

The Mi'kmaq/Maliseet Bachelor of Social Work (MMBSW) program is offered by St. Thomas University in partnership with First Nation Communities. The program is directed toward First Nation peoples in New Brunswick and the Maritime Provinces who wish to become social workers in their communities. The classes are held off campus.

The MMBSW program respects and celebrates the traditions and cultures of Indigenous peoples as demonstrated by its flexible and culturally relevant approach to incorporating Indigenous ways of knowing and learning throughout the social work courses that are offered in the program.

The program consists of 60 credit hours of social work courses to be completed over a threeyear period. Applicants must have completed a minimum of 60 credit hours of liberal arts courses as a prerequisite to admission.

Only Indigenous students are eligible.

## **Admission Requirements**

Applicants must have completed a minimum of 60ch in liberal arts courses as a prerequisite for admission. A minimum grade point average of 2.0 (which may be based on the most

- 4. two reference forms (from diverse sources such as academic, professional, personal) Reference forms for distribution to your referees can be found here: STU.ca/mmbsw. Please refer your references to the MMBSW Reference Guideline (also on STU.ca/mmbsw) and advise them of the January 31 deadline for the program.
- official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions you have attended. Please note, if you have a STU transcript, you will not need to submit it, as our Admissions Office has access to it.

\*Please submit an online application for admission at STU.ca/apply. Click "Sign Up" and follow the instructions to sign-in to the online application portal. Once you are signed in, click "Start a New Application," followed by "Start Application" under the Post-Degree Program section. Select the Mi'kmaq/Maliseet Bachelor of Social Work program, your anticipated enrolment status (Full-time or Part-time) and the Fall (Sept- Apr) 2020 term. You will be prompted to pay the application fee at the end of the application. All other supplementary documents (personal statement, personal current résumé) can be emailed to the Admissions Office at admissions@stu.ca.

For further information, please see our MMBSW Application Instructions 2020-2023 on STU.ca/mmbsw. Please also refer to the Application checklist on your applicant portal (once your application for admission has been submitted) to make sure you haven't forgotten anything. As your documents are received by the Admissions Office, they will be marked as received on your checklist.

## Stage 2

As part of the application process, all eligible candidates will be contacted to attend a group interview with two social work faculty members and complete a written social issue analysis.

All applicants will receive a letter indicating the status of their application. The letter will be mailed to the address entered on the online application form.

For further information, please contact:

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During the Master of Social Work program, students will have the opportunity to strengthen and deepen their knowledge and skills in their chosen area of practice so that they may respond more effectively to social issues at the personal, family, cultural, community, and socio-political levels.

Course objectives are congruent with the overall objectives of the program, and practice experience and applied elements form an integral part of each course. Specific skill development in each student's area of interest will take place in assignments and the field practicum and thesis options.