

INTRODUCTION

Applicants are required to complete a minimum of ten full-course equivalents to be eligible to apply to the professional Social Work program. Students apply to the School of Social Work by March 15 for admission to the professional program the following September. The professional Social Work program is mainly offered on a full-time basis; however, there are a limited number of spaces for Extended Study students (part-time). Students admitted to the Extended Study program must remain registered on a part-time basis. Please consult the School for details.

Professional Suitability for the Social Work Profession

The School of Social Work recognizes its responsibility to the social work profession to uphold standards of academic and professional excellence and to operate within the standards and practices of King's University College, Western University, and the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers (OCSWSSW). Students in the School of Social Work are subject to the provisions of the codes of ethics of the Canadian Association of Social Workers (CASW), the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers (OCSWSSW), and the University Student Code of Conduct, and may be required to withdraw from the School for violating these provisions. Students may also be required to withdraw from the School when ethical, medical, or other reasons interfere with satisfactory practice in the profession. Social Work students convicted of, or admitting to, serious illegal activities that are inconsistent with the practice of social work or likely to harm clients will be subject to the School's Professional Conduct policy.

NON-ACADEMIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION IN SEPTEMBER 2024 (worth up to 50 points out of 100; minimum non-academic score of 30 points required)

Personal Profile – worth up to 30 out of 50 points:

- **Work Experience:** This is paid and unpaid and volunteer work in both non-social work and social service related fields. "Paid work" is work for which remuneration was received and "unpaid" work is work for which no remuneration was received, and may include a personal or family experience, such as raising children or caring for elderly parents, as well as co-ops and practica undertaken in previous education. A volunteer experience takes place in the "outside" world, not within your family.
- **Professional Development:** includes, attended workshops, completed certificate(ions), participation in service clubs or boards of directors, organization of community initiatives, or other professional development activities. In this section also include, any other languages spoken (include level of comprehension – i.e. fluent in speaking, reading and writing).

Two Non-Academic References: From persons who can provide statements concerning your personal qualifications for entry into undergraduate social work education. If possible, both references should be from work and/or volunteer experiences, preferably in the social services. If not, choose someone who knows you well, **but not a relative or a friend**. References should not be from faculty or instructors.

Three Supplemental Questions - worth up to 20 points: The supplemental questions are important components of the non-academic requirements for admission and are an opportunity for candidates to express their interest in the field of social work, while highlighting their experiences and competencies.



