



AURORA UNIVERSITY

School of Social Work BSW Program

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. When should I apply for admission to the School of Social Work?**
Applications are considered by the Admissions Committee once received. Applicants may be admitted to the BSW program for spring or fall semesters. Most applicants complete the admissions process the semester prior to attendance.
- 2. Can I begin the BSW Program course work at any time?**
Once admitted to the BSW program, students can begin social work courses in the fall or spring.
- 3. Can I complete the BSW degree on a part-time basis?**
The BSW program can be completed either full-time or part-time. Students can complete the BSW program part-time (day and/or evening classes) over a three or four-year period.
- 4. Do I need an Associates of Arts (A.A.) or Associates of Science (A.S.) Degree?**
Applicants do not need to have earned an A.A. degree or an A.S. degree to gain admission to the BSW program. Students who have not earned either of these degrees must meet the university's general education graduation requirements.
- 5. How can I find out what courses I should take prior to transferring to Aurora University to ensure completion of my BSW degree requirements within two years?**
Students planning on transferring to Aurora University should contact the Admissions and Financial Aid Office (630-844-5533) to ensure that the courses they are taking or plan to take at their current academic institution will facilitate the transfer process and prepare them for the BSW course work.
- 6. Can I apply to the BSW program prior to completing my sophomore year or 60 semester hours?**
Students can apply and be accepted into the BSW program if they plan on completing 60 semester hours prior to beginning the required social work course work. Students who will have completed slightly fewer semester hours prior to beginning the social work required course will be accepted provided they are willing to develop a plan to complete these hours during the summer term between their junior and senior years.

7. **What if my cumulative grade point average is below the required 2.5 on a 4.0 point scale?**

Students, who have a cumulative grade point average slightly below the required minimum can be accepted into the BSW program conditionally provided the Admissions Committee believes that the student has a good chance of succeeding academically. Students accepted on a conditional basis must earn a minimum of an "A" or "B" grade in their first two required social work courses during their first term in the program to gain full acceptance.

8. **Can I receive social work credits for life or work experience?**

The Council on Social Work Education, the social work accrediting body, does not permit life or work experience to be used for either required or elective social work courses.

9. **Can I transfer social work or human service courses into the university and have them apply to the required social work course work?**

Only courses taken in an academic institution accredited by the Council on Social Work Education can be used to meet required social work course work. Non-accredited courses can, of course, be used to meet the 120 semester hours general university degree requirement.

10. **When should I apply for financial aid?**

Financial Aid packages are calculated for students after they have been accepted into the university and have completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. These forms can be obtained from the Admissions and Financial Aid office (630-844-5533) and should be submitted as soon as possible after the applicant has filed their federal income taxes in January.