



## Social Work, B.A., Program Application for Admission

### ◆ Application Deadlines

#### Fall term

**Regular Application Deadline: August 1**

Student notification is made on a rolling basis beginning March 1 for the following fall term of entry. Applications received after the application deadline may be deferred to the next available term of enrollment.

**Mail all completed application materials to:**

Fresno Pacific University  
Office of Admission/BSW Program  
1717 S. Chestnut Ave.  
Fresno, CA 93702-4709

**Or email: [ugadmis@fresno.edu](mailto:ugadmis@fresno.edu)**



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## Applying for Social Work Program Admission

Applying for admission to the social work degree program is a two-step process. Students must apply and be admitted to the university prior to applying and being admitted to the social work program. Applications for the social work program are done during the students second year at FPU (45 units must have been completed). Transfers will be considered on a space-available basis if pre-requisites have been met.

### STUDENTS APPLYING FOR ADMISSION SHOULD DEMONSTRATE:

- Academic Success (Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5/4.0 scale is required)
- Successful completion of prior lower-level social work courses
- A passion and calling for social work as a career
- Demonstrated knowledge of the social work profession
- Personal and professional aptitude
- Ability to meet all program and internship requirements

### APPLICATION STEPS

Please submit the following with your application to be considered for the social work program:

- Completed and signed Social Work Program Application
- Personal Statement as indicated on the application
- Resume covering your employment, social work/volunteer jobs and experiences as indicated on the application.
- One letter of recommendation highlighting your character, academic history and career goals. This can be requested from a prior teacher, guidance counselor, administrator or supervisor. Please make sure to explain to your recommender the purpose of the letter and what should be covered and included in the recommendation.

### SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION

Completed applications will be reviewed along with any applicable previous academic coursework. A faculty interview will be scheduled with eligible candidates. Decisions will be sent out within three weeks of the completion of the process.

### RE-ADMISSION

Students who have previously started the program and have had to take more than one semester off may elect to submit an application for re-admission to FPU. If a leave of absence was filed and has not expired, a student may enter back into the program. If the leave of absence has expired, the student must reapply to the university and also to the social work program to re-attain admission.

## Personal Information

 Legal name \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

FPU address \_\_\_\_\_ Other address \_\_\_\_\_

 I consent to receive electronic communications from FPU.

 Current standing in college:       Freshman     Sophomore     Junior     Senior

 Check one:       FPU student     Transfer student

## Academic Information

### HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION

High school \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Date of high school graduation \_\_\_\_\_ or Date of GED \_\_\_\_\_ State GED issued by \_\_\_\_\_

 Type of school (check one):     Public     Private     Parochial     Homeschool

### COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE

Please list all universities, colleges and/or community colleges you have attended, beginning with the most recent. If none, write none. (Attach additional pages if necessary).

Institution	Location (City/State)	Dates attended		Degree earned
		Mo./Yr.	Mo./Yr.	
_____	_____	From _____	To _____	_____
_____	_____	From _____	To _____	_____
_____	_____	From _____	To _____	_____

 AA-T/AS-T degree will be earned before I enroll in the institution.

Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Total college units completed \_\_\_\_\_

## Personal Statement

Please submit a two to three page, double spaced, typed response to the following topics/questions:

- Explain the development of your interest in becoming a professional social worker and what influenced your decision to choose social work as a profession.
- What are your career goals and areas of interest in social work (i.e. child welfare, community organizations, schools, hospitals, etc.)?
- Discuss your personal strengths that will assist you in this program and in the development of your professional knowledge and skills.
- What areas would you like to further develop as part of your participation in the social work program?
- What life experiences may contribute to or impede your progress in this program?
- Discuss how personal faith beliefs and values have influenced and/or may contribute in your development as a social work professional.

## Employment, Social Work and Volunteer History

Submit a typed resume covering your employment, social work and volunteer jobs and experiences.

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## Letter of Recommendation

Submit one letter of recommendation highlighting your character, academic history and career goals. This can be requested from a prior teacher, guidance counselor, administrator or supervisor. Please make sure to explain to your recommender the purpose of the letter and what should be covered and included in the recommendation.

## Understanding of Expectations

Please initial each item acknowledging your agreement. If you do not agree with the statement, please leave it blank.

- \_\_\_\_\_ I have read the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) student handbook in its entirety.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have read the NASW Code of Ethics ([www.socialworkers.org/pubs/code/code.asp](http://www.socialworkers.org/pubs/code/code.asp))
- \_\_\_\_\_ I agree to check my FPU email account as this is how the program communicates with students.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I give consent to have my photo printed in social work program publications, whether online or in print.

## Applicant Statement

I certify that the information supplied on this application and other documents I have submitted is complete and accurate. I further grant Fresno Pacific University the right to verify any information contained herein. I understand that submitting false information is grounds for denial of my application, withdrawal of any offer of acceptance, cancellation of enrollment or any appropriate disciplinary action including degree revocation.

If admitted to Fresno Pacific University, I agree to abide by the standards for behavior and conduct as outlined in the *BSW Student Handbook*, *Student Life Handbook*, *University Catalog* and this application, including, but not limited to, acting always with civility and respect for all students, faculty and staff; acting in conformity with the Christian behavioral standards of FPU; adhering to the university's academic integrity standards; and the dispute resolution and appeal process. I understand that it is my responsibility to read and understand these standards and policies.

If requested, I agree to give proof of verification for financial documents which may include, but are not limited to, a copy of a U.S. tax return and W-2s filed by me or my family and will notify the Financial Aid Office of any changes in a timely manner. I understand that if I do not, I may not be eligible for financial aid at FPU.

\_\_\_\_\_  
STUDENT'S SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

*Any offer of admission to Fresno Pacific University prior to the applicant's completion of courses is provisional, subject to successful academic work during their remainder the semester. Any offer of admission to an applicant transferring from another college is provisional subject to successful completion of coursework in progress at the time of application and proof of good standing from the previous college. Meeting admission requirements does not guarantee admission. Admission to the university does not guarantee admission to specific academic programs. Student's with a felony or misdemeanor conviction or adjudication may not be eligible for clinical or internship placements, state licensure or other certifications required for successful program completion and/or employment (ie: nursing clinicals and licensure, state education licensure, social work internships and licensure). All application materials become the property of Fresno Pacific University.*

*Fresno Pacific University is committed to providing a learning and living environment that, consistent with its Christian beliefs, promotes safety, transparency, personal integrity, civility, mutual respect and freedom from invidious discrimination. Fresno Pacific is a Christian university owned by the Pacific District Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches, and is controlled by a board of trustees, the majority of whose voting members are elected by delegates of the conference. Fresno Pacific adopts and follows the Confession of Faith of the U.S. Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches. As such, Fresno Pacific is exempt under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 34 C.F.R. section 106.12, and from provisions of California Education Code 66270 to the extent that the application of Title IX and California Education Code 66270 are not consistent with our religious tenets. These exemptions may apply to, but are not limited to, requirements in the university's community standards, employment policies, housing policies, admission and recruitment processes, benefits and services, financial assistance, and our academic programs, including student leadership, athletic and arts programs. Fresno Pacific University retains all rights afforded under federal law and the laws of the State of California.*

*In compliance with Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Fresno Pacific University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, age, disability or status as a veteran in the recruitment or admission of students or in any of its policies, practices or procedures.*