Department of Social Work
Master of Social Work Degree Admission Requirements

( NOTE: THE ONLINE APPLICATION CAN BE ACCESSED AT WWW.WINTHROP.EDU/GRADUATESCHOOL

Admission Requirements. A cohort admissions process is used for MSW admissions. Full-time Traditional, Weekend Traditional, and Weekend Advanced Standing Program cohorts are admitted for August enrollment; and, the Full-time Advanced Standing cohort is admitted for May enrollment. The priority deadline for all cohorts is February 1. Application deadline is April 30 for summer admission and June 15 for fall admission, or until the cohort is full. Application review will begin in February. Admission is competitive and only applicants with fully completed application packets will be reviewed. For admission to the MSW degree program, an applicant must:

1. Submit a Winthrop University Graduate School Application including the following:
   • Three professional recommendations. You will be asked to provide names and e-mail addresses of three individuals who can complete a recommendation form on your behalf. These three people will then receive an e-mail asking them to complete the recommendation form.
   • A personal narrative statement (2-3 pages) addressing the following: 1) Your reasons for pursuing the MSW degree; 2) Your career goals upon completing the degree; and, 3) Any previous paid or volunteer experience you may have had in the human services arena. This statement must be developed solely by the applicant with no outside assistance.

2. Hold a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university (Advanced Standing applicants must hold a baccalaureate degree in social work from a Council on Social Work Education accredited college or university).

3. Submit official transcripts from ALL colleges and universities attended. Transcripts must be sent directly to Winthrop’s Graduate School office from issuing institution(s).

4. Have an overall undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for the Advanced Standing Programs. For the Traditional Programs, a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale is required on the last 60 credit hours.

5. Submit an official test score for either the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or the Miller Analogies Test (MAT). Test scores will be considered within the context of the entire application.

PLEASE SEND ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS TO:
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