

Crisis Counselor

Public Policy Advocate

Behavioral Management Specialist

Case Manager

Benefits Eligibility Worker

Prison Counselor

Community Outreach Director

Child and Family Social Worker

Juvenile Court Liaison

Human Services Specialist

Corporate Social Responsibility

Geriatric Social Worker

Social Services Director

Probation Officer

Foster Care Social Worker

Policy Analyst

Rehabilitation Case Worker

Public Policy Formulation

School-based Social Worker

Child Welfare Worker

Social Justice Advocate

What can you do with

Hospice Social Worker



Adoption Social Worker

Residential Case Manager

Telehealth Therapist

Child Welfare Researcher

Community Service Manager

Court Expert

Hospital Social Worker (Inpatient)

a degree in Social Work?

Mental Health &
Substance Abuse Social Worker

Nonprofit Executive Director

Behavior Analyst

Program Director

College Professor

Mental Health Counselor

Group Therapist

Family Service Worker

Hospital Social Worker (Outpatient)

Employee Assistance Program Director

Research Analyst

Human Resources

Child Protection Officer



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
COMMERCE
School of Social Work

Marriage and Family Counselor

Admissions to Bachelor's of Social Work

Admission to the Social Work Program occurs while students are enrolled in SWK 2389, and must be completed by the first class day of their first Junior semester.

Since admission to the BSW program occurs when students are enrolled in SWK 2389 or SWK 2362, students who want to transfer these courses from other schools must complete an application to the program PRIOR to enrolling in the upper division (300 or 400 level) social work classes, or within the first 3 days of the semester.

The BSW Admissions Committee will review any applications from transfer students immediately in order to allow continuation in upper division social work courses. Social work degree plans are completed at the time of admission to the program (during the latter part of the sophomore year) by the students and the BSW Director.

For students to enroll in junior-level classes, a “permit” is required. This will allow the BSW Director to ensure all students enrolled in upper division social work classes are qualified to do so. In addition, it will allow any transfer students to be assigned to a faculty advisor at that time.

Students submit an application form, a narrative statement of their interest in Social Work, an example of their work from a previous course, three references, transcripts, and estimates of grades from current professors. Application forms are available online. The Admissions Committee comprised of the instructors for SWK 2361, SWK 2389, and SWK 2362, will review each application to the major.

Admissions criteria include:

1. Completion of the required Liberal Arts perspective (English Composition; American History; American and Texas Government; Humanities; Science, including Human Biology; Speech; Math; and Foreign Language and/or Cultural Anthropology as the Behavioral Science courses).
2. A Grade Point Average of 2.5 in PSY 2301; ANTH 2351; SOC 1306; SWK 2361; and estimated grades for SWK 2389 and SWK 2362).
3. An overall Grade Point Average of 2.5 or greater.
4. Evidence, from classroom observations of the three instructors, of
 - a. Values compatible with the social work profession, as reflected in the NASW Code of Ethics and Department Code of Conduct
 - b. good attendance habits,
 - c. good written and oral communication skills,
 - d. acceptance of diversity in others,
 - e. adequately developing self-awareness,
 - f. acceptable growth in empathic interviewing skills, and
 - g. potential for success in the upper division coursework and field practice.

Admissions to Bachelor's of Social Work

Students who have not met all admissions criteria, but are likely to be able to do so prior to entry into Field Practicum, may be admitted on a conditional basis, with a plan for remediation.

Not everyone is well suited to become a professional social worker; therefore students are assessed for their appropriateness to serve people who are very vulnerable or dependent. Those students not admitted will be advised on whether to take remedial action or to select another program or major. Junior and Senior level social work classes are restricted to those students who have been fully or conditionally admitted to the program.

The admissions criteria have been developed based on the faculty's experience. They are designed to help ensure that students who are admitted to the program are likely to succeed in the program, and have potential to become competent and valued members of the profession.

Academic Advising

Academic advising is helpful to ensure the completion of all requirements in a timely manner. Students are expected to meet each semester with their assigned academic advisor.

For more information visit:
www.tamuc.edu/socialwork

Contact: Randi Wright, BSW Director
Email: Randi.Wright@tamuc.edu



School of Social Work

BSW Program

PREREQUISITES:

- **UNIVERSITY CORE** (42 HOURS OR VERY CLOSE TO BEING FINISHED)
- **MATH 1342** (MUST BE THIS MATH COURSE)
- **SOC 1306** (MUST BE THIS SOC COURSE)

- **PSYCH 2301**
- **ANTH 2351**
- **SWK 2361**– OFFERED DURING FALL & SUMMER
- **SWK 2362**– OFFERED DURING SPRING & SUMMER
- **SWK 2389**– OFFERED DURING SPRING & SUMMER

****APPLICANTS MUST HAVE 2.5 OVERALL GPA FOR FULL ADMISSION- UNDER 2.5 CAN BE ADMITTED CONDITIONALLY. NEED 2.5 OVERALL GPA TO GRADUATE WITH BSW DEGREE****

- OUR BSW CONSISTS OF 4 SEMESTERS OF COURSEWORK- THIS INCLUDES TWO SEMESTERS OF FIELD PRACTICUM
- STUDENTS WHO BEGIN OUR PROGRAM IN FALL '22 WILL GRADUATE IN FALL '23 **IF ALL REQUIRED COURSEWORK IS COMPLETE*
- WE PREPARE OUR STUDENTS TO SIT FOR THE STATE LICENSING EXAM
- GRADUATE WITH A DEGREE THAT WILL OPEN MANY DOORS IN THE HELPING FIELD: WORK WITH CHILDREN, TEENAGERS, ADULTS OR OLDER ADULTS IN AREAS SUCH AS CASE MANAGEMENT, SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES, NON-PROFIT AGENCIES, MENTAL HEALTH AGENCIES, SUBSTANCE ABUSE AGENCIES, DFPS, SCHOOLS, MEDICAL HOSPITALS, CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES, HOMELESS SHELTERS, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, NURSING HOMES, HOSPICE AND MORE!

**Applications for the Fall
semester will open in
March!!!**

Social Work Major

Freshman Semester 1:	Freshman Semester 2:	Sophomore Semester 1:	Sophomore Semester 2:
ENG 1301	ENG 1302	SWK 2361	SWK 2389
HIST 1301	HIST 1302	ANTH 2351	SWK 2362
PSY 2301	MATH 1342	3 hr Science	3 hr Science
SOC 1306	PSCI 2301	SPC 1315	Elective
3 hr Hum	3 hr Vis/Perf Arts	Psci 2302	Elective
Junior Semester 1:	Junior Semester 2:	Senior Summer:	Senior Fall Semester:
SWK 322	SWK 325	SWK 422	SWK 424
SWK 328	SWK 331	SWK 425 (Field I)	SWK 426 ⁽⁶⁾
SWK 329	SWK 348	Elective	Elective
SWK 340*	SWK Elective*	Elective	Elective
SWK 370	SWK 350		

Total Semester Hours: 120

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SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

BSW CURRICULUM

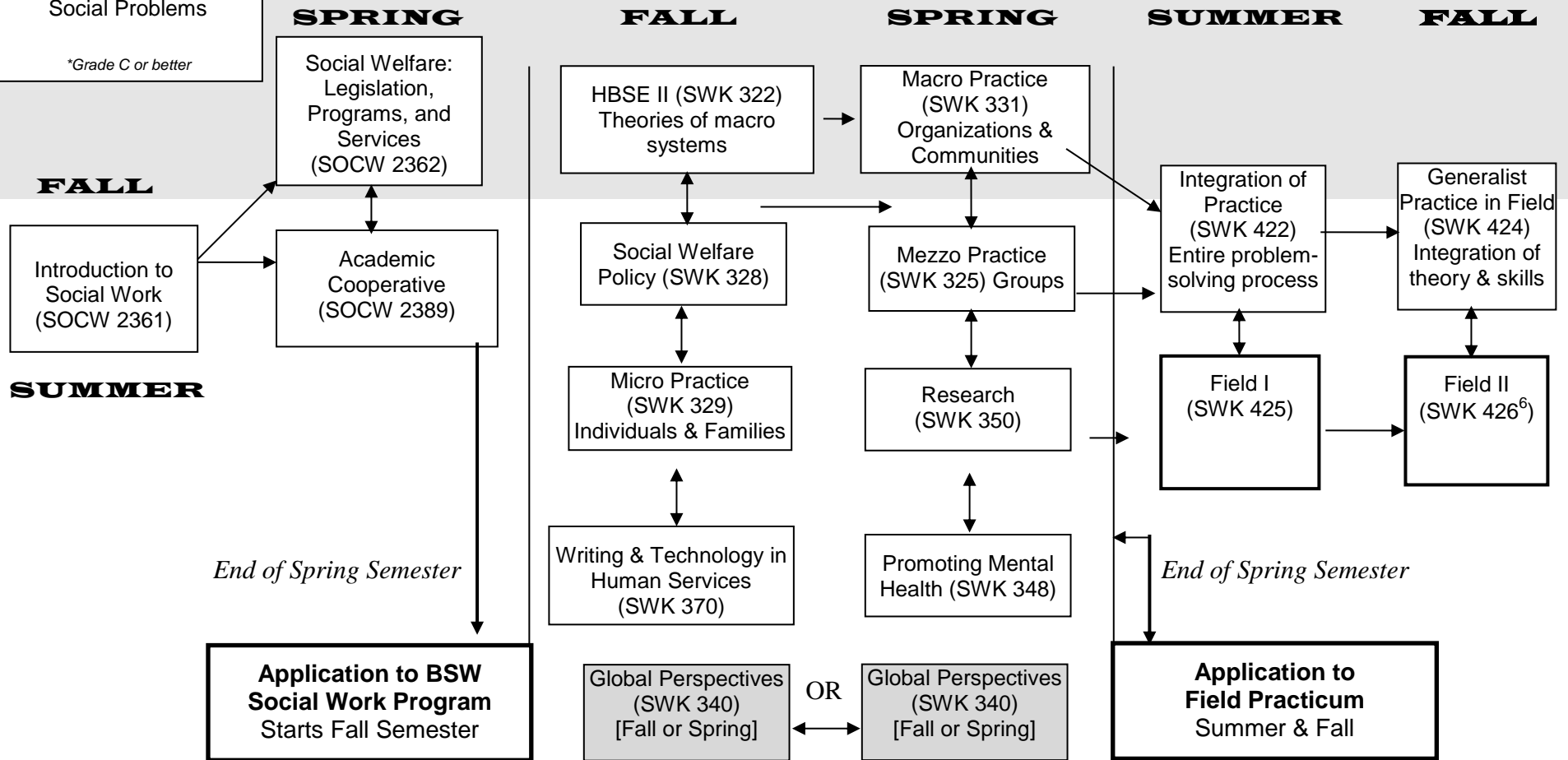
Foundation:

University Core

Requirements include:

- English 1301 & 1302
- Elementary Statistics
- Cultural Anthropology
- General Psychology
- Social Problems

**Grade C or better*



SOCIAL WORK ELECTIVES

Fall / Spring / May Mini / Summer

- * SWK 362 - Child Welfare
- * SWK 361 - Treatment of Families

- * SWK 497 - Study Abroad
- * Costa Rica and/or Romania



ALPHA DELTA MU

NATIONAL SOCIAL WORK HONOR SOCIETY

The purpose of Alpha Delta Mu is to recognize individual academic excellence and to enhance recognition of students who achieve superior scholarship. The Alpha Sigma Chapter of Alpha Delta Mu National Social Work Honor Society was established in the Social Work Program at East Texas State University (now Texas A&M University–Commerce) in the spring of 1978.

CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP

If you are a social work student currently in the field, you may be eligible for membership.

The criterion includes:

- *3.00 GPA Overall*
- *3.50 GPA in all Social Work classes*
- *Completed 90 or more hours (Senior classification only)*
- *Must be enrolled in the Field Practicum*

Application forms are available in the Social Work office. All forms must be completed in duplicate; one remains with the local chapter and one is sent to the national offices. An advising transcript must be attached to the application.

In addition, students should attach a check payable to “Alpha Delta Mu” in the amount of \$25. Twenty dollars is required by the national organization and the remaining five dollars goes to the local chapter to finance a senior reception at the end of the semester.

Interested?!

Randi.Wright@tamuc.edu

BSW Student Organization:

A - T E A M

“Advocates at Texas A&M University–Commerce”

The BSW Student Organization, “A-TEAM”, provides an opportunity for undergraduate students (and other University students who are interested) to participate in social events, networking, community service, and development of leadership skills.

A-TEAM officers are elected by the BSW student body annually, usually during the fall semester. More information on the A-TEAM will be posted on the BSW bulletin board throughout the semester, including applications for membership.

For More Information, call/email:

Dr. Avril Knox, faculty sponsor

Call **(903) 468-6095**

Email Avril.Knox@tamuc.edu

Instructions for BSW Admissions Application

1. The BSW Program Application is filled out during enrolled semester or once pre-requisite courses SWK 2361, SWK 2362 and 2389 are completed.
2. BSW Application period opens Tuesday, March 1, 2022.
3. **Completed** BSW applications are due to the Social Work office: **Friday, April 15, 2022**
4. **Type** the information on the application and print. Staple the **typed** narrative to the application; sign & date both the application **and** narrative.
5. Request three (3) professional references - these can be *employers, supervisors, or faculty from other educational programs*. Complete the top portion of each reference form.

DO NOT use personal references - No family or friends.

6. Code of Conduct must be signed and dated. Provide current transcripts/degree works printout and complete COEHS advisement guide.

7. **A complete admissions packet includes:**

- **Typed** BSW Application signed/dated,
- **Typed** Narrative signed/dated,
- Typed paper you have submitted to one of your previous courses- This can be from any class- must be around 3 pages in length.
- Three (3) Professional Letters of Reference, NO FAMILY OR FRIENDS
- Code of Conduct signed/dated,
- Transcripts or Current DegreeWorks printout,
- Headshot photo- can be self take, must look professional

Please binder clip all documents to your application. DO NOT put application and/or documents in a folder, binder, or any other type of enclosure.

All forms are available on the Social Work Website at www.tamuc.edu/SocialWork

SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKET TO:

BSWAdmissions@tamuc.edu

If hand delivered - School of Social Work Henderson 311

Should you have any questions or need assistance please email:

Randi Wright, BSW Director at Randi.Wright@tamuc.edu
Wendy Nutt, BSW Program Support at Wendy.Nutt@tamuc.edu

Campus – check one

- Commerce
 Mesquite
 Frisco

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE Bachelors of Social Work (BSW)

Application for Admission to the BSW Program

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION: (Please type each section.)

Name: _____
 TAMU-C CWID _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Home Phone: () _____ Business Phone: () _____
 Emergency Phone: () _____ Date of Birth: _____
 E-Mail: _____
 Nearest Relative (Spouse, Parents, etc.): _____
 Their Address: _____

 Their Phone: () _____

II. DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION:

(This information is requested so that we can accurately report student demographic information to the Council on Social Work Education, and to help us with program planning. Your completion of this section, while not mandatory, will be greatly appreciated).

Please check the appropriate blanks.

Ethnic Background:

Native American _____ Caucasian _____
 Asian American _____ African American _____
 Hispanic American _____ Other: _____

Gender
 Female _____
 Male _____

Classification Sophomore _____
 Junior _____ Senior _____

Marital Status: Single _____ Married _____ Divorced _____ Widow _____

Do you have any children? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, how many? _____ What are their ages? _____

III. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

(List all academic work beyond high school. Please list present school first.)

College or University	City & State	Hours Passed	Dates Attended
1. _____			
2. _____			
3. _____			

IV. SIGNIFICANT WORK AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES:

(Please list present employer first.)

Name & Location of Employer	Position/Responsibilities	Dates
1. _____		
2. _____		
3. _____		
4. _____		

V. ABILITY TO HELP OTHERS:

Helping others as a professional social worker requires that one be able to put a client's needs first. Social workers must be willing to identify and address any area of their mental, emotional or physical functioning that might hinder them in professional work with clients.

Do you know of any area in which your functioning has been or might be an issue?
 Yes No

If yes, did you seek or are you seeking assistance to address the issue?
 Yes No

If you answered YES to either question, please provide a separate typed written explanation and attach with this application.

VI. LEGAL INFORMATION:

1. Have you ever been a party to a civil lawsuit? Yes No
 If yes, please explain:

2. Have you ever been arrested and/or convicted of a felony or misdemeanor?
 Yes No
 If yes, please explain:

VII. COMPLETION OF PREREQUISITE COURSES:1. **Overall GPA** _____2. **Liberal Arts Foundation**

For all University Studies classes you have completed, please write in your grade. If you are enrolled, please put an “**R**” in the blank or write semester when plan to take course:

__ENG 1301	__	HIST 1301	__	PSCI 2301
__ENG 1302	__	HIST 1302	__	PSCI 2302
__Math 1342 or PSY 2317	__	3 s.h. Science*	__	3 s.h. Lit/Phil/Cult
__UNCO 1301	__	3 s.h. Science	__	3 s.h. Cre/Arts
_____Degree Pathway	_____	3 s.h, Soc/Beh Sci	_____	18 hours of electives

***BSC 1309 or BSC 2401 & BSC 2402 (A&P I/II) are recommended but not required.**

3. **Pre-Major Courses**

Please write in your grade for courses completed below. Put an “**R**” in the blank beside course if you are enrolled or write semester when plan to take course.

(All courses below are required by end of Summer II prior to Fall Admission)

_____ANTH 2351	_____SWK 2361
_____PSY 2301	_____SWK 2362
_____SOC 1306	_____SWK 2389

VIII. NARRATIVE:

Please attach a double-spaced typed narrative of approximately 2 pages in length. Your narrative should address the following:

1. Your reasons for pursuing a career in social work,
2. The field of social work practice that most interests you at this time, and the reasons for your choice,
3. How you believe your personal characteristics and strengths will contribute to your success in social work, and
4. What aspects of your personality, knowledge, and/or skills you see as needing improvement prior to beginning your professional social work career.
5. **Please sign/date narrative.**

IX. CERTIFICATION:

I CERTIFY THAT ALL INFORMATION ON THIS APPLICATION IS COMPLETE AND CORRECT.

DATE: _____

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED: _____

NOTE: THIS TYPED APPLICATION FORM SHOULD BE SUBMITTED ALONG WITH:

1. Three (3) completed BSW professional reference forms (**no family/friends allowed**),
2. Narrative – Typed, Signed & Dated (*Proofread and check for spelling and grammatical errors*)
3. Paper you have submitted to one of your previous courses- This can be from any class- must be around 3 pages in length.
4. Typed explanation, if answered “YES”, to either question in Section V. (*If applicable*)
5. Current transcript or **DegreeWorks** print out (*preferred*)
6. Signed Code of Conduct
7. Headshot style photo, may be self taken, must look professional

Website: www.tamuc.edu/SocialWork

SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION TO www.BSWAdmissions@tamuc.edu

YOUR APPLICATION CANNOT BE CONSIDERED COMPLETE, UNTIL YOUR FILE CONTAINS ALL OF THE PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED DOCUMENTS.

You will get an email once application items are received- This email will show you all portions of the application that have been submitted as well as those that are still outstanding.

If you have questions about the application process, please email Randi.Wright@tamuc.edu for assistance



**School of Social Work
Code of Conduct for Social Work Students**

The School of Social Work expects all social work students to conduct themselves in an ethical, professional manner, consistent with our profession's Code of Ethics.

Preamble of the NASW Code of Ethics: The primary mission of the social work profession is to enhance human wellbeing and help meet the basic human needs of all people, with particular attention to the needs and empowerment of people who are vulnerable, oppressed, and living in poverty. The mission of the social work profession is rooted in a set of core values. These core values, embraced by social workers throughout the profession's history, are the foundation of social work's unique purpose and perspective:

- Service
- Social justice
- Dignity and worth of the person
- Importance of human relationships
- Integrity
- Competence

Professional ethics are at the core of social work. The profession has an obligation to articulate its basic values, ethical principles, and ethical standards. The *NASW Code of Ethics* sets forth these values, principles, and standards to guide social workers' conduct. The *Code* is relevant to all social workers and social work students, regardless of their professional functions, the settings in which they work, or the populations they serve.

Accordingly, we expect social work students to demonstrate courtesy, respect and support for fellow students, instructors, clients, and all other persons. While the values of the profession are codified in the NASW Code of Ethics, we feel that the following additional standards of behavior are to be exhibited as well by all students enrolled in our program:

- 1. Accountability** – Attend class, arrive on time, return from breaks in a timely manner • Participate in activities and assignments in a level comparable to peers • Complete work in a timely fashion according to directions • Be prepared and engaged in the learning process.
- 2. Respect** – Treat your peers, instructors, and all other persons with dignity and respect at all times • Listen while others are speaking • Give constructive feedback when appropriate • Approach conflict in a cooperative manner • Use positive and nonjudgmental language.
- 3. Confidentiality and Boundaries** – Treat any personal information that you hear (or read) about a peer or an instructor as strictly confidential • Maintain information shared in class as confidential • Use judgment in self-disclosing information of a personal nature in the classroom (Class time is not therapy or treatment – seek a referral if you need it) • Never use names of clients or disclose other identifying information • Exercise clear and appropriate boundaries between yourself, other students, your instructors, and in other professional relationships.
- 4. Competence** – Apply yourself to all your academic pursuits with seriousness and conscientiousness • Meet deadlines given by your instructors • Constantly strive to learn and improve your abilities • Come to class prepared • Seek appropriate support when having difficulties • Take responsibility for the quality of completed tests and assignments • Strive to achieve greater awareness of personal issues that may impede your effectiveness with clients.
- 5. Diversity** – Strive to become more open to people, ideas, and creeds that you are not familiar • Embrace diversity • Maintain speech free of racism, sexism, ageism, heterosexism, stereotyping, etc. • Exhibit a willingness to serve diverse groups of persons • Demonstrate an understanding of how values and culture interact.
- 6. Integrity** – Practice honesty with yourself, your peers, and your instructors • Constantly strive to improve your abilities • Commit yourself to the academic discipline of citing other people's work properly • Acknowledge areas where improvement is needed • Accept and benefit from constructive feedback.
- 7. Communication** – Strive to improve both verbal and written communication skills as those skills are the benchmark for effective professional practice and helping relationships • Demonstrate appropriately assertive communication with peers and instructors • Practice positive, constructive, respectful and professional communication skills (both verbal and non-verbal) with peers, instructors and all other persons.

Adapted from Florida Atlantic University School of Social Work

All students enrolled in BSW or MSW classes are expected to observe the tenets of the NASW Code of Ethics and the Social Work Student Code of Conduct. Students who violate these may be asked to meet with appropriate Social Work faculty (instructors or Program Directors). In addition, the department's Academic and Professional Issues (API) Committee is responsible for dealing with academic and non-academic student issues when requested by faculty. The API is comprised of the various program directors and is chaired by the Director/Department Head. The decisions or actions of the API are considered the final say of the department. Students may be disciplined or dismissed from the program for violation of this Code of Conduct. Students have the right to appeal any decision to the Dean of the College of Education and Human Services, as specified by university policy.

By signing below, I verify that I agree to abide by the standards of the NASW Code of Ethics and the Code of Conduct stated above.

Printed Name

Signature

Date

2022



SCHOOL OF
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Confidential Letter of Reference

 Applicant's Name

 Applicant's CWID

To the Reference: The above named person is applying for admission to the Bachelor of Social Work Program at A&M Commerce. Your assessment of the candidate will assist the BSW Admissions Team in determining his/her qualifications for the program. **Please complete this form, and email to: BSWAdmissions@tamuc.edu.** We look forward to your comments on this candidate, and thank you for your cooperation.

Note on Confidentiality: Applicants for admission do not have access to their application records. Under the provisions of the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, only registered students and alumni have access to their educational records. However, after admission to the program, students may have access to their records.

I _____ hereby waive my right of access to this letter of recommendation
 do not waive my right of access to this letter of recommendation

 Applicant Signature

 Date

Information from person providing the reference (please PRINT): NO FAMILY OR FRIENDS ACCEPTED

Name of Reference _____

Employer _____ Position _____

Contact Phone Number (including area code) _____

Email Address _____

Relationship to the applicant (NO FAMILY OR FRIENDS ACCEPTED) _____

Length of time you have known the applicant _____

Please answer the following questions and provide any information you feel will help us assess this applicant's potential for pursuing a successful career in social work.

1. Please check the box for the applicant relative to other potential students, on each of the following items.

- | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|---------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Academic Performance | <input type="checkbox"/> | Outstanding | <input type="checkbox"/> | Above Average | <input type="checkbox"/> | Average | <input type="checkbox"/> | Below Average | <input type="checkbox"/> | No Knowledge To Rate |
| Maturity & Stability | <input type="checkbox"/> | Outstanding | <input type="checkbox"/> | Above Average | <input type="checkbox"/> | Average | <input type="checkbox"/> | Below Average | <input type="checkbox"/> | No Knowledge To Rate |
| Oral Communication Skills | <input type="checkbox"/> | Outstanding | <input type="checkbox"/> | Above Average | <input type="checkbox"/> | Average | <input type="checkbox"/> | Below Average | <input type="checkbox"/> | No Knowledge To Rate |
| Written Communication Skills | <input type="checkbox"/> | Outstanding | <input type="checkbox"/> | Above Average | <input type="checkbox"/> | Average | <input type="checkbox"/> | Below Average | <input type="checkbox"/> | No Knowledge To Rate |
| Sensitivity to Cultural Diversity | <input type="checkbox"/> | Outstanding | <input type="checkbox"/> | Above Average | <input type="checkbox"/> | Average | <input type="checkbox"/> | Below Average | <input type="checkbox"/> | No Knowledge To Rate |
| Motivation for Program | <input type="checkbox"/> | Outstanding | <input type="checkbox"/> | Above Average | <input type="checkbox"/> | Average | <input type="checkbox"/> | Below Average | <input type="checkbox"/> | No Knowledge To Rate |

2. We believe that such personal qualities as intelligence, maturity, emotional stability, sensitivity, resourcefulness, sound judgment, and a concern for the well-being of others are important for successful work in the field of social work. Please provide specific examples that illustrates the candidate's possession of these qualities.

3. What is the applicant's academic and professional promise within this context?

4. Additional information we should consider supporting this applicant's qualifications: