SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
VANCOUVER PART-TIME BASW PROGRAM
AT CLARK COLLEGE

PROGRAM GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Part-time BASW Program expectations are identical to those of the full-time BASW Program. Both programs are fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

BASW PROGRAM OUTCOMES

When you graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work (BASW) degree you will be in a better position to achieve one or more of the following outcomes:

- Advance within your current place of employment
- Find a new job in a greater variety of social and health agencies
- Practice as a critical thinking and ethical social worker
- Become eligible to apply to our Advanced Standing MSW program

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

1. Students who hold an AA, Direct Transfer Agreement (DTA) from Clark College or any another community college in the State of Washington, an AAOT from a community college in the State of Oregon or 90 credits from a college or university with completion of EWU’s General Education Core Requirements are eligible for admission to the program.

2. A cumulative grade-point average of no less than 2.50 in the last 90 graded quarter credits. Note: Upon recommendation of the director of the part-time program, special circumstances may warrant waiver of this requirement.

3. Students must complete a total of 90 credits over 11 quarters.

4. BASW courses are offered in a sequence and must be taken in a sequenced order.

5. Any deviation from the prescribed requirements must be secured, in writing, from the director of the part-time program.

6. A student must maintain a 2.7 accumulative GPA to remain in the program.
7. The School reserves the right to change the order of classes as circumstances dictate.

8. Requirements for the completion of the BASW degree are clearly stated in the EWU Undergraduate Catalog, http://www.ewu.edu/academics/catalog.xml. The School's Undergraduate Handbook and the Field Practicum Manual will be available prior to the start of the program.

9. Students begin the program in fall quarter of 2012 (September 28) and graduate at the end of spring quarter 2015.

10. Classes will be held one day per week on Friday. Every attempt will be made to keep the course day consistent throughout the length of the program.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Admission to the BASW Program is a dual process: You must be admitted to Eastern Washington University and the School of Social Work. Early application to EWU is advised.

The EWU application is available online at http://www.ewu.edu/Admissions.xml.

The free Application for Admission to the BASW Program may be obtained on our website http://www.ewu.edu/CSBSSW/Programs/Social-Work/Off-Campus-Degrees/Vancouver-BASW.xml.

The School reviews applications when all materials are received and notifies candidates, by letter, as to their admission status. Applications are reviewed in terms of the qualifications of each applicant, not as they compare to an overall applicant pool. Although there is no application deadline, we expect this program to be highly competitive for 30 openings. Early application is highly recommended. Please note that applications are not considered until all materials are received.

TO THE UNIVERSITY SEND:

1. The completed online EWU application along with a $50.00 non-refundable application fee.

2. An official copy of transcripts from every college or university you have attended. Official transcripts bear the seal of the university or college and are in an unopened university or college envelope.

3. An official copy of your high school transcript only if you took two years of foreign language.

Mail to: Office of Admissions
101 Sutton Hall
Cheney, WA 99004-2444

TO THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK SEND:

1. A completed Application for Admission to the BASW Program. There is no charge.


3. Two reference forms, included in the packet, from people who are familiar with your current and potential qualifications for the profession of social work and/or undergraduate education (e.g. an employer, supervisor, colleague, field instructor, and teacher). References from family or friends will not be accepted.

4. An unofficial copy of transcripts from all higher education institutions you have attended.

Mail this information to: School of Social Work Admissions
208 Senior Hall
Cheney WA 99004-2441

PROGRAM COST & FINANCIAL AID

Tuition rates (cost per credit) are set by the Washington State Legislature. The most up-to-date rates can be found on the website http://access.ewu.edu/Student-Financial-Services/Cost-and-Fees/Tuition-Rates.xml, as soon as they are made available each year.

To obtain information about financial aid go to http://www.ewu.edu/Admissions/Financial-Aid.xml. Apply for federal and state student grants, work-study, and loans ASAP after January 1, 2012. The priority deadline is February 15, 2012. Applications received after this date will still be considered, but awards are made on a funds-available basis and late applicants may not receive all the aid for which they might otherwise qualify.

ADVISING

Academic and professional advising takes place three ways within the program:

1. The School of Social Work has arranged for an on-site part-time program director, who is available to deal with student concerns.

2. Individual faculty members who teach courses in the program will be available to meet with students outside of class time.
3. During practicum seminars, the FFI (faculty field instructor) will provide advising as part of the academic program.

In general, if you have an academic or personal problem that might affect your ability to complete the program, or if you need information about program requirements, you should contact the part-time program director.

**UNIVERSITY GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

1. Cultural and Gender Diversity and International Studies: (8 credits minimum; 4 in each area). Courses and experiences will be designed to provide knowledge and understanding of 1) the cultural diversity of the United States and 2) other societies and cultures of the world. Second year or more advanced language study for 4-5 credits or 10 credits of approved (Japanese or Chinese) first year language study may satisfy the International Studies Requirement. These courses may be satisfied through transferable equivalents from community colleges or other universities.

2. Two years of a single language in high school or one year of a single college language is required for this major.

3. Senior Capstone: Must be taken in social work as part of the 73 core curriculum credits.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR PERSONAL STATEMENT**

Your personal statement is a major factor used to evaluate your application file. The specificity and clarity of your remarks will assist faculty to assess your capacity and readiness for baccalaureate education, your writing skills, and your ability to achieve your goals in the program. The total number of pages for the personal statement should be 2-3 double-spaced, typed pages.

The personal statement gives you an opportunity to tell us about yourself and what has led you to this point in your life. The content should help us understand what life experiences have molded you as a potential student in the social work program.

In reviewing the statement, faculty will look for the following:

- Statements that reflect your values, beliefs, and attitudes about the people who use social services.
- Evidence that you have found ways to express your values, beliefs and attitudes in your relationships and/or work (volunteer or paid) experiences. We are looking for life experience, not necessarily social work experience.
• An awareness of major social issues affecting life in your community and the population you want to work with when you complete your degree.
• An identification of your strengths as a person, as a student and as a potential social worker as well as an awareness of the factors that could hinder you.
• A plan through which you indicate how you have met or plan to meet General Education Core Requirements (GECR’s), University Proficiencies, Graduation requirements, and the foreign language requirement. (The Direct Transfer Agreement from any community college in the State of Washington and North Idaho College will complete all EWU GECR’s).

INFORMATION REGARDING THE RATING PROCESS

One faculty member independently evaluates your application file. The personal statement is a major item used for evaluation so it is in your best interest to give it careful attention. The specificity and clarity of your statement will assist the faculty in assessing your capacity and readiness for graduate education, your writing skills, and your ability to achieve your career goals within the framework of the school’s mission and educational resources. *

• If you have ever been convicted of a felony, please read the following: A significant number of social service agencies are now requiring background checks for practicum students. If you have ever been convicted of a felony, particularly a crime against a person, please include in your personal statement a description of the circumstances of the conviction. Describe what led to court action, year of conviction, and how you dealt with the conviction in terms of planning for a professional career in human services. While past experiences will not necessarily prevent admission to the School, they may restrict the availability of potential practicum placements.

PRACTICUM FIELD PLACEMENTS

1. Field placements, available in Southwest Washington, are designed with the educational needs of the student in mind. This is determined through a review of the student's experiences and future career directions. Individual conferences are arranged with the student and assigned Faculty Field Instructor to review placement plans.
2. Field placements may be in the agency of current employment but must meet all existing practicum requirements.
3. All students must complete a practicum of 616 hours. Students will spend not less than 11 or more than 13 hours per week at their approved practicum sites.
4. Student field learning experiences are supervised by an Agency Field Instructor (AFI) appointed by the School. In addition, students meet regularly in an integrative practicum
seminar with a Faculty Field Instructor (FFI) to critically reflect upon and discuss their field experience.

For additional information:
If you have any questions about the part-time BASW program at Clark College or the application process call Patti Kirsch Daggett 360-992-2081 or Jodi Kerbs 360-992-2082.

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