

3. Have a minimum of a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale in the required pre-requisite anatomy and physiology (6 credits), and third science course (3 credits)
4. Complete certified Nursing Assistance Program
5. Submit an official application to the second degree option to the College of Health and Social Services Dean's Office by Jan. 15, for consideration for Summer I admission to the nursing program
6. Complete an application to the accelerated program available in CHSS 110B
7. Complete an interview with Department of Nursing faculty
8. Recommended: medical terminology course

**Note:** Admission is competitive and class size is limited. Nursing courses begin in Summer I and go through summer Session II of the following year.

#### Second Degree Accelerated Option Curriculum

##### Summer I

NURS 325, Human Pathophysiology for Nursing .....	3
NURS 302, Foundation of Health Assessment.....	3

##### Summer II

NURS 326, Pharmacology in Clinical Nursing Practice .....	4
NURS 397, Special Topics.....	2

##### Fall Semester

(Classes are grouped in 8 week blocks)

NURS 301, Principles of Nursing Practice: Theoretical Foundations .....	5
NURS 324, Nursing Care of the Older Adult .....	2
NURS 372, Adult Health Nursing I.....	8
NURS 375, Introduction to Nursing Research .....	3

##### Spring Semester

(Classes are grouped in 4 or 8 week blocks)

NURS 374, Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing.....	5
NURS 413, Women, Families and the Nursing Process.....	8
NURS 424, Nursing in the Community.....	5

##### Summer I

NURS 414, Nursing the Complex Patient.....	6
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##### Summer II

NURS 480, Nursing Leadership.....	7
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\* A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the curriculum

**Notes:** 1) An applicant who is not a U.S. citizen or who has been convicted of a felony is advised to contact the appropriate State Board of Nursing regarding eligibility for licensure. 2) Clinical clearances are required for all students (i.e. current immunizations; background screenings, drug testing, current CPR status; and various health agency orientation workshops.) Failure to complete and provide documentation within timelines established by the Department of Nursing may prevent admission to or continuation in the Nursing program. 3) Students have clinical practicum experiences in a variety of settings and at varying times to include evenings and weekends. 4) Students are required to attend orientation sessions which occur prior to the start of the first summer session. 5) Students are required to take national normed tests throughout the curriculum and to make a satisfactory score on such tests. Students are required to take a comprehensive exam and to make a satisfactory score on such an exam to successfully complete their capstone preceptor experience.

#### RN-BSN Completion Program

Requirements and procedures for admission to the RN-BSN completion program are as follows:

1. Obtain admission to NMSU as a regular student.
2. Contact the Department of Nursing for complete program information and application materials.
3. Satisfy NMSU basic academic competency requirements in English and math.
4. Demonstrate completion of all prerequisite course work as noted in the RN-BSN Completion Program Curriculum.
5. Submit official transcripts from all nursing schools, colleges, and universities attended to the Department of Nursing. These will be evaluated for allowable transfer credit.
6. Achieve a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale for prerequisite course work and prior nursing course work.
7. Submit an official application to the Department of Nursing.
8. Provide evidence of current RN licensure.

**Note:** Nursing class sizes are limited. Students admitted to the RN-BSN completion program may be accommodated based on space availability in any

given nursing course. All documentation must be submitted to the department by April 15 to begin nursing classes the following January. Summer and fall terms may be used to complete prerequisite and general requirements.

#### RN-BSN Completion Curriculum

Non-Nursing and General Education (or equivalent) courses. (See the "General Information" section in this catalog for details of NMSU general education requirements.) A grade of C or better is required in all of the following courses. Prerequisite courses are marked \*:

\*Math basic competency must be attained.

MATH 210G, Math Appreciation

\*ENGL 111G, Rhetoric and Composition

ENGL 203, ENGL 218G, ENGL 311G, or ENGL 318G

\*BIOL 253, Human Anatomy

\*BIOL 254, Human Physiology

\*CHEM 110G, or CHEM 111 and CHEM 112

\*BIOL 219, Public Health Microbiology

\*BIOL 311L, General Microbiology Lab

\*SOC 101G, Introductory Sociology

Literature/Fine Arts "G" course

HIST "G" course

\*PSY 201G, Introduction to Psychology

\*HNFS 251, Human Nutrition

\*CEP 110G, Human Growth and Behavior

Critical Thinking "G" course

E ST 311G, Statistical Applications

Two Viewing a Wider World : "G" courses

Upper-division elective courses as required to satisfy NMSU's 54 upper-division credit hour requirement and all the general education requirements prior to or concurrently with completion of the last semester of nursing.

In addition, it is the student's responsibility to complete a minimum of 128 total credit hours including 54 upper-division credits.

The nursing course sequence for this degree option starts in the spring semester. The core nursing courses required for the R.N. to B.S.N. completion are listed below:

NURS 315, Introduction to Professional Nursing for the RN .....	3
NURS 324, Nursing Care of the Older Adult .....	2
NURS 375, Introduction to Nursing Research .....	3
NURS 420, Community Health Nursing .....	3
NURS 426, Community Health Nursing for the RN: Clinical .....	3
NURS elective.....	3
NURS 322, Nursing Health Assessment.....	3
NURS 323, Nursing Health Assessment: Clinical.....	2
NURS 470, Nursing Organization and Management.....	3
NURS 475, Issues and Trends in Professional Nursing.....	3
NURS 476, Nursing Organization and Management for the RN: Clinical.....	3
NURS 325, Human Pathophysiology for Nursing .....	3

**Notes:** 1) The RN-BSN option uses a compressed scheduling format, WebCT, and local health agencies in Las Cruces, Alamogordo, or Carlsbad for clinical practicum. 2) Students are required to attend onsite classes in Las Cruces at the beginning (1-3 days) and at the end (1-2 days) of the nursing sequence. 3) Clinical clearances are required for all students (i.e., current immunizations; background screening; drug testing; current CPR status; and various health agency orientation workshops). Failure to complete and provide documentation within timelines established by the Department of Nursing may prevent admission to or continuation within the nursing program.

## SOCIAL WORK

### School of Social Work

#### Stephen C. Anderson, director

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**DEGREE: Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.)**

The B.S.W. degree allows you to join a profession dedicated to helping people in personal and social situations. As a unique and challenging field, social work addresses the complexity of human behavior and the ever-present needs and potential of people. From rural communities to inner cities, social workers are at work in social service agencies, mental health centers, hospitals, schools, neighborhood organizations, probation offices, and private agencies—just about anywhere there are people. Social work roles are varied and flexible. Social workers practice in areas such as child abuse, community organization, direct services with individuals and families, mental health, group work, and the administration, planning, and development of social programs. With each consumer group and in every agency setting, social workers help to correct the causes or alleviate the results of poverty, racism, poor health, mental illness, or any condition that prohibits people from reaching their potential.

The B.S.W. program prepares you for a beginning professional level of generalist social work practice with an understanding and appreciation of the cultural diversity of the Southwest.

To be admitted as a B.S.W. candidate, you must formally apply for admission to the program. A 2.5 grade-point average is required for admission. Consult the pre-social work major adviser, located in the School of Social Work in the College of Health and Social Services. The deadline for submitting applications is the last Friday in January. The program is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education and all students have access to copies of the Curriculum Policy Statement.

**General Education Requirements**

You must meet the university general education requirements before being accepted to the social work program.

General education requirements for the School of Social Work follow those outlined by the university in this catalog. The following courses are required by the school prior to entry: BIOL 101G/L, BIOL 111G/L, or BIOL 211G/L; SOC 101G or SOC 201G; PSY 201G; S WK 221; and a second language requirement. Consult the pre-social work adviser for details. Once accepted into the program, students must meet a Cultural Emphasis requirement. They may choose one of three tracks or a combination totaling a minimum of 6 credits hours. These tracks are

- two additional semesters of language, including sign language, or
- an approved language immersion program, or
- two approved upper-level courses with a multicultural emphasis (see approved list of courses from your social work advisor). If the cultural emphasis classes are also Viewing a Wider World classes, you must assure you have taken the total number of specified (54 currently required) upper-division credits necessary for graduation. A course not on the list that is deserving of approval can be done so by petitioning the Program Director through a memo with a syllabus attached.

Pre-entry electives highly recommended include courses in social work, sociology, history, Spanish, psychology, family life, child development, English, philosophy, anthropology, computer science, government, and economics. Consult the pre-social work major adviser, located in the School of Social Work for recommended electives. Electives must be sufficient to bring total credits to 128, including 54 upper-division credits, for graduation.

**Departmental Requirements**

Preparation for entry-level professional social work requires a thorough knowledge of theory and skills; therefore, the high number (51) of core social work credits is mandated. The course work is designed to be completed in two years by full-time students.

**Freshman Year**

Courses marked with † require a grade of C or higher

**Fall Semester (16-18 credits)**

†ENGL 111G, Rhetoric and Composition.....	3-4
†BIOL 101G/L, Human Biology/Lab, or BIOL 111G/L, Natural History of Life/Lab, or BIOL 211G/L, Cellular and Organismal Biology/Lab .....	4
Critical thinking .....	3
†Second language.....	3-4
Elective.....	3

**Spring Semester (16-17 credits)**

MATH 210G, Mathematics Appreciation.....	3
†PSY 201G, Introduction to Psychology.....	3

Critical thinking.....	3
†Second language.....	3-4
†S WK 221G, Introduction to Social Welfare .....	3
Elective.....	1

**Sophomore Year****Fall Semester (17 credits)**

ENGL 203G, Business and Professional Communication, or ENGL 211G, Writing in the Humanities and Social Sciences, or ENGL 218G, Technical and Scientific Communication.....	3
Literature/music/theatre/art.....	3
†SOC 101G, Introductory Sociology, or SOC 201G, Contemporary Social Problems .....	3
History.....	3
Elective.....	3
Elective.....	2

**Spring Semester (16 credits)**

Viewing a Wider World.....	3
Viewing a Wider World.....	3
Elective.....	3
Elective.....	3
Elective.....	3
Elective.....	1

NOTE: Student must be accepted into program in order to take junior- or senior-year courses.

**Junior Year****Fall Semester (17 credits)**

S WK 300, Social Work Practice Skills .....	3
S WK 309, Sociocultural Concepts .....	3
S WK 311, Human Behavior and the Social Environment I .....	3
S WK 331G, Introduction to Social Policy: History.....	3
Cultural Emphasis elective* .....	3
Elective.....	2

**Spring Semester (16 credits)**

S WK 312, Human Behavior and the Social Environment II.....	3
S WK 313, Social Work Practice with Individuals .....	3
S WK 314, Social Work Practice with Families .....	3
S WK 352, Social Welfare Policy: Legislation .....	3
Cultural Emphasis elective* .....	3
Elective.....	1

**Senior Year****Fall Semester (15 credits)**

S WK 400, Social Work Practice with Groups, Community, and Organizations.....	3
S WK 401, Field Experience I.....	6
S WK 467, Social Work Research I.....	3
Elective.....	3

**Spring Semester (15 credits)**

S WK 402, Field Experience II.....	6
S WK 420, Social Welfare Policy: Administration .....	3
S WK 468, Social Work Research II .....	3
Mandatory Practice elective** .....	3

NOTE: A grade of C or better is required for all social work courses.

\*See list from advisor.

\*\*See Course of Study for elective options.

**Three-Year Bachelor of Social Work Program**

For those students who work full-time or have family obligations, the program may be completed in three years. Following formal application to the program, you will take the following courses.

**Junior Year****Fall Semester**

S WK 300, Social Work Practice Skills .....	3
S WK 311, Human Behavior and Social Environment I.....	3
S WK 331G, Introduction to Social Policy: History.....	3

**Spring Semester**

S WK 312, Human Behavior and Social Environment II.....	3
S WK 313, Social Work Practice with Individuals .....	3
S WK 352, Social Policy: Legislation.....	3

**Senior Year**

**Fall Semester**

S WK 309, Sociocultural Concepts .....3  
Cultural Emphasis elective\* .....3

**Spring Semester**

S WK 314, Social Work Practice with Families .....3  
S WK 420, Social Welfare Policy: Administration.....3  
Cultural Emphasis elective\* .....3

**Senior Fifth Year**

**Fall Semester**

S WK 400, Social Work Practice with Groups, Community, and  
Organizations .....3  
S WK 401, Field Experience I .....6  
S WK 467, Social Work Research I.....3

**Spring Semester**

Mandatory Practice elective\*\* .....3  
S WK 402, Field Experience II.....6  
S WK 468, Social Work Research II .....3

NOTE: A grade of C or better is required for all social work courses.

\*See list from advisor.

\*\*See Course of Study for elective options.