

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO THE UPPER DIVISION IN SOCIAL WORK DALTON STATE COLLEGE

1. DSC Institutional GPA of 2.0.
2. Approval of application by the BSW Program Admissions Committee. Students may obtain the application form in the School of Social Work office.
3. Documentation of 50 hours of approved human service experience (see social work departmental criteria).
4. Submission of three letters of reference attesting to the student's suitability for the social work profession:
 - One from a nonrelative who knows the student well.
 - One from a former college instructor.
 - One from a human service professional, preferably with a formal degree in social work.
5. Completion of the pre-social work major/AA degree at DSC or its equivalent at another accredited institution.*
6. Submission of a statement of interest to the BSW Program Admissions Committee explaining his or her reasons for choosing a career in social work (300-500) words.

STUDENTS MEETING ALL THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE UPPER DIVISION IN SOCIAL WORK AT THE PRE-PROFESSIONAL LEVEL WITH NO CONDITIONS.

* In the case that all requirements are met except those specific to the DSC lower-division social work major A.A. in Social Work, a student may be provisionally admitted to the upper division social work program, pending successful completion of such course work at DSC (with a grade of C or better) and documentation of the social service experience.

However, no student will be admitted to the upper division before completing MATH 1111/1001 and SPAN 1002. These two courses must be completed before a student can apply to the upper division.

DEPARTMENTAL CRITERIA ADMISSION TO BSW UPPER DIVISION

The academic program for students seeking the BSW degree is composed of two parts:

(1) Pre-professional enrollment for juniors and transfer students preparing for entry into the professional program and (2) the professional level (equivalent to the first year of the M.S.W.) to be completed during the senior year.

Pre-professional enrollment is open to students meeting DSC upper-division social work admission requirements. Prior to entering the pre-professional program, all applicants must complete 50 clock hours of a BSW program approved human service experience (see program director for details).

Admission to the professional foundation occurs in the junior year after completing all departmental requirements which include: Spanish 2002 (Intermediate Spanish II) or SOWK 2002 (Culture and Language), Sociology 1101 (Introduction to Sociology), Math 2200 (Introduction to Statistics), Biology 1107-1108 (Principles of Biology I & II), SOWK 3101 (Cultural Diversity), SOWK 3201 (General Practice of Social Work I), and furnishing proof of professional liability insurance. All students entering the professional level of study must have a cumulative institutional GPA of 2.5 and meet the professional and liberal arts objectives of the program (see BSW Program Director for details). In addition, throughout the program, evaluations of student performance in the classroom, in practicum experiences, and in the community will determine the student's compatibility with the professional practice of social work.

**SOCIAL SERVICE VOLUNTEER OR EMPLOYMENT
EXPERIENCE DEPARTMENTAL REQUIREMENT
BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM
DALTON STATE COLLEGE**

Rationale: Prior to admission to the BSW Program, all student applicants must demonstrate that they have had an exposure to real life social service work such as would be involved in a career in social work. Such exposure will help the applicant determine whether he or she is indeed suited for a career as a professional social worker.

The student applicant must furnish documentation of such experience as part of the application to the BSW Program at DSC.

The social service work experience of at least 50 clock hours may be obtained in any of the following ways:

1. **EMPLOYMENT IN A CORE SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCY, INCLUDING DFCS, MENTAL HEALTH, COURT SERVICES, A NON-PROFIT SOCIAL AGENCY, ETC. IN A DIRECT SERVICE ROLE** (working with clients. Clerical work does not count). A letter from an agency supervisor stating the dates of employment and the type of duties will be adequate documentation. Educational activities, such as tutoring, are not eligible
2. **VOLUNTEER SERVICE IN A CORE SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCY IN A DIRECT SERVICE ROLE.** A letter from the supervisor of the volunteer experience stating the dates of service and the type of duties will be adequate documentation. (See attached list of agencies.)
3. A structured service/learning experience in a social service agency arranged by the DSC Student Activities Office documented by the completion of the learning/service contract placed on file with the DSC Service/Learning Office. A copy of this completed contract can be attached to the student's application.

All applicants should plan ahead to complete the requirement before applying to the BSW Program (upper division) and should attach documentation of meeting the social service requirement to the application to the BSW program.

Questions about whether an agency setting will meet the requirement should be directed to the Dean of the School of Social Work. In addition to those agencies listed above, in general, a social service agency or a department of a health agency in which social workers (BSW or MSW) are employed will meet the requirement. Of course, settings in which a student can have contact with a professional social worker are preferred.

BSW STUDENT VOLUNTEER SITES
FOR 50 HOUR UPPER DIVISION REQUIREMENT

PURPOSE: To expose student to clients and social service professionals.

NWGA Family Crisis Center (Whitfield)

Serves women and children victims of domestic violence.

Kim Harrison, Volunteer Coordinator

706-278-6595

Student activities: child care, check in donations, other activities helpful to shelter staff.

Compassion House (Whitfield)

Provides supervised visitation for children and families of Whitfield County who have been separated due to abuse or neglect.

Scott Roden, Director

706-272-2843

Student activities: observe children and parents interacting during supervised visitation.

First Steps Program (Whitfield)

A program of the Family Support Council which promotes immunizations for infants.

Rita Wagers, Manager

706-272-7919

Student activities: participate in training; make visits to Hamilton Medical Center to visit new mothers and to encourage immunization of infants.

Four Points (Walker)

Provides supervised visitation for children and families of Catoosa, Walker, Chattooga, and Dade Counties who have been separated due to abuse or neglect.

Ginger Payton, Program Director

706-638-1555

Student activities: observe children and parents interacting during supervised visitation.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of NWGA Mountains (Whitfield)

Provides adult or peer mentors to children-at-risk.

Staci Halyak, Director

706-278-0702

Student activities: Assist professional staff with duties related to matching youth with volunteers and development and maintenance of effective mentoring relationships between youth and volunteers.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Coosa Valley (Gordon)

Provides adult or peer mentors to children-at-risk.

Roberta Charbonneau

706-629-6029

Student activities: Assist professional staff in duties related to matching youth with volunteers and development and maintenance of effective mentoring relationships between youth and volunteers.

Camp Magik (Rome and other Georgia locations)

Grief camp for children whose parents or sibling have died. Students will be trained to assist professionals in therapeutic activities for children. The camp takes place over the course of a long weekend. The experience satisfies the 50-hour requirement.

Irene McClatchey

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Family Promise (Whitfield County)

National, interfaith group that provides temporary shelter and support for homeless families and is in start-up mode in Whitfield County.

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Bridge Refugee & Sponsorship Services, Inc. in Chattanooga, TN

Christopher Angelinis the sponsorship developer and volunteer coordinator with Bridge Refugee & Sponsorship Services, Inc. in Chattanooga, TN. Since the creation of Bridge in Chattanooga, we have resettled over 350 refugees from countries that are war torn and do not share the same basic freedoms that we as United States citizens enjoy.

Bridge assists refugees and asylees through church sponsorships and volunteers. Prior to a family's arrival, sponsors arrange for housing, household items, food, job interviews, etc. to help the family begin making Chattanooga its home. We also work at increasing global awareness through our presentations to churches and through media contacts. Over 350 refugees from Bosnia, Cuba, Sudan, Vietnam, and the Ukraine have been resettled in Cleveland and Chattanooga since the opening of the Chattanooga office. Our current resettlement goal is to resettle 80 refugees per year. Our program includes a wide variety of services, including case management, working with volunteers (recruitment, training and coordination), employment assistance, immigration assistance (including family reunification, adjustment of status from refugee to permanent resident, overseas travel documents or citizenship questions) and English as a Second Language (ESL) classes.

Volunteer Opportunities Include:

- >Transportation to and from doctors' appointments, grocery store, and general errands.
- >Tutor English as a second language to refugees.
- >Greet families arriving at the airport.
- >Donation Drives (Big items: Couches, Kitchen tables, Chairs, Lamps, Household living items or Small Items: Body soap, Shampoo, Alarm Clocks, etc.)
- >Assist with donation pick-ups (ideal for person with a pick-up truck).
- >Help with clerical work in the office (major need right now).
- >Monetary Donations.
- >Become a friend/ Mentor to a refugee family.
- >Give cultural orientation to a family.
- >Translation services.
- >Assemble Mary & Joseph packs (contains basic household necessities).

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