

# SOCIAL WORK

Bachelor of Social Work



## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Ready to make a real difference? King's Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) prepares you for a rewarding career in social work, helping individuals, families, groups and communities overcome barriers to health and wellness. Through a combination of classroom learning and over 700 professional practicum hours, you'll gain hands-on experience in social service organizations under professional supervision. In your first year, you'll complete approximately 210 hours, and in your second year, up to 525 hours. This hands-on experience helps you develop essential skills for social work practice across diverse settings.

The Bachelor of Social Work (Honours) program begins in third year. Please see your academic advisor about choosing required courses if you are entering first year at King's. Students from college or other universities may also apply. Contact the School of Social Work for information about transfer courses and pathways into upper years at King's and the BSW program.

### Why Choose Our BSW Program?

#### 1. Accredited Program:

King's School of Social Work is one of the longest-running social work programs in Canada. Our BSW program is fully accredited by the Canadian Association for Social Work Education (CASWE), ensuring high-quality education and professional practicum opportunities.

#### 2. Experiential Learning:

Engage in two different practicum placements, allowing you to apply classroom knowledge to real-world situations and gain invaluable experience in social work settings. Students receive personalized attention for practicum matching, building upon past experience and considering their goals to ensure a smooth transition into professional practice.

#### 3. Small Class Sizes:

Experience personalized learning with small class sizes that facilitate interaction and support from faculty members. Classes size averages between 20 to 25 students, while practicum integration seminars will never be larger than 15.

#### 4. Interdisciplinary Approach:

Benefit from a curriculum that integrates perspectives from sociology, psychology, and community development, fostering a well-rounded understanding of social work.

#### 5. Supportive Environment:

Join a community dedicated to your success, offering academic advising, mentorship, and peer support throughout your educational journey.

## PROFESSIONAL PRACTICUM

Social work practice opportunities. Make an impact and improve lives while you learn.

**3rd year BSW: 210 hours** of supervised practice, 1 hour of weekly supervision

**4th year BSW: Up to 525 hours** of supervised practice, 2 hours of weekly supervision

**Placement Matching:** Personalized placement matching ensures students transition smoothly into professional practice.



*The Bachelor of Social Work program at King's led to immense personal and professional development. I finished the program feeling confident and prepared for the many opportunities available to me within and beyond my community."*

**Ariel Seale, '22 Honours Bachelor of Social Work. Gold Medal Winner**



## BSW Curriculum and Professional Development

The BSW program at King's provides a comprehensive curriculum designed to equip you with the knowledge and professional skills needed for a successful career in social work. You'll develop expertise in key areas through coursework and hands-on experience, preparing you to work in diverse health and social service settings.

### Core Areas of Learning:

- Individual and Family Development
- Social Work Values & Ethics
- Social Justice & Diversity
- Mental Health Issues & Interventions
- Policy Development & Advocacy
- Community Development
- Research Skills

### Professional Practice Skills:

- Interviewing & Assessment
- Documentation & Record keeping
- Basic Therapeutic Interventions
- Group Work & Program Planning
- Interprofessional Practice

### Pre-BSW Social Work Courses

Prior to admission to the professional BSW program, students will have completed in first and second year:

- Introduction to Social Work and Social Welfare (minimum 70%)
- Introduction to Social Work Practice and Communication Skills (minimum 70%)
- Research Methods for Social Workers or equivalent. (minimum 60%)
- Introduction to Generalist Social Work Practice and Theories (minimum 70%)
- Additional prerequisites in writing, humanities and social sciences

Students must achieve a minimum 70% average across 10.0 pre-entry credits to be eligible to apply. Meeting the minimum does not guarantee admission.

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**APPLY NOW!**

Visit us online for application details, admission requirements, and program deadlines.

### Pathway and Career Opportunities:

King's BSW (Honours) graduates are employed in a wide variety of practice fields and settings. Some will choose to pursue a graduate degree in Social Work (MSW) or pursue a different graduate degree or professional program like a Juris Doctorate (JD) in Law, either upon completion of their BSW (Honours) or following experience in professional practice.

BSW graduates are eligible to become registered social workers upon graduation. Our graduates are working in a variety of fields, including:

- **Health & Mental Health Services:** Hospitals, Long-Term Care, Addiction Services
- **Family & Youth Support:** Family Services, Child & Youth Services, Women's Advocacy
- **Justice & Public Policy:** Justice & Corrections, Dispute Resolution, Government Agencies
- **Community & Education:** School Boards, Non-Profit Organizations, Community Development

