

Social Work Admission Criteria Checklist

- _____ Admission to Angelo State University;
- _____ A completed Application for Admission to the BSW degree program as a “Social Work Major”;
- _____ A completed resume or curriculum vita;
- _____ Completion of the core curriculum (junior standing) including SWK 2307 and SWK 2317;
- _____ A 2.00 GPA on all previous college work as identified on the ASU transcript;
- _____ A 2.50 GPA on any previously taken social work courses with no grade less than a “C”;
- _____ A “C” or better in SWK 2307 and SWK 2317;
- _____ 20 clock hours of volunteer experience in the human or social services;
- _____ A personal narrative, of at least five pages in length (the paper can be longer if necessary) including cover sheet and references (references are expected), covering the following sections conforming to the standards of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, 6th Edition* (2010):
 1. your understanding of the social work profession (including its historical development, mission, and values) and how the social work profession is similar to and differentiated from sociology, psychology, psychiatry, and counseling;
 2. list and define all six core values of the social work profession; discuss the relationship of these core values to the *NASW Code of Ethics*; choose at least two of the core values of the social work profession and discuss their importance to you and the social work profession;
 3. discuss why you desire to enter the social work profession; include a discussion of the following: your personal identification with the social work profession; the ecological paradigm (person-in environment perspective, biopsychosocial approach to clients), advocacy for client access to social work services, your conceptualization and appreciation of human diversity, and generalist social work practice;
 4. discuss three of your personal strengths and three of your personal weaknesses or challenges covering the following points;
 - a. how your personal strengths will help you become a professional social worker; and
 - b. how you plan to overcome any personal weaknesses or challenges to become a professional social worker; and
 5. discuss your future goals as a professional (e.g., graduate work in social work, social work employment, social work career path, career-long learning plan, and so forth).

Human Service/Social Service Work and/or Volunteer Experiences

(Be sure to list your required 20 hours of human or social service volunteer experience.

NOTE: Your time sheet(s) and volunteer experience evaluation form is required and must accompany this application.

Location	Date	Yrs./Hrs. of Experience	Responsibilities at Agency

Criminal History

Have you ever been charged with, have had or have pending charge(s), or have you ever been convicted or plead guilty to a:

- Felony _____ Yes _____ No
- Class A or B Misdemeanor _____ Yes _____ No
- Class C Misdemeanor
(Other than Traffic Tickets) _____ Yes _____ No

If you answered “yes,” attach a detailed explanation or documents.

NOTE: Revealing any criminal history does not automatically disqualify you from being accepted as a B.S.W. student, but failing to reveal such experiences constitutes a violation of the *NASW Code of Ethics* and may be grounds for termination from the B.S.W. degree program. You have an obligation to report any changes in your criminal history to the Social Work Program Director within one week of the change. **You should be aware that a criminal record may not disqualify you from being accepted into the B.S.W. major, but may disqualify you from certain internship opportunities, licensure, and/or some employment opportunities.** It is your responsibility to determine if any criminal history will disqualify you from licensure or any employment opportunities. Additionally, you should be aware that agencies may require a background check for social work interns or new hires at their discretion. You will bear any costs associated with such background checks that may be requested by agencies.

Prospective students must be aware that agencies have the right to refuse to accept them for field placement. Acceptance into the social work program does not guarantee a student a field placement if the refusal is based on a student’s criminal history. Refusal of a field placement under such circumstances will not entitle the student to any refund of tuition or other fee incurred up to that point of the program. **No student will be allowed to graduate with a degree in social work without completing the field placement requirement.**

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Demographic Information

(This information is needed for the Council on Social Work Education and for program planning. It is not mandatory that you complete this information; however, you doing so will be greatly appreciated).

Gender: Male
 Female

Ethnicity: Anglo American/Caucasian
 Hispanic American/Latino
 African American
 Native American/American Indian
 Asian American/Pacific Islander
 Other, Please Specify: _____

Classification at Angelo State University:

Freshman
 Sophomore
 Junior
 Senior

Marital Status: Single
 Married
 Divorced

Work Status: Full-Time Number of Hours Working Per Week: _____
 Part-Time Number of Hours Working Per Week: _____
 Not Employed

Student Agreement (STUDENTS MUST INITIAL EACH ITEM BELOW)

1. _____ I understand that the B.S.W. program at Angelo State University received initial Accreditation from the Council on Social Work Education. It is the student's responsibility to check their State's requirements for licensure; such licensure requirements may vary by State.
2. _____ I agree to adhere to the [National Association of Social Workers \(NASW\) Code of Ethics](#).
3. _____ I agree to adhere to the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners' most recent [Rules Relating to the Licensing and Regulation of Social Workers](#).
4. _____ I agree to adhere to the Angelo State University [Academic Honor Code](#).
5. _____ I agree to [join the NASW](#) as a BSW student member as soon as I am eligible to do so.
6. _____ I understand and agree to obtain [student liability insurance](#) at the 1,000,000/3,000,000 level at my own expense as soon as I am eligible to do so.
7. _____ I understand that I must be advised by a social work faculty member prior to registration for each semester.
8. _____ I agree to attend all mandatory student orientation sessions and other mandatory meetings required by the social work faculty (date and time to be announced).
9. _____ I understand that I may be dismissed from the B.S.W. degree program by the Social Work Program Director for a violation of the *NASW Code of Ethics*, Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners' *Code of Conduct and Standards of Practice*, the *ASU Academic Honor Code*, repeated unprofessional performance, or a failure to fulfill any items in this student agreement.

Student Name (Printed)

Date

Student Signature