

Dalton State College
BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM
Upper Division Application

Name: _____ DSC-ID# _____
 LAST FIRST MIDDLE

Address: _____
 STREET CITY STATE ZIP

Telephone: _____ (home) _____ (work)

DSC e-mail: _____

GPA: _____

Application for provisional admission: _____

(Student has completed all components of the application and is currently enrolled in final required courses of the lower division.)

Application for regular admission: _____

(All course requirements of the BSW lower division have been met.)

(Signature)

DATE: _____

Requirement for Disclosure of Criminal History

Students are required to disclose criminal history, including charges and convictions, to the BSW Program Dean, academic advisor, or Director of Field Education. Disclosure should occur early in the student's program of study and must occur prior to applying to the BSW Upper Division. Any charges or convictions incurred after entering the BSW Upper Division must also be disclosed. Criminal charges and/or convictions may affect the student's practica placement and future employment.

- N/A (No Criminal history to report)
- Applicable

Dean's Signature

NOTE: DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS Midterm of the semester before planning to take upper-division (3000-level) classes in social work.

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

The following requirements must be met for regular admission to the BSW Upper Division:

1. Completion of the BSW Lower Division requirements at DSC or equivalent at another CSWE accredited institution.
2. A grade of C or higher in all social work courses.
3. GPA of 2.0.
4. Documentation of 50 hours of approved social service experience (see list of agencies willing to host volunteers).
5. Submission of three letters of reference attesting to the student's suitability for the social work profession:
 - One from a non-relative who knows the student well.
 - One from a former college instructor (form provided by SSW).
 - One from a social service professional. (The letter written by the individual who supervises and documents the 50 hour volunteer experience will serve as this recommendation.)
6. Submission of a statement of interest explaining the student's reasons for choosing a career in social work (300-500 words).
7. Approval of application by the BSW Admissions Committee and notification to the student by letter.

Provisional admission will be awarded students who complete the Application to the Upper Division and are enrolled in the final required courses of the BSW lower division.

Regular admission will be awarded upon completion of the Application to the BSW Upper Division as well as successful completion of DSC BSW lower division requirements.

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM SOCIAL SERVICE VOLUNTEER OR EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT

Prior to admission to the BSW upper division, all applicants must demonstrate exposure to real life social services consistent with career social work. Such exposure will help the applicant determine whether he or she is suited for a career as a professional social worker. The applicant must furnish documentation of such experience as part of the application to the BSW upper division. Questions about whether an agency setting will meet the requirement should be directed to their advisor or the BSW Admissions Committee Chair.

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

- a. **EMPLOYMENT IN A CORE SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCY, INCLUDING DFCS (or equivalent in state other than Georgia), MENTAL HEALTH, COURT SERVICES, A NON-PROFIT SOCIAL AGENCY, ETC. IN A DIRECT SERVICE ROLE (working with clients.)** Clerical work does not count. Teaching/mentoring also does not meet the requirement. A letter from an agency supervisor stating the dates of employment and the type of duties is required.
- b. **VOLUNTEER SERVICE IN A CORE SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCY** A letter from the supervisor of the volunteer experience stating the dates of service and the type of duties is required. Clerical work does not count. Teaching/mentoring also does not meet the requirement. (See attached list of agencies which accept volunteers.)

LIST OF AGENCIES WILLING TO HOST BSW STUDENT VOLUNTEERS FOR 50 HOUR UPPER DIVISION REQUIREMENT

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

Amedysis Hospice (Northwest Georgia Locations)

Provides care and services to our terminally ill patients while enhancing their lives during the final phases of their lives. Care is given in the patient's home.

Contact: Liz Green, Volunteer Coordinator

706-259-2518

Student Activities: Visit patients in their homes providing social and spiritual support. Spend quality time together such as playing cards, singing, holding a hand, sitting and talking. And much more can be offered to our patients. Training is provided.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of NWGA Mountains (Whitfield and Gordon Counties, GA)

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

Staci Halyak, Director

706-278-0702

sbhalyak@gmail.com

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.

Camp Magik (North 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; two times in the spring and two times in the fall. Early application is necessary.

Complete and submit an application at www.campmagik.org. Also, send an email to Dr. Jane Wimmer (jwimmer@daltonstate.edu) to confirm your intent to participate.

Carter Hope Center (Dalton, GA)

Residential and outpatient substance abuse services. Students will support the operation of the facility by making copies, filing, faxing, and other administrative tasks. Students will also have the opportunity to observe client services such as groups.

Chuck Smith

chuck@chcenter.com

Compassion House (Whitfield County, GA)

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.

Promise (Whitfield County, GA)

Revised 3/20/12

National, interfaith group that provides temporary shelter and support for homeless families with children in Whitfield County and surrounding area.

Amy Kleem or Susan Lentz
706-529-4637

Family Support Council (Whitfield County, GA)

A program to provide services to families.

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 County, GA)

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

Sandra Israel, Program Director
706-638-1555

Student activities: To support staff who provide services to families.

Heartlite Hospice (Northwest Georgia Locations)

Provides care and services to our terminally ill patients while enhancing their lives during the final phases of their lives. Care is given in the patient's home.

Contact: Melanie Lackey, Interim Volunteer Coordinator
706-272-1035-Whitfield County

Student Activities: Visit patients in their homes providing social and spiritual support. Spend quality time together such as playing cards, singing, holding a hand, sitting and talking. And much more can be offered to our patients. Training is provided. A student can ask to shadow a Social Worker on staff.

NWGA Family Crisis Center (Whitfield County, GA)

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.