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Overview
The School of Social Work, Renison, University of Waterloo offers a unique post-BA Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree through full-time or part-time studies. Applicants to the BSW program require a Bachelor of Arts (or equivalent) degree with the required prerequisite social work and social science foundation courses. Conditional admission is available to qualified applicants with BA's (or equivalent) who have not completed all the prerequisite courses. Full-time studies are distinguished by an intensive ten-month program, while part-time studies may be completed within three years. The program prepares entry-level generalist social work practitioners to provide service to a broad range of populations at all systems levels through a combination of academic courses and a field practicum of 720 hours.

The BSW program is accredited by the Canadian Association of Schools of Social Work. Graduates are eligible for registration under the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers and are eligible for membership in the Ontario Association of Social Workers. Graduates are employed in every province in Canada and elsewhere.

For further information, visit the School of Social Work website at: www.renison.uwaterloo.ca/social-work/index.shtml.

Degree
The degree of Honours Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) is awarded by the University of Waterloo upon successful completion of the requirements of the program. No degree will be granted to a student who does not complete the program requirements including the cumulative overall average of 75%.

Graduates are eligible to apply to one-year Master of Social Work (MSW) programs at Canadian universities and for MSW programs in the United States.

Admission
Admission requirements include the successful completion of either a three-year or four-year undergraduate University degree (Bachelor of Arts or equivalent) with a B average and at least 6.0 units in the social sciences, including ten required prerequisite courses or their equivalents. Qualified applicants who possess a Bachelor of Arts degree (or equivalent), but who lack one or more of the prerequisite courses for admission to the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) program, may be eligible for Conditional Admission to the full-time or part-time program.

Successful conditional admission applicants will be given admission to the next available entry point to the Bachelor of Social Work program, conditional on successful completion of the following prerequisite courses with grades of at least 75%.

Entrance to the full-time program must be for the full academic year beginning in September. Entrance to the part-time program is available for September and January entry points.

Required Prerequisite Courses (or equivalents):
ISS 250R Social Statistics
ISS 251R Social Research
SOC 224R Poverty in Canada and its Social Consequences OR ISS 312R Homelessness and Public Policy
SOCWK 120R Introduction to Social Work
SOCWK 220R Social Work with Individuals - Theory and Practice 1
SOCWK 221R Social Group Work
SOCWK 222R Community Organization 1
SOCWK 300R Canadian Social Welfare Policy
SOCWK 301R Understanding Diversity in Canada OR PSYCH 222R Cross-Cultural Psychology OR ISS 311R Public Policy and Native Peoples in Canada
SOCWK 321R Social Work with Families

Note: Once admitted to the BSW program, conditional admission students must register for the prerequisite courses using the SWREN designation.

SWREN 120R Introduction to Social Work
SWREN 220R Social Work with Individuals - Theory and Practice 1
SWREN 221R Social Group Work
SWREN 222R Community Organization 1
SWREN 224R Poverty in Canada and its Social Consequences OR SWREN 312R Homelessness and Public Policy
SWREN 250R Social Statistics
SWREN 251R Social Research
SWREN 300R Canadian Social Welfare Policy
SWREN 301R Understanding Diversity in Canada OR SWREN 223R Cross-Cultural Psychology OR SWREN 311R Public Policy and Native Peoples in Canada
SWREN 321R Social Work with Families

Note: Applicants who have taken courses equivalent to the required prerequisite courses should submit all documentation for course equivalency.
evaluation, including official transcripts and full course outlines to: Marion Reid.

Applicants must also demonstrate sufficient work and/or volunteer experience in the social services and personal suitability as evidenced by letters of reference and a personal statement. For further information contact Marion Reid, Renison University College, 519-884-4404, ext. 28626, or ren-bsw@renison.uwaterloo.ca.

Application Deadlines
Whether you are applying for the full-time or part-time BSW program, all applicants must follow these application procedures:

Full-time Program (Ten-month format)
Applying through the online Post-degree and Social Work application link. Complete and submit the BSW Application Package to Renison University College.

For further information, contact Birgit Moscinski at 519-884-4404, ext. 28650.

School of Social Work applications can be downloaded from the following web site: www.renison.uwaterloo.ca/social-work/index.shtml.


Part-time Program (Three-year format)
Applying through the online Post-degree and Social Work application link. Complete and submit the BSW Application Package to Renison University College.

For further information, contact Birgit Moscinski at 519-884-4404, ext. 28650.

School of Social Work applications can be downloaded from the following web site: www.renison.uwaterloo.ca/social-work/index.shtml.


Program Requirements
To graduate from the Honours Bachelor of Social Work Program, students must successfully complete the following 7.0 academic course unit equivalents with a cumulative overall average of at least 75%.

Required Academic Courses
SWREN 411R Integrative Practice: Aboriginal Perspectives and Social Work
SWREN 414R Interviewing and Assessment in Social Work Practice
SWREN 422R Advanced Macro Practice
SWREN 423R Advanced Social Group Work Practice
SWREN 424R Diversity and Empowerment
SWREN 431R Fields of Practice
SWREN 434R Selected Theories for Social Work Practice: Analysis and Application

Required Field Practicum Courses
SWREN 441R* Practicum 1* (Full-time) or SWREN 441 Practicum 1** (Part-time)
(A) and (B)
SWREN 442R* Practicum 2* (Full-time) or SWREN 442 Practicum 2** (Part-time)
(A) and (B)
SWREN 443R* Practicum 3* (Full-time) or SWREN 443 Practicum 3** (Part-time)
(A) and (B)

*Note: SWREN 441R, 442R and 443R total 720 field practicum hours.

**Note: The practicum courses for part-time students are designated as being offered in two parts (A) and (B) to accommodate completing the field practicum of 720 hours over a different time frame than the full-time program.

A choice of one of the following academic elective courses:
SWREN 470R Mental Health and Addiction Issues: Social Work Responses
OR
SWREN 471R Social Work with Older Adults: Critical Issues and Future Trends
OR
SWREN 472R International Context of Practice: An Experiential Learning Opportunity***

***Note: This is the Mexico & Canada: Two Countries – One World experience that includes Reading Week in Mexico and three Saturdays in Canada as well as related academic assignments.
Field Practicum

The full-time program requires a three day per week unpaid field practicum for ten months. The organization and time-lines for the part-time program are individualized according to student need.

It is required by most practicum agencies that students have a driver's license and access to their own vehicle. Police checks are required by many agencies and in some settings immunization shots may be required.