

## Graduate Program - Masters Degree in Social Work Application for Admission

Western Carolina's Department of Social Work is seeking applicants who demonstrate personal and professional commitment to the values of the social work profession. Consideration for admission will be given to those applicants who exemplify the greatest potential for successful scholarship through their past academic and/or work experiences. A personal interview may be required in select cases. The Masters Degree in Social Work (MSW) program will require 62 hours (two years) of graduate course work beyond the bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university. Applications will be accepted beginning in the fall semester (2005), with the first cohort of students admitted in fall, 2006. The deadline for applications is February 1st. Only complete application packets will be considered.

Graduate application forms can be found at <http://www.wcu.edu/graduate/forms.html>

Successful applicants will have:

- 1- GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for the last 60 hours of undergraduate course work, or a 2.85 on a 4.0 scale cumulatively.
- 2- Satisfactory score (1000 or above) on the verbal and quantitative section of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).
- 3- Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution.
- 4- Adequate undergraduate preparation (18 semester hours) with a range of studies in the liberal arts, humanities, physical sciences, diversity, and behavioral sciences.
- 5- Human Services related experience, including volunteer work.

### MSW Graduate Application Checklist:

- Graduate School Application
- Official GRE Scores: Sent directly to the Graduate School
- Official transcripts: Send directly to the Graduate School
- 3 professional recommendations in sealed envelopes in application packet
- Professional resume
- Personal Narrative Statement
- List of liberal arts courses taken as an undergraduate study
- Criminal Record Statement
- Nonrefundable \$40.00 application fee

(optional)

- Graduate Assistantship Application
- Application for Chancellor's Fellowship or Graduate Study Grant

Send all information to:

The Graduate School  
109 University Outreach Center  
Western Carolina University  
Cullowhee, NC 28723-9022