Full-Time MSW Admission Requirements

1. Successful completion of a bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university.

2. A cumulative grade-point average of no less than 3.0 in the last 90 graded quarter credits or 60 graded semester credits. Note: Upon recommendation of the Admissions Chair, the Vice Provost of Graduate Education may admit a limited number of otherwise qualified students with GPAs under 3.0, based upon considerations which can include GRE or other appropriate test scores, performance in relevant graduate courses and faculty evaluations.

3. Completion of 3 credit hours of a statistics course covering hypothesis testing and descriptive and inferential statistics with a 2.5 or comparable letter grade (B-). If you have completed a statistics course, you must enter information about the course. If you have not completed a statistics course, then describe your plan for completing this requirement. Your plan must allow you to complete the statistics requirement prior to registering for MSW classes in the first quarter of the program (summer 2016). Statistics is not an admissions requirement nor is it factored in the admission decision. The School of Social Work offers an online statistics class (SOWK 469) every spring quarter. If you have any questions about the statistic class or to confirm a course you have taken is approved, please contact Diane Somerday at dsomerday@ewu.edu.

Admission Timelines

The Full-Time MSW program begins every fall. The School encourages you to apply as early as possible prior to the deadline.

Application and materials deadline: Committee decision deadline:
February 05, 2016 March 11, 2016

All application materials including transcripts need to be received by the application deadline. During some academic years, the school may decide, based on the availability of openings in a class cohort, to extend the application deadline. Check ewu.edu/msw to inquire about the availability of this option.

Application Procedures

Admission to the MSW Program is a dual process: You must be recommended by the School of Social Work faculty and admitted to EWU Graduate Program.

To EWU Graduate Programs

1. Submit an online Graduate School application and a $50.00 non-refundable application fee at (www.ewu.edu/Grad/Application-Procedures.xml). Included are questions to be responded to in a question-answer format. Your response to each question needs to be limited to 550 words. Download your resume with current information and provide email addresses for three professional references. Please inform your references to watch their email for the reference request and direct them to submit the form ASAP. No supplemental reference materials should be mailed to the School of Social Work admissions office. The individual completing the form may also submit a letter to provide additional comments. References should be used to support your social service background or academic preparedness. Family members, intimate partners, personal friends and counselors are not appropriate references and will not be accepted.
2. Request one official copy of transcripts from every college or university you have attended. Official transcripts bear the seal of the university or college and are in an unopened university or college envelope. This is not required if you are and or will be a graduate of EWU. It's in your best interest to order transcripts immediately and mail to the Graduate Studies office. Contact gradprograms@ewu.edu **(not the School of Social Work)** to inquire about your official transcripts.

Mail official transcripts to Graduate Programs, Eastern Washington University, 206 Showalter, Cheney, WA 99004-2441.

It is your responsibility to make sure all application materials have been received including transcripts by the application deadline. Contact msw@ewu.edu if you have any questions.

**Background Check**

Admitted students are required to complete a background check. If you have ever been convicted of a felony, particularly a crime against children or other persons or relating to financial exploitation, please include in your personal statement a description of the circumstances of the conviction. Describe what led to the court action, year of conviction, and how you dealt with the conviction in terms of planning for a professional career in human services. While experiences will not necessarily prevent admission to the School, they may restrict the availability of potential practicum placements.

**Transfer Students**

Students transferring from another CSWE accredited MSW program or who have completed some social work coursework must contact Dr. Sharon Bowland at sbowland@ewu.edu for a formal evaluation of previous coursework.

**Re-Applicants**

Applicants who have previously applied to the program should note that files are held for one year only. Denied or delayed applicants will need to submit an online graduate application to EWU Graduate Programs (plus the application fee) and the online questions in a question-answer format. Contact MSW Admissions at msw@ewu.edu if you want to use your previous references.

**Program Cost**

Tuition for the program is mandated by the Board of Trustees of Eastern Washington University. Go to http://access.ewu.edu/Student-Financial-Services/Cost-and-Fees/Tuition-Rates.xml for more information.

**Financial Aid and Scholarships**

Go to http://www.ewu.edu/Admissions/Financial-Aid/FA_Apply.xml for information on how to apply for financial aid and to fill out a "Free Application for Federal Student Aid" (FAFSA)

Applicants can fill out a FAFSA for the academic year 2016-2017 starting January 2016. The Financial Aid office address is Eastern Washington University, 102 Sutton Hall, Cheney, WA 99004-2441. The telephone number is (509) 359-2314.

Students are notified as scholarships become available through the School of Social Work.
The Child Welfare Training and Advancement Program in Washington and Idaho State is a stipend program for qualified students interested in the field of child welfare. Amount of stipend varies. Students qualify to apply after they have been admitted. For information in Washington State, go to http://www.ewu.edu/CSBSSW/Programs/Social-Work/CWTAP.xml. For Idaho go to http://www.icwrtc.org/.