



**COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES
BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIVERSITY
BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS 02325**

**School of Social Work
MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM
ADMISSIONS APPLICATION**

Please check the option to which you are applying. Consider your choice carefully since switching between programs after matriculation is prohibited.

Full-Time (2 years) _____

Part-Time (4 years) _____

Advanced Standing (2 years) _____

***Required: If Advanced Standing, year BSW was awarded**

Year of BSW: _____

1. Your application should be submitted as early as possible.
2. Application deadline is January 25 for Part Time, Full Time and Advance Standing Applications.

A COMPLETE APPLICATION CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING:

Refer to the Admission Guide for a detailed admissions checklist.

All applications must include a personal and professional statement. All personal and professional statements must fully respond to items 1 through 5 including all bulleted points.

1. **Describe the experiences that have influenced your choice of social work as a profession by addressing the following:**
 - a. Your motivation for being a social worker
 - b. Your values and beliefs as they relate to social work
 - c. The qualities you can bring to the social work profession and to colleagues in the MSW program
2. **Describe both your personal strengths and areas in need of development related to becoming a professional social worker.**
 - a. Your strengths
 - b. Areas for growth
3. **What do you see as the most pressing issue facing society?**
 - a. How do we as social workers respond to this need?
 - b. What is your personal involvement in working on this issue?
4. **Describe your commitment to social justice and social change.**
 - a. Your experience with people from diverse social and cultural backgrounds including race, ethnic heritage, age, gender, socioeconomic background, sexual orientation, disability or national origin
 - b. Your experience with social change
5. **How do you propose to manage the special demands of the program? Please be specific as to how you plan to meet the challenges of:**
 - a. Course work and course schedule
 - b. Internship hours and schedule
 - c. Paid or volunteer work and your personal responsibilities

Advanced standing (AS) is awarded only to BSW graduates holding degrees earned within 6 years of matriculation to the BSU MSW Program from a baccalaureate social work program accredited by CSWE, or one of those recognized through its International Social Work Degree Recognition and Evaluation Service, or covered under a memorandum of understanding with international social work accreditors.

For Advanced Standing applicants, the following must also be submitted:*

- **One of your three references must come from your field supervisor**
- **Summary Statement of Field Experience**
 - a. The social work models and/or theories and approaches you used.
 - b. A discussion of a case example in which you used a social work model or theory to facilitate your understanding of the case, to guide an intervention, and/or develop a treatment plan. Please remember to keep all identifying information confidential.
 - c. An assessment of your learning to date, a statement of your learning goals, and the challenges you anticipate encountering in an advanced clinical placement.

All questions must be answered. All application materials for the Graduate Social Work program must be submitted to the College of Graduate Studies.

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle name-no initials)

Other legal names under which records may appear, such as maiden name: _____

Permanent Address: _____
Number and Street

City State Zip Code Country

Mailing Address (if different from above): _____

Telephone: Cell: () Home: () Day: ()

Birth date: _____ E-mail address: _____
(month) / (day) / (year)

Last four digits of Social Security Number or Banner ID: _____

Have you applied for or will you apply for financial aid at Bridgewater State University? Yes No

What is your native language, if other than English? _____ (If not English, scores from either the "Test of English as a Foreign Language" (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) must be sent to the College of Graduates Studies office before your application can be processed.)

Citizenship: ___ US Citizen ___ Permanent Resident ___ F-1 or J-1 Student Visa (country)

Country of Birth: _____

Will you require an I-20 form? ___ Yes ___ No

If you require an I-20 form, or you answered "F-1 or J-1 Student Visa" to the Citizenship question above, indicate country:

Colleges and universities are asked by many, including the federal government, accrediting associations, college guides, newspapers and our own college/university communities, to describe the racial/ethnic backgrounds of our students and employees. In order to respond to these questions, we ask you to answer the following:

1. Do you consider yourself to be Hispanic/Latino? ___ Yes ___ No
2. Please select one or more of the following racial categories that best describe you:
___ American Indian or Alaska Native ___ Black or African American ___ Asian
___ Cape Verdean ___ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander ___ White

Disclosures

1. Have you ever been placed on probation, academically dismissed, or withdrawn for any reason from a previous college or university you attended? ___ Yes ___ No

2. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? ___ Yes ___ No

(If you answered yes to either question, you must provide a written explanation of the circumstances. If you answered yes to the first question, you may be asked to provide a letter of explanation from the previous institution's Dean of Students.)

3. Have you ever held a professional license? ___ Yes ___ No If yes, please describe and include date and state:

4. Has your professional license ever been suspended or revoked? ___ Yes ___ No If yes, please describe and include date and state: _____

5. Have you ever been convicted, as an adult, of a felony, or entered a plea of guilty or no contest to a criminal charge? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, please describe and include date and state: _____

(If you answered yes to questions 4 and 5 please discuss in the Personal Statement.)

Additional Disclosure Questions (optional)

The following optional questions are asked so that we have a more complete picture of our applicant pool and student body.

1. Gender: _____
2. To what other colleges/universities are you applying? _____
3. Are you planning to apply for a _____ Graduate Assistantship (full-time students only)
 _____ Graduate Research Assistantship (full or part-time students)

EDUCATION

List below in chronological order all colleges, universities and professional schools attended. Fill out all fields.

Name of College	Location	Dates Attended	Degree Received / Date / Major
		From: Mo. Yr. To: Mo. Yr.	
		From: Mo. Yr. To: Mo. Yr.	
		From: Mo. Yr. To: Mo. Yr.	
		From: Mo. Yr. To: Mo. Yr.	

Undergraduate GPA last 60 credits: _____ Total Undergraduate GPA: _____

PROFESSIONAL AND OTHER WORK OR VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE - In the space below please describe your work (paid and volunteer) experience within the last 10 years. Please begin with the present and work back through the past and **do not substitute resume or say "See Resume"**.

Firm or Agency Name and Address	Position	Dates	Supervisor
		From: Mo. Yr. To: Mo. Yr.	
		From: Mo. Yr. To: Mo. Yr.	
		From: Mo. Yr. To: Mo. Yr.	
		From: Mo. Yr. To: Mo. Yr.	

An interview may be requested by the Admissions Committee.

All records and documents submitted become the property of Bridgewater State University and may not be returned.

Please enclose with this form a check ____ or money order ____ for \$50.00, made payable to Bridgewater State University. The fee covers part of the cost of handling the application and is non-refundable. Please do not send cash.

I understand that information about applicants furnished to Bridgewater State University will be kept confidential and will be released only to public higher education system personnel authorized by the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education. I hereby certify that the information furnished on the application form is complete and accurate. I understand that failure to disclose any required information, or making any false statements within this application, may result in denial or cancellation of admission or enrollment, disciplinary action and the loss of paid funds.

(Date)

(Signature)

REFERENCES

Each applicant must take responsibility for securing at least three professional/educational references. For those with work or volunteer experience in social welfare, a reference from the most appropriate employer or supervisor must be provided.

References for the MSW Program should be mailed directly to the student in a sealed envelope with the recommender's signature written across the sealed envelope.

It is the applicant's responsibility to insure that references are completed and forwarded to the College of Graduate Studies. The College of Graduate Studies cannot accept responsibility for follow-up and an admissions decision cannot be made until all pertinent documents are received. Reference forms are included in this packet.

Full Name and Address - please include Street No., City, State, and Zip Code

1. Name: _____

Connection in which known: _____

Address: _____

2. Name: _____

Connection in which known: _____

Address: _____

3. Name: _____

Connection in which known: _____

Address : _____

Before you send in your application,
please be sure you have filled out all the fields on the form.