

## Applying to the 90-credit/3-year Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)

### ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

<b>Who can Apply: Previous Studies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CEGEP: Diploma of College Studies (DCS) / Diplome d'études collégiales (DEC)</li> <li>• French or International Baccalaureate Diploma</li> <li>• Transfer Students from other universities (who have completed or will complete at least one year of studies) or from McGill University (<u>with a completed degree</u>)</li> <li>• Inter/Intra-Faculty Transfer from McGill: currently registered (or previously registered) in another McGill degree and will not be graduating (or have not graduated) from that degree. NB: students in freshman year must complete a minimum 24 credits after current winter term in order to qualify</li> <li>• Mature: Canadian citizens or Canadian permanent residences aged 23 and over at the time of application, who do not possess the above within the last 5 years</li> </ul>
<b>Minimum Grade Average</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Admission Standards for CEGEP Students: Minimum R-Score, Overall: 27.0; English/French: 25.0</li> <li>• Transfers (from other universities or McGill graduates), Inter/Intra-Faculty Transfers: minimum B or 3.0 in university courses</li> <li>• Mature Students: minimum B or 3.0 in 2 college or university courses</li> </ul>
<b>Social Work Written Submission</b>	<p>All applicants are required to complete the “Social Work Written Submission Form” comprised of 6 sections:</p> <p><b>Section 1:</b> Optional equity group information</p> <p><b>Section 2:</b> Record your education, specific details are required</p> <p><b>Section 3:</b> Self-rated French proficiency</p> <p><b>Section 4:</b> Relevant paid, volunteer, and/or field placement experiences, specific details are required. Tell us about your:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “hands-on” experience, involving direct contact with clients/client groups</li> <li>• interactive, supportive role, paid or volunteer</li> <li>• and for which a supervisor can describe your demonstrated ability for the field of social work in a letter of reference</li> <li>• No additional CV is reviewed or considered</li> </ul> <p><b>Section 5:</b> Personal statement – 600 word maximum, single spaced:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why do you want to be a social worker?</li> <li>• How have your personal, academic, volunteer and/or work experiences contributed to your interest in social work?</li> <li>• What have you learned from these past experiences that make you a good candidate for social work?</li> </ul> <p><b>Section 6:</b> Analysis of a social problem – 600 word maximum, single spaced:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify and describe a social problem, its contributing factors, and why this problem is relevant for social work.</li> <li>• What attributes, skills, and values do you possess that contribute to your abilities to address this social issue and what attributes, skills, and values you would like to develop to strengthen your ability to address this social issue?</li> </ul>
<b>2 Letters of reference</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 letters of reference from individuals who have direct knowledge of your performance in a helping capacity, your strengths and limitations, and/or your potential in the field of social work, on letterhead, submitted electronically</li> </ul>
<b>Transcripts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At the time of application, upload only an unofficial transcript</li> </ul>

*Admission to the BSW program is limited and competitive. All candidates are expected to have better than average grades, significant social work-related experience, paid or volunteer, and also to demonstrate personal suitability for the social work profession. Classes are offered in **English**; **French proficiency** (comprehension, spoken, and written) is **needed for local field placements***

<b>DEADLINES:</b>	<b>Application</b>	<b>Supporting documents</b>
<b>Applicants from Quebec CEGEPs</b>	March 1	March 7
<b>Applicants from universities outside of Canada</b>	January 15	May 1
<b>Applicants from universities in Canada</b>	May 1	May 1
<b>Mature Students</b>	May 1	May 1
<b>Intra/Inter-Faculty Transfer Students (within McGill)</b>	May 1	May 1

**BSW Program Information:** <https://www.mcgill.ca/socialwork/prospective/bsw>

**BSW Admissions Information:** Maria Pacheco, Student Affairs Coordinator ([undergraduate.socialwork@mcgill.ca](mailto:undergraduate.socialwork@mcgill.ca))

**Scholarships for Future Undergraduates:** <http://www.mcgill.ca/studentaid/scholarships-aid/future-undergrads>

**Scholarships Deadlines:** <http://www.mcgill.ca/studentaid/scholarships-aid/future-undergrads/entrance-scholarships/application-instructions>

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