Post-Graduate School Social Work Licensure Program Requirements

Admissions Requirements (Need to take the School Social Work Class)

MSW Graduates from an Accredited CSWE program seeking post-graduation school social work licensure must meet all admission requirements of the MSW program. These requirements are:

1. University of Memphis Graduate Application (non-degree seeking)- Inform the MSW Program Coordinator of your interest in the School Social Work class.

2. Completion of a Master’s degree from an accredited university with a 3.0 grade point average.

3. Proof of 1 year post MSW-graduate work in the field. Working either in a school setting or with an agency that supports children and family where interdisciplinary programming (school supports/work) was included. A minimum of 1,000 clinical clock hours are required.

4. Three letters of reference from persons who can attest to your work with children and families, the post-graduate 1,000 hour accrued in the field, and/or your work in the school setting.

5. Submission of all undergraduate and graduate transcripts.

6. Resume.

In addition, students seeking school social work licensure must have the following:

• Apply to the Teacher Education Program (TEP)
• Complete the TEP application: http://www.memphis.edu/tep/admissions.htm
• Have an Undergraduate GPA of 3.0
• Take the PRAXIS CORE Test (BA students must take this)
• Submit verification of background check.
  • Must complete the University of Memphis School Social Work Licensure Application. Must be submitted to the School Social Work Department Coordinator, Dr. Susan Elswick.
Minimum scores:

GRE scores of: 3.5 writing; 143 verbal; 138 (350 on old GRE) quantitative or combined verbal & quantitative of 281 will result in the PRAXIS CORE examination being waived (this is applicable to graduate students only).

• If your GRE scores fall below the set requirements then you can schedule an appointment to take the Praxis CORE examination.

• If just your GRE writing score was below the requirement (3.5) but your Verbal and Quantitative Scores met the requirement, then simply schedule to retake the CORE writing.

• If your GRE Verbal and Qualitative Scores were below the requirement: 143 verbal (350 Old GRE); 138 (350 Old GRE) quantitative or combined verbal & quantitative of 281, then you must take the entire CORE examination in order to enter the TEP program.

• Click this link to find out more about the Praxis CORE requirements: http://www.memphis.edu/tep/praxis.htm

• Click this link to schedule to take the Praxis CORE: http://www.ets.org/praxis/

Curriculum

SWRK 6937: School Social Work

The purpose of this course is to develop the knowledge and skills necessary for successful and competent social work in public schools. The course covers the varied roles and functions of school social workers in their practice with diverse groups of students, families, school personnel, and diverse communities. It emphasizes best practices in assessing, intervening, and evaluating social work practice across all system levels. PREREQUISITE: Admission to MSW program.
Post Graduate School Social Work Licensure Process for Graduates from an CSWE approved MSW program that have already completed a degree and taken a School Social Work Elective Class:

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1. Completion of a Master’s degree from an accredited university with a 3.0 grade point average

2. Proof of 1 year post MSW-graduate work in the field. Working either in a school setting or with an agency that supports children and family where interdisciplinary programming (school supports/work) was included. A minimum of 1,000 clinical clock hours are required.

3. Three letters of reference from persons who can attest to your work with children and families, the post-graduate 1,000 hour accrued in the field, and/ or your work in the school setting.

4. Submission of all undergraduate and graduate transcripts. Proof of taking a School Social Work elective from a CSWE approved University. Received a B or higher within the course.

5. Resume.

6. Must complete the University of Memphis School Social Work Licensure Application. Must be submitted to the School Social Work Department Coordinator, Dr. Susan Elswick selswick@memphis.edu for review. Completed after the student takes SWRK 6937 and passes with a B or higher.

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