

APPLICATION FOR ADMITTED MAJOR STATUS

**Fall 2025 Cohort
University of Wyoming
College of Health Sciences
Division of Social Work**

When you declared social work as your major, you were classified as a Social Work Pre-Admit Major. The Division of Social Work adopted this procedure to give you an opportunity to make an informed and positive choice to adopt social work as an academic major and a profession. Now, it is time for you to seriously reflect on your choice and decide if you wish to continue as a social work major. Both scholarly and personal attributes are very important to a career in social work, and given your introductory course work and time as a Social Work Pre-Admit Major, you should be in a position to assess both your long-term interest and suitability for such a career.

If you decide to continue as a social work major, please complete the attached Application for Admitted Major Status and submit it for review by the BSW Committee. You must be accepted into Admitted Major status to take the professional social work courses in the coming fall. **Admission to the program is competitive.**

In order for your application to be reviewed, all social work prerequisites must be successfully completed by the end of the Spring 2025 semester. Additionally, all applicants must have a C or better in a Communication 1 (COM1) and Communication 2 (COM2) course.

Following the BSW Committee's review, you will receive an email notifying you of your selection status for conditional admittance. If selected, a background check will be required. Final admittance to the BSW Program is contingent upon the successful completion of this background check.

Selected applicants who are enrolled in prerequisites will be conditionally/provisionally admitted into the Fall 2025 cohort. After final grades have been posted for the semester in which you completed the prerequisites, grades and GPA will be reviewed, and qualified applicants will be fully accepted into Admitted Major status. Students must maintain a 2.5 GPA or above in order to enroll in the Fall 2025 professional social work courses. For more information on this process, please consult the [Bachelor of Social Work Handbook](#).

Students must meet the following criteria to be accepted into Admitted Major status:

1. Students must be a student at the University of Wyoming (UW). If the applicant is not currently admitted at UW, he or she must [apply for admission to UW](#) through UW Admissions and submit the Admitted Major application to the Division of Social Work concurrently. Students must be accepted at UW before being accepted into Admitted Major status.
2. Students must earn a minimum overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.50 in all UW coursework and all coursework completed at other academic institutions. The student's GPA is calculated using all college and university credits counted toward graduation from the University of Wyoming.
3. Students must earn a grade of C or higher in a Human Biology course, Statistics 2050 or 2070, Macroeconomics (ECON 1010), General Psychology (PSYC 1000), Sociological Principles (SOC 1000), American and Wyoming Government (POLS 1000), and Introduction to Social Work (SOWK 2000) or their equivalents.
4. Students must earn a grade of C or higher in a Communication 1 (COM1) and Communication 2 (COM2) course.
5. Students must have junior status (completed 60 credit hours) by the end of Spring 2025 semester.
6. Students must agree to adhere to the [NASW Code of Ethics](#).
7. Students cannot exhibit behavior that will infringe on the present or future ability to fulfill responsibilities as a social work professional.
8. Students must submit the Social Work Professional Recommendation Form. The individual completing the Professional Recommendation Form **cannot** be the applicant's instructor for SOWK 2000, a family member, or a friend. Suitable recommenders include work or volunteer supervisors, professors, advisors, or coaches. Select an individual who can address the following areas:
 - a. Your integrity and responsibility;
 - b. Your willingness to learn;
 - c. Your openness to new experiences and ideas;
 - d. Your academic, work, or volunteer experience;
 - e. Your interpersonal skills within the classroom, work, or volunteer experience; and
 - f. Your ability to manage stress.
9. Students must sign statements declaring that they have:
 - a. Read and understood the current [BSW Handbook](#);
 - b. Read, understood, and agree to adhere to the [UW Student Code of Conduct](#)
 - c. Read, understood, and agree to adhere to the [NASW Code of Ethics](#)
 - d. Read and understood the academic and non-academic Reasons for Dismissal from the BSW Program

10. Upon your conditional admittance to the BSW Program, students must successfully complete a background check in accordance with the [College of Health Sciences policy](#). Final admittance to the BSW Program is contingent upon the successful completion of this background check.

Criminal convictions may result in the student's rejection for admission to Admitted Major. Please see the Criminal Background Screening section in the [BSW Handbook](#). If you would like to notify us of a criminal offense of which you have been convicted, submit a written statement describing the incident to the BSW Program Director. If needed, the BSW Program Director may ask for court documents that confirm the successful completion of court requirements. **Students must fulfill any court obligations, such as probation or community service, before being admitted to the program. While enrolled, if any run-in with the law occurs, the program and division director must be notified, and the student must complete all court requirements before being placed in a practicum.**

11. Students must submit the application fee of \$30 through [TouchNet](#).
12. Students must complete the admitted major application by the posted deadline. **Applications submitted in the Fall term are due November 15, 2024, by 5 p.m. Applications submitted in the Spring term are due April 4, 2025, by 5 p.m.** If space allows, a summer deadline will be posted on our website after all standard applicants are notified of admission status: www.uwyo.edu/socialwork.

Applications can be hand-delivered on campus to:

Health Sciences Building, Rm, 310 in Laramie, WY **or** University Union, Rm 434 at UW Casper, WY

Or mailed to:

Division of Social Work
1000 E University Ave
Dept 3632
Laramie, WY 82071

(If applications are mailed, they must be postmarked by the published deadline)

Checklist for Admitted Major Application

Before you submit your application, do you have:

_____ GPA of 2.5 or higher, both UW and overall

_____ Minimum 60 credit hours, transferrable to UW

_____ Completed a Communication 1 (COM1) and Communication 2 (COM2) course with a C or better

_____ Completed with a C or better, or are currently enrolled in all 7 prerequisites courses below:

	Human Biology (At UW, we will accept PSYC 2080, KIN 2040, or ZOO 2040. Please contact the Division of Social Work to find out which courses are acceptable from other institutions)
	STAT 2050 (Fundamentals in Statistics) or STAT 2070 (Intro to Statistics for Social Sciences)
	ECON 1010 (Macroeconomics)
	PSYC 1000 (General Psychology)
	SOC 1000 (Sociological Principles)
	POLS 1000 (American and Wyoming Government)
	SOWK 2000 (Intro to Social Work)

Before you submit your application, have you read and understood:

_____ [BSW Handbook](#)

_____ [UW Student Code of Conduct](#)

_____ [NASW Code of Ethics](#)

_____ Academic and Non-academic reasons for termination

_____ [College of Health Sciences Background Check Policy](#)

Submit your application:

_____ Application Information Sheet (pages 6 and 7 of this document)

_____ Certification of Information and Background Check Policy signature sheet (page 8 of this document)

_____ BSW Student Handbook signature sheet (page 9 of this document)

_____ UW Student Code of Conduct and NASW Code of Ethics signature sheet (page 9 of this document)

_____Non-academic termination signature sheet (page 10 of this document)

_____Essay (prompt is on page 11 of this document)

_____Unofficial transcripts for all undergraduate work

_____Completed Professional Recommendation Form, *which must be sealed in an envelope with the recommender's signature on the seal.* (Request letter, to be given to your recommender, can be found on page 12 of this document, and the Professional Recommendation Form is on page 13 of this document)

Also:

_____Pay the \$30 application fee via [TouchNet](#)

_____Understand that admittance to the program requires the completion of a successful background check. After the initial review and acceptance of the BSW application, a background check will be required. Successful completion of the background check is required for admission to the program.

_____Submit official transcripts for all undergraduate work to the UW Registrar

_____ [Apply to the University of Wyoming](#), if you have not already done so

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BSW Application Information Sheet

University of Wyoming College of Health Sciences Division of Social Work

*Applications submitted in the fall term are due **November 15, 2024, by 5 pm.***

*Applications submitted in the Spring term are due **April 4, 2025, by 5 pm.***

I am applying to the:

_____ UW Laramie campus program

_____ UW Casper campus program

Student Information:

Name: _____

W#: _____ Email address: _____

Phone #: _____ UW Email address: _____

Local address:

Permanent address, if different from local address:

Correspondence should be mailed to my:

_____ Local address

_____ Permanent address

Please list the institution at which you completed the following prerequisite courses. If you have not completed a prerequisite, please indicate in which semester and from which institution you will be taking the course.

Human Biology: _____

Statistics: _____

Macroeconomics: _____

General Psychology: _____

Sociological Principles: _____

American and Wyoming Government: _____

Intro to Social Work: _____

Certification of Information and Background Check Policy Signature Sheet

Health Sciences Background Check Policy

Students seeking admission into a College of Health Sciences program are required to obtain and pay for a criminal background check. These background checks are routinely required by schools, hospitals, and other agencies that participate in the clinical and practice education of our students. The results of your criminal background check may determine if you will be admitted into our program. You must inform the Dean of the College of Health Sciences if you are convicted of a crime while enrolled in your program. Depending on the requirements of your program, you may also be required to update your criminal background check each year. Each training site will be informed that you have completed a background check prior to your placement at that site.

Signing this form verifies:

1. You have completed the necessary steps to apply for Admitted Major status.
2. You understand that a background check will be required upon your conditional acceptance into the BSW Program. A successful background check is required for admission to the program.
3. The information you have provided is correct to the best of your knowledge, and
4. You have read the Health Sciences Background Check Policy (above) and understand the requirements and consequences.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Submit these pages, three signature pages, essay, unofficial transcripts, and Professional Recommendation Form in a signed and sealed envelope to:

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BSW Student Handbook Signature Sheet

University of Wyoming
College of Health Sciences
Division of Social Work

I, _____, have read the BSW Student Handbook.

I am aware of the policies and procedures that guide the Division of Social Work and that the BSW Student Handbook is a guide for students. It is not a contract and does not supersede University and Trustee regulations. I understand that I should use the BSW Student Handbook as a resource to proceed smoothly through the social work program.

Student Signature:

Date:

UW Student Code of Conduct and NASW Code of Ethics Signature Sheet **University of Wyoming College of Health Sciences Division of Social Work**

I, _____, have read the UW Student Code of Conduct and the NASW Code of Ethics. I understand that all students who attend the University of Wyoming must adhere to the UW Student Code of Conduct. The NASW Code of Ethics are the national standards that define the professional behavior of social workers. I agree to behave according to the UW Student Code of Conduct and the NASW Code of Ethics. I am aware that I may be sanctioned, placed on probation, or terminated from the social work program for violating the UW Student Code of Conduct and/or the NASW Code of Ethics. I also understand that I may utilize the Student Grievance Procedure articulated in the UW Student Handbook, the BSW Student Handbook, and the Field Practicum Handbook if I believe the decision to terminate was made with “prejudice, capricious, or arbitrary treatment”.

Student Signature:

Date:

Non-academic Termination Signature Sheet

University of Wyoming
College of Health Sciences
Division of Social Work

I, _____, understand that I may be sanctioned, placed on probation, or terminated from the social work program for non-academic reasons. These reasons are articulated in the UW Student Handbook, the BSW Student Handbook, and the Field Practicum Handbook.

Non-academic termination may be initiated if one or more of the following occurs:

- Student violates the UW Student Code of Conduct.
- Student fails to behave according to the NASW Code of Ethics.
- Student fails to meet generally accepted standards of professional conduct, personal integrity, or emotional stability requisite for professional practice.
- Student fails to demonstrate the effective interpersonal skills necessary to perform professional helping relationships.
- Student displays inappropriate or disruptive behavior toward clients, colleagues, faculty, or staff, which interferes with professional judgement or jeopardizes the best interest of those to whom the social work student has a professional responsibility.

I understand that I will be notified before being sanctioned, placed on probation, or terminated from the social work program and may utilize the Student Grievances Procedure articulated in the UW Student Handbook, BSW Student Handbook, and Field Practicum Handbook if I believe the decision to terminate was made with “prejudice, capricious, or arbitrary treatment”.

Student Signature:

Date:

Essay Prompt
University of Wyoming
College of Health Sciences
Division of Social Work

Please write a 3-4 page response (approximately 1200 words), typed, double spaced, that responds to the following questions. We expect that your response will provide insight into who you are and how you imagine you will be as a future social worker. There is no “right” response to the below questions. We want to learn about you and how you have come to apply to the social work program.

1. Describe a significant experience or event in your life that inspired you to pursue a career in social work. How did this experience influence your decision, and what motivates you to continue on this path?
2. What personal strengths and qualities do you possess that will help you succeed as a social worker?
3. Identify two values from the NASW Code of Ethics. Explain how these values align with your personal values and how they influence your view of social work.
4. Discuss a social issue that you are passionate about and explain why it is important to you. How do you envision contributing to addressing this issue as a social worker?
5. Please provide any additional comments you would like the BSW Admissions Committee to take into account.



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Dear _____,

_____ is requesting the completion of a Professional Recommendation Form from you concerning his or her suitability to be admitted into the professional program for a Bachelor of Social Work degree (BSW). Because federal legislation requires student access to educational records, the Division of Social Work cannot guarantee the confidentiality of your statement.

The Professional Recommendation Form will not be accepted from any family members of the applicant, friends of the applicant, or the instructor who taught the applicant in SOWK 2000 (Introduction to Social Work) or its equivalent.

Social work is a professional degree that emphasizes well-being and social justice. Social workers assist individuals, families, groups, communities, organizations, and institutions in planning and instituting change by using many professional skills and techniques, including the problem-solving process.

The Council on Social Work Education (2022) states:

“The purpose of the social work profession is to promote human and community well-being. Guided by a person and environment construct, a global perspective, respect for human diversity, and knowledge based on scientific inquiry, the purpose of social work is actualized through its quest for social and economic justice, the prevention of conditions that limit human rights, the elimination of poverty, and the enhancement of the quality of life for all persons, locally and globally.”

Because social work is a demanding profession that works with vulnerable individuals, we ask that you rate the individual in the categories specified on the Professional Recommendation Form and provide comments that will help inform the review committee of the applicant’s strengths and challenges.

If you have any questions regarding the Professional Recommendation Form or the application process, please feel free to contact me at vthomps4@uwyo.edu or 307-766-5639.

Please submit this form directly to the applicant in a sealed envelope with your signature across the seal. Thank you for providing this information and assisting us with our application process.

Sincerely,

Valerie Thompson-Ebanks, Ph.D., MSW, BSW
Division Director & Professor
Acting BSW Director

Professional Recommendation Form for Social Work Admitted Major

Printed name of applicant: _____

Please provide a recommendation concerning the person named above. Information is particularly desired concerning his or her suitability to be admitted into the professional program for a Bachelor of Social Work degree.

	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent
Integrity and responsibility					
Comments: _____					
Willingness to learn					
Comments: _____					
Openness to new experiences and ideas					
Comments: _____					
Academic or work/volunteer experience					
Comments: _____					
Interpersonal skills within the classroom or work/volunteer experience					
Comments: _____					
Ability to manage stress and challenges					
Comments: _____					
Ability to get along well with people					
Comments: _____					

Relationship to applicant: _____ Years known: _____

Signature of Recommender: _____ Date: _____

Name of Recommender: _____

Agency: _____

Title/Position: _____

Submit the completed reference in a sealed envelope with your signature across the seal directly to the applicant.