instructions

Thank you for your interest in applying for admission to the Bachelor of Arts in Social Work (BASW) Program at Eastern Washington University (EWU).The following instructions are to help you evaluate your eligibility and readiness for the program, and to guide you in submitting a complete application.

All application materials, including references, must be submitted by June 15th, 2024.

We will begin accepting applications for the program cohort that starts fall quarter of 2024 on November 1st, 2023. Applications are due by *June 15th, 2024*. You will complete an online application. If you are a transfer student, use http://www.ewu.edu/apply/transfer and apply to EWU first. After completing the EWU admission application go to: https://apply.ewu.edu/manage/login?realm=&r=/register/applysocialwork and apply to the BASW Program. A link to the application is also available on the BASW webpage. Applications will be available online from November 1st, 2023 through June 15th, 2024. 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 brief explanation in their online application explaining the reason behind their GPA not meeting the minimum requirement. These applications will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

2. Applicants must have earned a minimum of 80 college credits.

3. Applicants must have no more than THREE EWU graduation 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).

4. 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.

5. 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.

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 some practicums may require students submit to a background check.

Disclosing criminal justice, CPS or APS involvement in an applicant's history <u>must</u> include <u>all</u> of the following for <u>each</u> incident in their online application:

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.

Application Materials to Submit:

A complete online application must include all of these items:

1. A completed online application;
2. Unofficial transcripts from all postsecondary institutions attended;
3. A BASW Program Eligibility Checklist (part of the online application);
4. A BASW personal statement, as part of the online application, which must address in ==*no more than 1200 words and no less than 350 words*==;
   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 two 2 references (space provided in application):

    a. One must be from someone 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 gender sexuality 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 included in your online application about how an applicant shall complete the requirement that no more than three EWU graduation required classes shall be outstanding by the end of summer quarter. If you answer no for an admissions criterion, a text box will appear for you to explain how you plan to meet that criterion before starting the BASW Program.

7. If applicable, a statement included in your online application about any and all criminal justice, CPS or APS involvement. The specific contents of that statement were described previously.