

B. Mi'kmaq/Wolastoqey Bachelor of Social Work Program (MWBSW)

The Mi'kmaq/Wolastoqey Bachelor of Social Work (MWBSW) program is offered by St. Thomas University in partnership with First Nation Communities.

The MWBSW program respects and celebrates the traditions and cultures of Indigenous peoples as demonstrated by its flexible and culturally relevant approach to incorporating Indigenous ways of knowing and learning throughout the social work courses that are offered in the program.

The program consists of 60 credit hours of social work courses to be completed over a three-year period. Applicants must have completed a minimum of 60 credit hours of liberal arts courses as a prerequisite to admission.

Only Indigenous students are eligible.

Admission to the Mi'kmaq/Wolastoqey Bachelor of Social Work Program (MWBSW)

Admission Requirements

Applicants must have completed a minimum of 60ch in liberal arts courses as a prerequisite for admission. A minimum grade point average of 2.0 (which may be based on the most recent 15ch) is required for admission to the MWBSW program.

Application Process

Stage 1

The application deadline for the post-degree MWBSW program is January 31. The application, including supporting documents, must be received by the Admissions Office on or before the January 31 deadline. The required application and documents include the following:

1. a completed application for admission found at STU.ca/apply, including the \$55.00 non-refundable application fee (\$40.00 for New Brunswick applicants)*
2. personal statement in which you outline your reason(s) for applying to a professional program of social work studies, and identify your professional/learning goals and any relevant vocational plans. You are encouraged to refer to personal, volunteer, professional and/or employment experiences that have influenced your understanding of social work and your decision to apply. The Selection Committee advises applicants to include in their personal statements what they have learned from their experiences that has relevance for social work. You are also welcome to provide any other information that you believe will be relevant to the Social Work Department and the University in selecting candidates for the social work program.
3. detailed résumé on your education, work, and volunteer history.
4. two reference forms (from diverse sources such as academic, professional, personal) Reference forms for distribution to your referees can be found here: STU.ca/mwbsw.

Please refer your references to the MWBSW Reference Guideline (also on STU.ca/mwbsw) and advise them of the January 31 deadline for the program.

5. official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions you have attended. Please note, if you have a STU transcript, you will not need to submit it, as our Admissions Office has access to it.

*Please submit an online application for admission at STU.ca/apply. Click "Sign Up" and follow the instructions to sign-in to the online application portal. Once you are signed in, click "Start a New Application," followed by "Start Application" under the Post-Degree Program section. Select the Mi'kmaq/Wolastoqey Bachelor of Social Work program, your anticipated enrolment status (Full-time or Part-time) and the Fall (Sept- Apr) term. You will be prompted to pay the application fee at the end of the application. All other supplementary documents (personal statement, personal current résumé) can be emailed to the Admissions Office at admissions@stu.ca.

For further information, please see our MWBSW Application Instructions 2023-2026 on STU.ca/mwbsw. Please also refer to the Application checklist on your applicant portal (once your application for admission has been submitted) to make sure you haven't forgotten anything. As your documents are received by the Admissions Office, they will be marked as received on your checklist.

Stage 2

As part of the application process, all eligible candidates will be contacted to attend a group interview as part of the second level of screening.

All applicants will receive a letter indicating the status of their application. The letter will be mailed to the address entered on the online application form.

For further information, please contact:

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C. Master of Social Work

During the Master of Social Work program, students will have the opportunity to strengthen and deepen their knowledge and skills in their chosen area of practice so that they may respond more effectively to social issues at the personal, family, cultural, community, and socio-political levels.

Course objectives are congruent with the overall objectives of the program, and practice experience and applied elements form an integral part of each course. Specific skill development in each student's area of interest will take place in assignments and the field practicum and thesis options.

The MSW courses and field education aim to:

- foster the development of professional social workers who are knowledgeable, skilled, and committed to social justice