Advanced Standing MSW Admission Requirements

1. Qualified graduates who hold a BSW or BASW are eligible for admission to the Advanced Standing MSW program.

2. BSW or BASW must have been awarded no more than seven years before the application date, and the degree must be from a CSWE-accredited undergraduate social work program.

3. An overall undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.0 and a cumulative GPA of 3.5 in BSW or BASW coursework is required.

4. Completion of 3 credit hours of a statistics course covering hypothesis testing and descriptive and inferential statistics with a 2.5 or comparable letter grade (B-). If you have completed a statistics course, you must enter information about the course. If you have not completed a statistics course, then describe your plan for completing this requirement. Your plan must allow you to complete the statistics requirement prior to registering for MSW classes in the first quarter of the program (summer 2016). Statistics is not an admissions requirement nor is it factored in the admission decision. The School of Social Work offers an online statistics class (SOWK 469) every spring quarter. If you have any questions about the statistic class or to confirm a course you have taken is approved, please contact Diane Somerday at dsomerday@ewu.edu.

Admission Timelines

The Advanced Standing full time program begins with a Seminar in the summer of 2016. The Advanced Standing Seminar is presented in a hybrid format. The online portion is July 11-15 and the required in-person portion is July 18-22 held on campus in Cheney. This is the first required course and attendance is mandatory. Lodging information will be made available to students prior to the Seminar. Students will start the advanced portion of the curriculum fall 2016.

Application and materials deadline: February 05, 2016
Committee decision deadline: March 11, 2016

All application materials including transcripts need to be received by the application deadline. During some academic years, the school may decide, based on the availability of openings in a class cohort, to extend the application deadline. Check ewu.edu/msw to inquire about the availability of this option.

Application Procedures

Admission to the MSW Program is a dual process: You must be recommended by the School of Social Work faculty and admitted to EWU Graduate Program.

To EWU Graduate Studies:

1. Submit an online Graduate School application and a $50.00 non-refundable application fee at (www.ewu.edu/Grad/Application-Procedures.xml). Included are questions to be responded to in a question-answer format. Download your resume and provide email addresses for three professional references. Please inform your references to watch their email for the reference request and direct them to submit the form ASAP. No supplemental reference materials should be mailed to the School of Social Work admissions office. The individual completing the form may also submit a letter to provide additional comments. References should be used to support your social service background
and academic preparedness. Family members, intimate partners, personal friends and counselors are not appropriate references and will not be accepted.

2. Requirements of Three Professional References. Two must be from the following persons with a third chosen by the applicant:

   a. Applicant’s most recent human service employer, supervisor, faculty field instructor or agency director (either paid or volunteer).

   b. A BSW faculty member who can comment on your readiness for entering Advanced Standing. Your faculty field instructor is not considered a BSW faculty member.

   c. These two references above need to address the applicant’s level of academic and practice skills required to complete an Advanced Standing Program. Applications will not be processed without three references including these two specific references.

3. This process above will consider you for Advanced Standing program and/or the full-time two-year program. If you do not qualify for Advanced Standing, the MSW Admissions Committee will consider your application for the full-time program.

4. Request one official transcript 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. This is not required if you are and or will be a graduate of EWU. It’s in your best interest to order transcripts immediately and mail to the Graduate Studies office.

Contact EWU Graduate Programs (not the School of Social Work) to inquire about your official transcripts.

It is your responsibility to make sure all application materials including transcripts have been received by the application deadline. Contact msw@ewu.edu if you have any questions.

**Background Checks**

Admitted students are required to complete a background check. If you have ever been convicted of a felony, particularly a crime against children or other persons or relating to financial exploitation, please include in your personal statement a description of the circumstances of the conviction. Describe what led to the court action, year of conviction, and how you dealt with the conviction in terms of planning for a professional career in human services. While experiences will not necessarily prevent admission to the School, they may restrict the availability of potential practicum placements.

**Program Costs**

Tuition for the program is mandated by the Board of Trustees of Eastern Washington University. Go to http://access.ewu.edu/Student-Financial-Services/Cost-and-Fees/Tuition-Rates.xml for more information.

**Transfer Students**

Students transferring from another CSWE accredited MSW program or who have completed some social work coursework must contact Dr. Sharon Bowland at sbowland@ewu.edu, for a formal evaluation of previous coursework.
Re-Applicants

Applicants who have previously applied to the program should note that files are held for one year only. Denied or delayed applicants will need to submit an online graduate application to EWU Graduate Programs (plus the application fee) and the online questions in a question-answer format. Contact MSW Admissions at msw@ewu.edu if you want to use your previous references.

Financial Aid and Scholarships

Go to http://www.ewu.edu/Admissions/Financial-Aid/FA_Apply.xml for information on how to apply for financial aid and to fill out a "Free Application for Federal Student Aid" (FAFSA).

Advanced Standing students need to fill out a FAFSA for the academic year 2015-2016 (for the Advanced Standing Seminar summer quarter) and 2016-2017 for the following academic year. The Financial Aid office address is Eastern Washington University, 102 Sutton Hall, Cheney, WA 99004-2441. The telephone number is (509) 359-2314.

Students are notified as scholarships become available through the School of Social Work.

The Child Welfare Training and Advancement Program in Washington and Idaho State is a stipend program for qualified students interested in the field of child welfare. Amount of stipend varies. Students qualify to apply after they have been admitted. For information in Washington State, go to http://www.ewu.edu/CSBSSW/Programs/Social-Work/CWTAP.xml. For Idaho go to http://www.icwrtc.org/.