

Part 12

SOCIAL WORK (THE UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY) - LETHBRIDGE DIVISION

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1. ADVICE AND INFORMATION

The following is an abridgement of program details and regulations provided in the University of Calgary Calendar, which should be consulted for official program information. Inquiries may be addressed to the Student Advisor, Faculty of Social Work (Southern Alberta Region), care of the University of Lethbridge.

2. BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM

The University of Calgary offers the Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.) program on the University of Lethbridge campus in Lethbridge.

The objective of the B.S.W. program is to prepare students for entry-level general social work practice. The program provides opportunities for students to acquire sufficient knowledge, values and skills to enable them to maintain a professional standard of practice.

In the B.S.W. program, students register with the University of Calgary, which awards their degree; however, they attend all classes on the University of Lethbridge campus in Lethbridge and have full access to University of Lethbridge facilities.

3. ADMISSION

All students wishing to enter the program must complete two separate applications:

Application to the University of Calgary (online at www.ucalgary.ca)

Application to the Faculty of Social Work (online in October at www.ucalgary.ca/fswsouth)

The deadline for application is March 1.

a. Transfer Students

By the end of spring session preceding the fall session for which entry is sought, applicants must have completed:

19 non-social work half-course equivalents plus Social Work 201 - Introduction to Social Welfare.

The prerequisite course listed above will be offered through the Faculty of Social Work and is available to University of Lethbridge students on a Visiting student or Open Studies student basis. Please consult with the Faculty office for details on when this course is offered at fswsar@ucalgary.ca.

b. After Degree Students

Students who have completed an undergraduate degree and the Social Work 201 - Introduction to Social Work course may apply to the third year of the B.S.W. university transfer route. These students may also apply to the Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) program at the Calgary site. The M.S.W. route requires two years of social work experience to be eligible to apply (3000 hours of volunteer or work experience in the human services).

Once admitted to the program, students may apply for advance credit for Social Work courses. Students will receive credit for a maximum of two half-courses in Social Work.

4. PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The B.S.W. curriculum consists of core content, field education and social work options. Following is a typical program profile for a regular student.

Year Three

Social Work 355 - Research in Context

Social Work 361 - Professional Use of Self

Social Work 363 - Human Development and Environments

Social Work 365 - Critical Approaches to Social Work Practice

Social Work 371 - Social Work and Diversity

Social Work 391 - Practice and Evaluation with Individuals

Social Work 393 - Practice and Evaluation with Families

Social Work 395 - Practice and Evaluation with Groups

Social Work 397 - Practice and Evaluation with Communities

Social Work 399 - Practice and Evaluation with Organizations

Year Four

Social Work 383 - Social Policy and Social Justice

Social Work 410 - Introductory Practicum (3 days per week)

Social Work 411 - Integrative Seminar: Portfolio-Based Application of Research and Theory in Practice

Social Work 412 - Integrative Seminar: Portfolio-Based Application of Research and Theory in Practice

Social Work 413 - Senior Practicum A & B (4 days per week)

Three Social Work options

Note: Students must be registered full-time when they enrol in practicum.

Social Work 410 and 412 are field practicum courses that provide an opportunity for the student to be directly involved in social work practice. Successful completion of the practica is a requirement for continuation in the program.

Field settings where students have completed practica in the past include:

- Alberta Health Services: Addictions
- Alberta Health Services: Mental Health
- Alberta Health Services: Lethbridge Regional Hospital
- Barons Eureka Warner FCSS
- Chinook High School
- Making Connections Programs
- Kainaiwa Children's Services
- Lethbridge HIV
- Lethbridge Community Corrections
- Lethbridge Family Services
- Lethbridge Immigrant Services
- Lethbridge School District #51 Elementary Schools
- Palliser Regional Schools
- South West Alberta Child and Family Services
- St. Paul's School - ABC Program
- Womanspace
- Woods Homes
- YWCA Outreach Program

5. SOUTHERN ALBERTA M.S.W. FOR STUDENTS WITH A B.S.W.

This clinically oriented Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) program prepares students for advanced clinical practice and for the supervision of practitioners. The program is also oriented to practice in small cities and rural communities.

The program features a flexible delivery model, allowing students to stay in their home communities and to maintain their employment through most or all of the program. The majority of courses will be delivered through a combination of face-to-face and online instruction. A few courses will be delivered entirely face-to-face or online. Six short periods of on-campus residency in Lethbridge, three or five days each for a total of 22 days, are required during two years.

Practica will be planned in consultation with each student. Where possible, and desired by students, practica will be arranged in students' home communities.

Courses

Students will be required to complete eight half-courses (seven half-courses for those pursuing the thesis route) as well as 525 hours of field-based practicum (one full-course equivalent). Although a one-year curriculum, this program will be delivered over a two-year period.

All courses are offered in a combination of face-to-face and online instruction.

Students may select a thesis route with permission of the Faculty. A comprehensive examination or thesis is required after completion of all course work.