

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

**NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**GRADUATE COLLEGE**  
*Master of Social Work Degree*  
Statement of Understanding

I understand that I must satisfy the following requirements as outlined in the Graduate Catalog in order to be admitted into and to pursue a master's degree in Social Work (MSW):

**STEP ONE:**

***Prior to first enrollment***

- Meet the admission requirements for the Graduate College

**STEP TWO:**

***During first semester*** (It is recommended that all admission requirements be met prior to enrollment.)

Meet the following MSW Program requirements:

- Submit with MSW Application:
  - Three (3) letters of recommendation. These letters must be either professional (supervisor) or academic (faculty) in nature.
  - The statement is to be between one and two pages, typed, double-spaced, 12 point font with margins of 1 inch all around, APA format.
  - Professional & Personal Statement content is described in application.
  - A cover letter and an up-to-date resume or vitae.
  - All college transcripts
- GPA requirement of
  - 3.00 overall, undergraduate
- Conditional acceptance is if the GPA requirements are not met, the following must be satisfied:
  - Last 60 hours of undergraduate degree with a GPA of 3.0 or higher
  - If students meet admission requirements, but do not have a GPA of a 3.0, they may be granted a conditional admission with an overall GPA of a 2.85 or greater.

For those students with the conditional admission status, they can enroll in a minimum of 9 hours (graduate school full-time) and maintain a 3.2 average for the *first semester* before they are considered full admission status.

Deadline for applications: March 1 at 5:00 pm.

Applications must be submitted:

- Online only - Go to Graduate College or [graduatecollege@nsuok.edu](mailto:graduatecollege@nsuok.edu)

Admissions Committee:

- All materials must be submitted by the applicant.
- A formal interview and /or other materials may be requested by the committee at its discretion.
- The MSW Admissions Committee will review all application materials and will make a recommendation concerning admission to the program.

STEP THREE:

A mandatory meeting will be set up and you will meet with your assigned advisor and complete the following:

- Structure of Degree Plan
- Statement of Understanding

CONDITIONAL ENROLLMENT

For those persons who wish to pursue a degree, but are not able to meet the requirements for the undergraduate GPA, conditional enrollment may be allowed for students with an overall GPA of 2.80-2.99 are as follows:

- A graduate program GPA of 3.00 must be maintained for nine credit hours of MSW course work taken at Northeastern State University, and all other admittance requirements must be completed during the first semester of enrollment,
- Full admittance will be considered by the Admissions Committee at the completion of 9 credit hours.
- The second semester of enrollment must be authorized by the student's advisor.

Other Requirements:

- I must complete SOWK 5903 Integrative Capstone Seminar.
- I may earn no more than **12** hours for summer semesters and **16** hours for each fall and spring semesters. Prior approval from the Program Chair is required for any overload.
- Transfer a maximum of 9 semester hours from other accredited universities is acceptable provided each transfer course has a grade of "B" or better.
- No work used for graduation may be older than 6 calendar years excluding time spent in the Armed Forces.
- A grade point average of 3.00 in all graduate course work attempted. No grade less than a "C" may be used for graduation.
- I agree to abide by the regulations governing the graduate program as stated in the Graduate Catalog.

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Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Adviser Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Catalog: 2017-18 Northeastern State University Graduate  
Catalog Program: Social Work M.S.W. - Major Code 9818  
(9811/9819) Minimum Credits Required:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **Social Work M.S.W. - Major Code 9818 (9811/9819)**

OSRHE Program Code: 164

CIP Code: 440701

### **Purpose**

The Master of Social Work (MSW) degree academically prepares competent and effective professionals by offering advanced standing and traditional pathways. The social work curriculum is designed to integrate and apply the knowledge, skills, and values of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) competencies and behavioral indicators with the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Code of Ethics. These key foundations prepare our graduates to practice social work in a wide range of social work agencies and allied settings with diverse client systems and people. The MSW degree at NSU has a unique focus in its integration of addressing social work practice with Native American populations.

### **Admission Requirements**

#### **NSU Graduate College Admission**

Admission to the NSU Graduate College is required. The minimum requirements for regular admission to the Graduate College are:

1. An earned bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university;
2. A grade point average of 2.5 based on a 4.0 scale on all undergraduate course work attempted; or a 2.75 based on a 4.0 scale in the last 60 semester hours of undergraduate coursework attempted; or a minimum score on the appropriate graduate entrance exam. A student who is a graduate of a fully accredited institution which does not indicate grade points on transcripts must submit scores on the Miller Analogy Test or the aptitude section of the Graduate Record Examination before being considered for admission to the Graduate College. The scores must place the student in the upper three-fourths of college graduates according to national norms.
3. Proof of citizenship for a U.S. citizen born outside of the United States and for a resident alien. An international applicant for whom English was the first language and is the spoken language in the home must sign a statement to that affect.
4. A score of 550 on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or a score of 213 on the computer-based TOEFL for all applicants, U.S. citizens or international applicants for whom English is a second language.

#### **Program Admission**

Admission to the MSW program requirements are as follows:

- MSW Advanced Standing Pathway applicants must have earned a BSW degree from a CSWE accredited program with a minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale.
- MSW Traditional Pathway applicants must have earned an undergraduate degree from a regionally accredited or internationally listed college or university with a minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale.

### **Retention**

Students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or better to remain in good standing in the program. Students are expected to comply with the Code of Ethics established by the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) and to demonstrate professional behavior. Students who fall below a minimum GPA of 3.00 will be placed on academic probation. The grade report will show the student's probation. To be removed from probation, the student must achieve a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 by the end of the next semester or next nine hours of enrollment.

### **Graduation**

Students must have the minimum 3.00 GPA to graduate. A minimum of 24 semester hours must be earned from Northeastern State University. Credit earned through correspondence study will not apply toward a master's degree. Credit will be applied toward a program only for work begun and completed within six years prior to the granting of the degree, exclusive of any time spend in the uniformed services of the United States.

## Structure of the Degree Plan

### Advanced Standing Pathway (9811) - 32 hours

The Advanced Standing Pathway is for students with a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree.

Course Name	Term Taken	Grade	Gen Ed
SOWK 5233 - Ecological Approach to Practice with Native American Children, Youth and Families			
SOWK 5273 - Psychopathology			
SOWK 5323 - Practice-Oriented Research			
SOWK 5513 - Advanced Social Work Practice & Ethics			
SOWK 5604 - Advanced Practicum & Seminar I			
SOWK 5713 - Advanced Social Work Practice with Groups			
SOWK 5804 - Advanced Practicum & Seminar II			
SOWK 5903 - Integrative Capstone Seminar			

### Electives

Complete 6 hours from the following:

Course Name	Term Taken	Grade	Gen Ed
SOWK 5463 - Social Work Practice in Health/Behavioral Health Settings			
SOWK 5553 - Assessment of Mental Health Disorders			
SOWK 5753 - Advanced Social Work Practice with Children & Adolescents			

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Advisor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_