

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK (BSW) ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for admission into the Bachelor of Social Work program, students must:

- 1) Complete a minimum of 56 credits - with a grade-point average of *2.5 or higher in the last 30 credits completed*. Exceptions will occasionally be considered for students who do not meet the GPA requirement but, in the professional judgment of the faculty, demonstrate potential for social work through strong community service and/or leadership experiences;
- 2) Complete SW 220, SW 310, and SW 321 with a “C” grade or higher in each course; and have completed or be enrolled in SW 311;
- 3) Submit formal applications to:
 - (a) The University of Nevada, Reno <http://www.unr.edu> and
 - (b) The School of Social Work <http://www.unr.edu/social-work>
- 4) Submit one-page essays that address the following topics:
 - Motivation for entering the profession of social work and 5-year career goals,
 - A social work related issue or problem of concern,
 - The role of professional ethics in social work practice, and
 - How “self awareness” is used in the context of a professional helping relationship;
- 5) Submit two professional references—one from the supervisor of the applicant’s SW 321 volunteer experience (or equivalent);
- 6) Submit a current copy of Degree Audit Report (DARs or RADs), if available; otherwise students need to submit copies of up-to-date transcripts from all institutions attended;

It is important to note that the requirements for graduation with a social work degree include completion of at least 128 credits and completion of all required social work courses with a “C” grade or higher in each course.