

**UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA**  
**APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO MAJOR IN SOCIAL WORK**

The Social Work major is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. This requires an application to the major in addition to the University declaration procedure.

You are applying to a major that builds on a liberal arts foundation and addresses knowledge and skills essential for beginning generalist social work practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. Social workers identify the experiences and needs of vulnerable and oppressed groups while emphasizing resilience and strengths. Social workers understand of the types and processes of discrimination, oppression and privilege, while promoting social and economic justice through advocacy and social reform. Core social work values include service, social justice, dignity and worth of the person, importance of human relationships, integrity and competence.

There are many motivations for pursuing a career in the helping professions and for specifically becoming a social worker. The UNI Social Work Admissions Committee reserves the right to deny an applicant's admission to the major based upon factors that negatively impact the potential to become a social worker and make positive contributions to the field.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

University Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Current year in the University:  Fresh.  Soph.  Jr.  Sr.

Cumulative Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_

(2.5 GPA Minimum Required)

Unless already on your resume, please list:

1. Other colleges or universities you attended.
2. Academic awards or other honors you have received.
3. Jobs, volunteer work or social justice activities related to Social Work.

4. Have you ever been convicted of a crime? Yes No

If you answered yes to this question, on a separate sheet please provide relevant dates, the nature of the offense, the name and location of the court, sentence imposed and any other information you want the Social Work Admissions Committee to consider. Please note that, depending on circumstance, a conviction may prevent you from obtaining a desired position and/or license to practice Social Work. Field instruction agencies and prospective employers will conduct background checks.

5. Have you been listed on:

The Child Abuse Registry? Yes No

The Dependent Adult Abuse Registry? Yes No

The Sexual Offender Registry? Yes No

If you answered yes to any of the questions, on a separate sheet please provide any other information you would like the Social work Admissions Committee to consider. Please note that, depending on circumstance, being placed on one or more of these registries may prevent you from obtaining a desired position and/or license to practice Social Work. Field instruction agencies and prospective employers will conduct registry checks.

6. Please attach:

**Resume**

**Autobiographical sketch** (No more than two pages) addressing the following items:

- Discuss your specific motivations leading to your desire to become a social worker based on your background, experiences and interests.
- What social, economic and/or environmental justice issues are of interest to you as you think about a career in social work?
- What do you understand as the importance of diversity and difference in shaping a person's life experience? How might that influence your role as a social worker?
- How do you manage your personal stress?

**Declaration of Curriculum** (Add Social Work Major, Drop PRE Social Work Major if applicable, include any other changes to your current major, minor or certificate status)

The application, resume, autobiographical sketch and Declaration of Curriculum are submitted to the Social Work Department office located in Sabin 235 or can be emailed to Wendy Christensen at [wendy.christensen@uni.edu](mailto:wendy.christensen@uni.edu). The faculty decision about your admission to the major will be communicated to you within a short time. No further action by you is necessary.

If you have any questions regarding the application process or the Social Work program, please contact Jenny Becker, BSW Admission Committee Chair at [Jennifer.becker@uni.edu](mailto:Jennifer.becker@uni.edu), (319) 273-7881, Sabin Hall 241.

I certify that all of the information contained in this application is true.

I understand that any misrepresentation or omission of relevant facts is sufficient cause to deny admission or, if enrolled, for termination from the program. I authorize the Department of Social Work, the University and its agents, to verify any information on this application, including employer, registry, or reference checks.

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Signature of Applicant

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Date