

## Master of Social Work Degree Admission Requirements

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**Campus-based Admission Requirements.** Full-time Traditional, Weekend Traditional and Weekend Advanced Standing Program cohorts are admitted for August enrollment. The Full-time Advanced Standing cohorts are admitted for May enrollment. **The priority deadline for all cohorts is February 1. Application deadline is April 30 for summer admission and June 15 for fall admission, or until the cohort is full.**

**Online Admission Requirements.** Traditional Track and Advanced Standing Track options will begin each January, May and August.

Admission is competitive and only applicants with fully completed application packets will be reviewed. The program considers all components of the application in its admission decision. Applications are reviewed on a case-by-case basis for full or provisional admission.

For admission to the MSW degree program, an applicant must:

1. Submit a Winthrop University Graduate School Application including the following:
  - Three professional recommendations. Personal/character references from family members, friends, co-workers, and clergy are not appropriate. If you graduated within the last five years, one reference should be an academic reference. You may also use an employer or someone who has supervised your volunteer work. *You will be asked to provide names and e-mail addresses of three individuals who can complete a recommendation form on your behalf.*
  - A current, professional resume that demonstrates paid and volunteer experience in the helping profession.
  - A professional narrative statement (3-5 pages, double-spaced, 12 point font) addressing the following: 1) Your reasons for pursuing the MSW degree and your commitment to the profession; 2) Your career goals upon completing the degree; and, 3) How a specialization in empowerment practice will help you reach your professional goals. Prior to beginning your statement, please read the [NASW Code of Ethics](#) and our statement on [Empowerment Practice](#). This statement must be developed solely by the applicant with no outside assistance and reflect sound, professional judgement.
2. Hold a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university (Advanced Standing applicants must hold a baccalaureate degree in social work from a Council on Social Work Education accredited college or university).
3. Submit official transcripts from **ALL** colleges and universities attended. Transcripts must be sent directly to Winthrop's Graduate School office from issuing institution(s).
4. Have an overall undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for the Advanced Standing Programs. For the Traditional Programs, a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale is preferred on the last 60 credit hours.

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**TO APPLY TO OUR CAMPUS PROGRAM:**

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