

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

2022-23 Program Information
School of Graduate and Professional Studies



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HELLO, WE ARE MVNU.

AND WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU SUCCEED.

Since 1993, MVNU's Graduate and Professional Studies program has helped thousands of graduates jumpstart their future.

Our programs will bring your strongest skills and abilities to light. You will create lifelong connections, learn to strive in and out of the classroom, and discover who you were truly meant to be.

- **Quality** — Our award-winning programs are expertly crafted and continually updated to keep our students ahead of the game.
- **Convenience** — Life doesn't come with a pause button, so our classes are offered in-seat or online one at a time, one night a week to fit into your busy schedule.
- **Enriching Environment** — Learn from professors who care about your personal, professional, and educational growth.
- **Affordability** — Payment is made on a course-by-course basis and our advisors will work with you on a variety of financial aid options.

*You are brighter than you know
— don't put your future on hold.*



BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

MVNU's School of GPS is proud to offer a fully accredited Bachelor of Social Work program that is intentionally designed for the busy, working adult.

Social work is a dynamic profession with a dual focus on empowerment and social change within individuals, families, groups, organizations, communities and society as a whole. The profession is grounded in ethical principles and the six core values of service, competence, integrity, importance of human relationships, social justice, and the dignity and worth of the person.

Professional social workers are employed in many fields of practice, including:

*Chemical
dependency*

*Child
welfare*

*Criminal
justice*

*Health
care*

*Public
policy*

as well as a variety
of community
organizations and
international agencies.

PROGRAM DESIGN AND CURRICULUM

The BSW program offers students an engaging and relevant curriculum that equips them with the skills and knowledge necessary to become effective social work professionals in both public and private settings. The program will also prepare students to pursue their social work licensure as well as graduate education, and all within a format that, from start to finish, has been designed with convenience, flexibility and affordability in mind.

The BSW program at MVNU is committed to preparing you for a rewarding career in whichever sector of social work you choose to pursue. The BSW program features:

- A high-quality curriculum taught by faculty with professional social work practice experience;
- A cohort learning model with students supporting each other and providing networking resources for years to come;
- A hands-on 400 hour practicum experience with individualized placement;
- Courses guided by a Christian worldview;
- Classes offered one at a time and fully online;*
- Accreditation by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE).

*The online social work program will provide synchronous opportunities to connect via Zoom with your instructor and fellow cohort members.

*High-quality
Curriculum*

Affordable

Fully Online

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The BSW program is designed for students who have an Associate's degree in Human Services or Social Work. However, students who have earned a minimum of 56 transferable semester hours (84 quarter hours) from an accredited university and have completed the necessary social work foundation and cognate requirements are also eligible to apply to the BSW program.

Admission requirements include:

- Completion of an online application.
- Completion of 56 transferable credit hours from a regionally-accredited institution(s) of higher learning with a grade of C- or better.
- Completion of a Registration Agreement Form

Social Work Program admission requirements include:

- Students with a 2.0 or higher cumulative GPA of all previous college work and all 7 required foundation and cognate courses are eligible for full admission to the Social Work program. See below for list of required foundation/cognate courses.
- Students with a 3.0 or higher cumulative GPA of all previous college work and a minimum of 5/7 required foundation and cognate courses are eligible for conditional acceptance to the Social Work program. Introduction to Social Work must be one of the completed 5 foundation courses.
- Students needing to complete 3 or more foundation or cognate courses, regardless of cumulative GPA of all previous college work, are eligible for provisional acceptance and will begin in the General Studies program to complete remaining program admission requirements.**

** A student who has completed 3 or more MVNU courses as a provisional acceptance and are seeking conditional acceptance to the BSW program may use their MVNU GPA rather than their cumulative GPA of all previous college work. Students must still achieve a minimum 3.0 GPA at MVNU to be considered for conditional acceptance.

Social Work Foundation courses include: Introduction to Social Work, Cultural and Human Diversity, Social Work Interviewing and Documentation and a Social Work Field Observation. All foundation courses must be completed with a minimum "C" grade.

Social Work cognate courses include: General Psychology, Abnormal Psychology, Introduction to Sociology, Introduction to Statistics, and Principles of Biology with lab (Statistics and Biology are not included in the 7 foundation/cognate courses required for admission but must be met prior to graduation).

All Social Work foundation and cognate courses are offered at MVNU in an online format.

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FULLY ONLINE
CLASSES



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PROGRAM POLICIES

Attend and fully participate in each course. This includes a variety of weekly readings and assignments, as well as a required number of weekly discussion forum postings.

Students must successfully complete the “Preventing Sexual Harassment” online training session (required of all MVNU faculty, staff, and students) and abide by the university’s policies in this area.

Students must have access to a laptop that meets current program and software requirements (required for weekly classroom participation). Students are expected to have basic knowledge and understanding of Microsoft Office (or programs similar). (As an MVNU student, you will have access to Microsoft Office 365.)



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AT A TIME**



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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS (CONTINUED)

Important note! Any student with a prior misdemeanor and/or felony charge or conviction who is applying for admission to the BSW program must also submit evidence of the following requirements:

- A passed BCI background check according to the guidelines set forth by the Ohio Attorney General's Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Background checks must be sent directly to MVNU and cannot be copies of previous background checks completed for another organization.
- Copies of all court documents pertaining to the charge(s) or conviction(s).
- A letter of success addressed to the Admission Committee discussing any relevant circumstances related to the charge(s) as well as a reflection on how the student has grown and learned from the experience.

Admission to the Social Work program does not guarantee admission to the practicum experience or completion of the program for graduation.

Applicants from countries and U.S. territories in which English is not the primary language must also provide recent evidence of proficiency in English by scoring 80 or above on the Internet-based TOEFL with subscores in writing, reading, speaking, and listening of at least 20; or scoring 550 or above on the written TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) with subscores in both writing and reading of at least 50. All tests of English proficiency must have been taken in the last 2 years to be considered.



**APPLICATION
AVAILABLE
ONLINE**



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PRIOR LEARNING CREDIT

MVNU is proud of the diverse backgrounds of our students. Your life and work experience is important to us. Because of this, MVNU awards prior learning credit (PLC) for non-traditional education. We welcome students who have experienced learning opportunities outside of the classroom, such as on-the-job training, seminars, specific government and industry experience, military experience, professional schools and trainings, and other activities completed through credible associations and agencies.

Once you apply to the BSW program, your Enrollment Specialist can discuss our PLC policies and assist you through the evaluation process for awarding PLC credit as general education credit towards your degree. This credit cannot be applied to Social Work specific courses.*

*Life Experience Policy: The Social Work Program grants no academic credit, either in part or whole for life experience, volunteer experience, and/or current or previous work experience. This policy applies to all academic social work credits, including required cognates (pre-social work fundamentals) and professional foundations courses, field observations, and field practicums. Students can apply life experience for general education electives, if applicable.

PRACTICUM EXPERIENCE

All CSWE accredited Social Work programs require a 400 hour field practicum. In the MVNU Social Work online, our field education liaison will work closely with you to secure an individualized field practicum placement in your community. The MVNU field education department will vet your agency, facilitate completion of required paperwork, and provide oversight of the field experience through Zoom visits with the agency and student. A co-requisite seminar class is held via Zoom through the duration of the field experience.



**PROFESSIONAL
AND EXPERIENCED
FACULTY**

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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A total of 120 semester hours is required in order to graduate, including transfer credits. The 120 semester hours must include the 46 semester hours in the Social Work degree-completion program requirements. They must also include 39 semester hours in General Education coursework:

- 15 semester hours in Arts & Humanities
 - minimum of 3 credit hours in an English composition course with a research writing component
 - minimum of 3 credit hours in Bible/Theology
- 15 semester hours in Natural & Social Sciences and Mathematics
 - minimum of 3 credit hours in Mathematics (must include MATH2063G: Introduction to Statistics)
 - minimum of 3 credit hours in Natural Science (must include BIOL1014: Principles of Biology with laboratory)
 - minimum of 3 credit hours in Social Science
- 9 semester hours in Liberal Arts electives



**120 CREDIT
HOUR PROGRAM**



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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The BSW program has also been designed with both affordability (\$350/credit hour) and student convenience in mind. Payment is made on a course-by-course basis (due no later than the first night of each course) and our financial aid advisors will work with you on a variety of financial aid options, including employer tuition reimbursement.

Although financing your college education can seem overwhelming, you may be able to reduce your cost if you are proactive and fully explore your financial aid opportunities. You can pay for your degree in many different ways, so taking the time to apply for financial assistance from as many sources as possible is worth the effort.

In addition to completing your online application for admission, you should also complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.gov. MVNU's school code is 007085. Filling out the FAFSA is an important step in the financial aid process and is required for any financial aid to be awarded. Finally, please be reminded that applications that contain incorrect information will delay the approval process, so accuracy is extremely important!



**COURSE-
BY-COURSE
PAYMENTS**

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TUITION COSTS

COURSE NUMBER	COURSE NAME	CREDITS	TUITION
ITDS2051	Personal Development and Research Skills	1	\$265
BWKR3093	Foundations of Generalist Social Work Practice Program Fee	3	\$1,050 \$200
BWKR3113	Social Justice and Advocacy	3	\$1,050
MATH2063	Introduction to Statistics	3	\$795
BWKR3003	Social Science Research Methods	3	\$1,050
BWKR3063	Human Behavior and the Social Environment I	3	\$1,050
BWKR3013	Social Work Practice with Individuals	3	\$1,050
BWKR3073	Human Behavior and the Social Environment II	3	\$1,050
BWKR1023	Social Work Field Observation Course Fee	3	\$1,050 \$40
BWKR3123	Social Work Practice with Groups	3	\$1,050
BWKR3132	Social Work Practice with Families	2	\$700
BWKR3141	Preparation for Field Education	1	\$350
BWKR4013	Social Work Practice with Organizations and Communities	3	\$1,050
BWKR4033	Analysis of Social Work Policy	3	\$1,050
BWKR4002	Integrated Social Work Seminar	2	\$700
BWKR4010	Social Work Practicum Course Fee	10	\$3,500 \$40
	BCI Fees (two background checks required)		\$60
	TOTAL	49	\$17,150

MATH2063 and ITDS2051 are charged at the corresponding General Studies tuition rate of \$265/credit hour.

SKWR1023 & SKWR4010 have an associated fee in addition to general tuition and is charged at registration per course. Social Work Field Fee: \$40.

SKWR3093 has an associated fee in addition to general tuition and is charged at registration. Program Fee: \$200

Textbook costs are not included in the total cost of the program.



COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Personal Development and Research Skills - ITDS2051

This five-week, self-directed course equips students with strategies that will help them successfully navigate critical elements of their chosen GPS programs, including important MVNU policies, procedures, and resources. It also introduces students to navigation and use of MVNU's learning management system, college-level research skills and application of current APA formatting and style guidelines, and effective techniques for avoiding plagiarism. The impact of both personality type and learning style on the student's educational experience will also be explored, as well as additional important elements connected to overall student success and retention, including critical thinking and active reading skills, effective time management skills, prior learning assessment, and academic support and career development services available to non-traditional undergraduate MVNU students.

Foundations of Generalist Social Work Practice - BWKR3093

An orientation course for adult social work degree-completion students. Course content includes foundation concepts for generalist social work practice, the core values and ethics of the profession, social work practice perspectives, historical context of the social work profession, basic practice skills, the use of critical thinking skills, library research skills, and principles of the American Psychology Association writing style.

Social Justice and Advocacy - BWKR3113

A study of the relationship between social problems, social policies, and social programs within historical, philosophical, and institutional contexts with an emphasis on social and economic justice and human rights.

Introduction to Statistics - MATH2063

A study of basic descriptive and inferential statistics with emphasis on applications in business, biology, and social sciences.

Social Science Research Methods - BWKR3003

A study of empirically-based concepts and methods used in sociology, social work, and criminal justice for social research including community/societal needs, micro-level intervention, and program effectiveness. Emphasis is given to both quantitative and qualitative research paradigms. Prerequisites: SOCL1013 and MATH2063.



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Human Behavior and the Social Environment I - BWKR3063

A study of a basic framework for creating and organizing empirically based theories and knowledge of human behavior and the social environment. Special emphasis is given to the reciprocal relationships between individual behavior and the larger social environment, social work ethics, and the impact of cultural human diversity, discrimination, and oppression on the individual's ability to reach or maintain optimal health and well-being. Prerequisite: Admission to the Social Work program.

Social Work Practice with Individuals - BWKR3013

A study of empirically-based knowledge, skills, values, and ethics required for generalist social work practice with individuals. Special emphasis is given to the application of evidence-based practice and to developing systems and person-in-environment perspectives for effective generalist practice.

Human Behavior and the Social Environment II - BWKR3073

A study of adult human behavior and the social environment in individual and family systems. The unifying framework is constructed with person-in-environment and social system perspectives. Special emphasis is given to the impact of cultural human diversity and discrimination and oppression, particularly with regard to the individual's and family's ability to function effectively throughout the adult developmental journey.

Social Work Practice with Groups - BWKR3123

A study of the knowledge, skills, values, and ethics required for generalist social work practice with groups.

Social Work Practice with Families - BWKR3132

A study of the knowledge, skills, values, and ethics required for generalist social work practice with families.

Preparation for Field Education - BWKR3141

A one credit-hour course designed to prepare students for the senior social work practicum experience. The course will guide students through the application process, community agency interviews and subsequent agency match. The students will develop an understanding of departmental field policy, agency expectations regarding professionalism, and identification of personal impairment. During the course students will complete all applications materials, including a professional resume, background check, and field consent forms.

Social Work Practice with Organizations and Communities - BWKR4013

A study of empirically-based knowledge, values, ethics, and skills of generalist social work practice within organizations and communities.

Analysis of Social Policy - BWKR4033

A study of the integration of federal, state and local social policy and generalist social work practice. Special emphasis is given to frameworks for influencing, formulating, analyzing, and implementing social policy, especially as social policy impacts populations-at-risk. Prerequisite: Admission to the Social Work program.

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Integrated Social Work Seminar - BWKR4002

A forum to integrate evidence based social work knowledge, skills, values, and field practice. Special emphasis is given to processing professional development issues, internalizing a professional identity as a social worker, and job preparation, graduate school application, and licensure. Prerequisites: Admission to the Social Work program and admission to the practicum experience. Co-requisite: BWKR4010.

Social Work Practicum - BWKR4010

A supervised field experience of 400 volunteer hours in a community agency applying the knowledge, skills, values, and ethics of generalist social work practice. Prerequisites: Admission to both the Social Work program and practicum experience. Co-requisite: BWKR4002.

REQUIRED SOCIAL WORK FOUNDATION COURSES

Intro to Social Work - BWKR-1013

An introduction to the profession and practice of social work. Special emphasis is given to the emergence of social work as a profession, values and ethics, practice roles and settings, as well as diverse population groups and the impact of social and economic injustice on individuals, groups and societies. The course is designed to provide a complementary foundation core of knowledge, skills, and dispositions for the profession and practice of social work.

Cultural and Human Diversity - BWKR-2003

This course will provide content which looks at the differences and similarities in the experiences, needs, and beliefs of people distinguished by culture, ethnicity, race, class, gender, sexual orientation, religion, physical or mental ability, age, or national origin. This course has content that promotes understanding, affirmation, engagement, and respect for people from diverse backgrounds. The content emphasizes the interlocking and complex nature of culture and personal identity. Particular emphasis will be placed on understanding the dynamics and consequences of the social and economic injustice, oppression, and discrimination experienced by diverse and marginalized groups in the United States.

Interviewing and Documentation - BWKR2013

An introduction to professional communication and professional record-keeping and documentation utilized in the social work profession.



**ENGAGING
CURRICULUM**



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Field Observation - BWKR 1023

A supervised volunteer field observation experience in a community social service agency. Online class sessions will focus on the integration of field experiences and professional issues.

ADDITIONAL REQUIRED COGNATE COURSES

Principles of Biology with Laboratory - BIOL1014

A study of life processes, organization and structure common to animals, plants, and microbes. Laboratory exercises are included.

General Psychology - PSYC1013

An introduction to psychology with emphasis on the biological and social perspectives. Special emphasis is given to the scientific method, psychological terminology, and prominent theories.

Abnormal Psychology - PSYC3063

A study of the major psychiatric and adjustment disorders. Special emphasis is given to Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-IV) classification systems and biomedical, psychoanalytic, and behavioral theories of causation and treatment. Prerequisite: PSYC1013.

Introduction to Sociology - SOCL1013

An introduction to basic principles in understanding patterns of social relations. Includes the major theoretical perspectives and methods for obtaining sociological knowledge. Special emphasis is given to the sociological examination of the major institutions in society.

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OHIO**

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WHAT OUR STUDENTS ARE SAYING:

“The GPS program has given me the ability to work and take care of my family along with preparing me to do what I was always meant to do — Help people.”

MEGHAN STOSE

Bachelor of Social Work, 2018

“My education at MVNU has not only helped me prepare for success as a mental health therapist, it also put me a step ahead of other candidates I was going against in the interview process.”

CIARA NORRIS

Bachelor of Social Work, 2017

RANKINGS



COURSE START DATES AND DEADLINES



Classes start every month!

Contact your Enrollment Specialist or [visit our website](#) for more information about getting started.

STEPS FOR APPLYING TO GPS

1. **Complete your application.** (There is no application fee!)
2. **Fill out the FAFSA** if you plan to use Federal Student Aid.
3. **Request all official transcripts** to be sent to MVNU from each college or university you have attended to date. Please have your transcripts sent to:

Mount Vernon Nazarene University

Attn: GPS Admissions
800 Martinsburg Road
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Official Electronic Transcripts should be sent to
GPSApplications@mvnu.edu.

*Additional materials may be required based on individual situations.

4. Once all transcripts have been submitted, you will **receive an official evaluation and admission decision** (typically within one week).
5. **Review your evaluation** with your Enrollment Specialist to understand transfer credits and program requirements.
6. **Complete a Registration Agreement Form** to be scheduled for classes.
7. **Receive course schedule and official Financial Aid award.**
8. **Start your classes!**

QUESTIONS?

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