

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK & POST-DEGREE STUDIES

Application Information Fall 2024/Winter 2025

Application Deadlines (BSW)

- Full Time Fall 2024 – opens September 21st 2023, closes December 21st 2022
- Part Time Winter 2025 – opens May 21st 2024, closes July 9th 2024 (tentative)

Admission Requirements (BSW)

- 3-year or 4-year undergraduate university degree (Bachelor of Arts or equivalent) with overall average of 70%
- At least 6.0 academic units (12 one-semester courses) in the social sciences, including 7 specific BSW prerequisite courses.
- Demonstration of related work and/or volunteer experience in social services and/or community setting.
- Suitability to the Social Work (SW) profession demonstrating knowledge and understanding of SW values as evidenced by personal statement and references.

How to Apply (BSW)

- Complete the online application (full-time: *WSW*; Part-time: *WRW*) and submit the \$130 application fee at: <https://www.ouac.on.ca/>
- After receipt of an acknowledgement email from the BSW Admission Coordinator, log in to Quest to complete the Social Work Admission Information Form (AIF) by the AIF deadline.
 - Fall 2024 Full-time: January 12th 2024
 - Winter 2025 Part-Time: July 23rd 2024 (tentative)
- On the AIF, provide contact information for three referees (one academic, two professional); referees have 2 weeks to submit the online references forms from when AIF is submitted.
- Prepare a personal statement of approximately 1500 words according to the outline: <https://uwaterloo.ca/school-of-social-work/bsw-how-to-apply-full-time-program> (personal statement is the same for full- and part-time).
- Deadline for submission of all application documents, including personal statement, resume, and transcripts:
 - Fall 2024 Full-time: January 26th 2024
 - Winter 2025 Part-Time: August 6th 2024 (tentative)

BSW Prerequisite Courses

Applicants must complete 7 BSW prerequisite courses: <https://uwaterloo.ca/school-of-social-work/bsw-admission-requirements#courses>, or their approved equivalents, in order to be eligible for the BSW program. Applicants who are missing courses can continue working on them during the BSW application process by applying for admission to post-degree studies. Applicants must have 4/7 of the pre-requisites completed/registered in, to be considered for conditional acceptance to the Bachelor of Social Work. If you wish to have previous or planned course work from other institutions considered for equivalency to the Renison prerequisites, please submit a copy of your unofficial transcript to renison.bswadmissions@uwaterloo.ca. Prospective students are strongly encouraged to request the assessment prior to their BSW application.

Application Deadlines (Post-degree Studies for BSW prerequisites)

- Winter 2024 entry: November 17th 2023
- Spring 2024 entry: TBD
- Fall 2024 entry: TBD

Admission Requirements (Post-degree Studies)

- Completion of recognized 3-year or 4-year bachelor's degree.

How to Apply (Post-degree Studies)

- Complete the online application form at <https://uwaterloo.ca/future-students/part-time-online-studies#post-degree> and submit the \$85 application fee.
- Provide official transcripts for all post-secondary studies.

English Language Requirements

Applicants to the BSW program and Post-degree Studies must provide accepted English language test scores if:

- Your first language is not English AND
- Your 4 most recent years of full-time education have **not** been in an English-language school system.

For more information on the English Language Policy, please see: <https://uwaterloo.ca/future-students/admissions/english-language-requirements>

BSW Conditional Stream

Applicants with a completed Bachelor of Arts degree (or equivalent) who have not completed 1 or more of the BSW prerequisite courses prior to their chosen BSW entry point may be considered for admission to the conditional stream of the BSW program. Admission is conditional upon successful completion of the prerequisite courses prior to beginning the SWREN 400-level courses of the BSW program. Applicants who wish to be considered for admission to the conditional stream submit the same BSW application and supporting documents as those applying to the regular stream of the program.

*Conditional stream not the same as an offer of admission with conditions

Tuition Fees

	Canadian Citizens/ Permanent Residents	International Students
<i>Full-time BSW</i>	~\$11,000 total	~\$46,000 total
<i>Part-time BSW</i>	~\$700/course	~\$3,200/course
<i>Post-degree</i>	~\$700/course	~\$3,500/course

Undergraduate Fee Schedule for Arts Faculty programs: <https://uwaterloo.ca/finance/student-financial-services/tuition-fee-schedules>

International Document Evaluation

Applicants with an international academic background need to get a credential evaluation by a professional service (WES or ICAS) prior to application to Waterloo. For suggested assessment services, see <https://uwaterloo.ca/school-of-social-work/bsw-international-applicants>