

Mississippi State University-Meridian Social Work Program

Application for Admission

Students are required to have completed the following academic requirements prior to petitioning for admittance into the Social Work Program, Mississippi State University-Meridian Campus.

The social work program integrates a liberal arts perspective into the social work curriculum. This liberal arts perspective enhances the person-in-environment focus of generalist social work practice. The social work program does accept course credit (up to 66 hours) through transfer from other accredited university and colleges. Although students may enroll in social work as their major, there is a formal admission process into the social work program. The criterion for admission into the program includes.

1. Cumulative GPA of 2.0
2. The following liberal arts requirements must be completed:
 - English Composition I and II
 - College Algebra
 - Introduction to Sociology
 - American Government
 - General Psychology
 - Anatomy & Physiology
 - Principles of Economics
 - Social Work with At-Risk Populations
3. Completion of the following social work course with a minimum grade of “B”:
 - SW 3003 Social Work with At-Risk Populations
 - SW 2313 Introduction to Social Work (including (20) hours of volunteer experience)
 - SW 2303 Social Welfare Policy I
 - SW 3013 Human Behavior and the Social Environment I
4. Completion of “Application for Admission to the Social Work Program”
5. Student must provide three reference letters on provided forms
6. Student must complete a personal interview with Social Work Admission Committee
7. Student must be admitted to the Social Work Program before enrolling in further social work courses.

The criteria for remaining in the program and entering field practicum include:

1. Maintain an overall GPA of 2.0, with a 3.0 GPA or better for all social work courses
2. Must earn a minimum of a “B: in each social work course before proceeding to required social work courses at the next level
3. Continue to demonstrate an aptitude for a social work career
4. Adhere to all academic expectations of the university and social work program
5. Adhere to the National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics

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Date: _____ Semester and Year entering: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City State Zip

Telephone: Home: _____ Work: _____

E-mail: _____

Academic History: Beginning with high school, list the names, dates of attendance and degree(s) granted.

Institution(s)	Date(s) attended	Degree
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Honors and academic distinctions:

Volunteer work and community involvement

Provide a brief description of your volunteer work and community involvement which has influenced your career decision.

Employment history:**Letters of reference:**

Attach three letters of reference to this application.

**Mississippi State University-Meridian
Social Work Program
1000 Hwy 19 North
Meridian, MS 39307**

Statement of purpose: In the space provided below write a detailed and carefully edited statement indicating your reason(s) for wishing to enter the undergraduate Social Work Program, your reasons for choosing Mississippi State University-Meridian Campus, and your plans for a professional career. Describe your strengths and weaknesses.

I understand that withholding information requested on this application or giving false information will make me ineligible for admission to the Social Work program or subject to dismissal. Therefore, I certify the above statements are correct and complete.

Name (print)

Date

Signature

Social Security Number

**Social Work Program
Mississippi State University, Meridian
1000 Hwy 19 North
Meridian, MS 39307**

Letter of Recommendation

The applicant should fill out the top section of this form and give it to the individual who will complete the referral.

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Name: _____ Degree Sought: _____
 Address: _____ Social Security # _____

I agree that this recommendation will remain confidential, and I knowingly and freely waive my right to view it.
 Signature of Applicant (Optional)

The above named individual is applying for admission into the Social Work Program of Mississippi State University, Meridian. The information given in this recommendation will be confidential ONLY if the above waiver has been signed by the student. Do **not** return to the individual applicant. Please send the letter directly to the Social Work Program.

I have known the applicant for _____ years as teacher advisor employer other (please specify _____). In the space provided or on a separate sheet, please comment on the applicant's strengths and weaknesses, intellectual ability, achievements, motivation, ability to work with others, and relevant accomplishments.

Please rate the applicant on the following dimensions in comparison with others you have known at similar stages in their careers.

	Exceptional	Outstanding	Very Good	Average	Below Average	No Basis For Judgment
Intellectual Ability						
Writing Ability						
Speaking Ability						
Knowledge of Proposed Area of Study						
Motivation for Study						
Emotional Stability and Maturity						
Ability to Work Independently						

	Admission	Other (Please specify)
I strongly recommend for admission into the program.		
I recommend for admission into the program.		
I recommend with reservations for admission in to the program.		
I do not recommend for admission into the program.		

Signature

Name (please print or type)

Title

Institution

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Form D: Authorization for Background Screening

Date: _____

I, _____, authorize Mississippi State University, Meridian Campus, Social Work Program to conduct a background screening with law enforcement, the Child Abuse Central Registry, previous employers, and any other persons to determine my suitability in working with children and families. I understand that this authorization is a part of the admission process into the Social Work Program and into Field Practicum. I further understand that this information will only be used in regard to the above application processes.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Witness: _____

Date: _____

Witness: _____

Date: _____

**Mississippi State University-Meridian
Social Work Program**

Form: E: Child Abuse/Neglect Central Registry Check

To: Child Abuse Central Registry
Bureau of Family and Children's Services
Mississippi Department of Public Welfare
P.O. Box 352
Jackson, MS 39205

From: Sandra Vaughn, Director
Social Work Program
Mississippi State University, Meridian
1000 Hwy 19 North
Meridian, MS 39307

Date: _____

Please check the central registry for the following applicants:

- Foster parents
- Adoptive parents
- Employee of residential child care facility
- Child placing agency
- Day care center

I understand that this information must be kept confidential by Mississippi State University, Meridian and my field practicum agency. I have on file a signed authorization from the above applicant(s) for this information.

To be completed by Department of Public Welfare Staff

Findings:

- No information found in the central registry
- The following information was found in the central registry

Signature and Title: _____

Date: _____

Student's Name: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Advisor's Record

Liberal Arts Requirements:

- English Composition I and II
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Major Program Requirements:

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- Complete a personal interview with Social Work Admission Committee
- Verification of overall GPA of 2.0

Comments: _____

Date completed Application for Admission received: _____

Date of Disposition: _____

- Recommended Recommended with Conditions Denied

Date letter of notification sent: _____