

B. Mi'kmaq/Maliseet Bachelor of Social Work Program (MMBSW)

The Mi'kmaq/Maliseet Bachelor of Social Work (MMBSW) program is offered by St. Thomas University in partnership with First Nation Communities. The program is directed toward First Nation peoples in New Brunswick and the Maritime Provinces who wish to become social workers in their communities. The classes are held off campus.

The MMBSW 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.

Students wishing to be considered under the Educational Equity Admission Policy must indicate their request in the designated section of the application form.

C. School of Social Work Policies

A. Policy Governing Professional Readiness in the School of Social Work

The Canadian Association of Social Work Education (CASWE) requires the School of Social Work to have in place procedures for assessing the readiness of their students for professional practice. St. Thomas University has developed the following policy to be invoked when there are concerns related to a student's professional readiness.

1. Scope and Purpose

All students in the Bachelor of Social Work program are expected to demonstrate attitudes, values, and conduct that are consistent with the Canadian Association of Social Workers' (CASW) and the New Brunswick Association of Social Workers' (NBASW) Codes of Ethics during classroom participation, through written assignments, in presentations, in field contexts, and outside of the classroom. Further, all students are expected to perform to at least the minimum acceptable level of standard set for them in each portion of this academic program. Together, these elements can be defined as "professional readiness for social work practice."

The purpose of this policy is to assist faculty in evaluating student readiness for professional social work practice, and to outline a fair and transparent process for addressing concerns about a student's readiness.

All students at St. Thomas University are required to comply with University policies. Students enrolled in our professional programs have additional responsibilities regarding personal and professional readiness through compliance with specific School of Social Work policies included in the University Calendar and in the School of Social Work Student Handbooks.