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When can I apply?

Prince George Campus:
There is one admission intake
per year for the BSW program.

**Fort St. John, Quesnel,
Terrace campuses:**
Admission intakes occur every
second year.

Application packages are
available in the first week of
November, due February 1,
for a September start date.

Applications and further
information can be accessed
online at: [unbc.ca/admissions/
undergraduate/apply-bachelor-
social-work-program](https://unbc.ca/admissions/undergraduate/apply-bachelor-social-work-program)

Bachelor of Social Work Degree

Faculty of Human and Health Sciences

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The Bachelor of Social Work Degree (BSW) is designed to prepare students for beginning level, generalist social work practice with individuals, families, groups and communities. The focus of the BSW is oriented toward social work in northern and remote areas, Indigenous peoples, women, anti-oppressive practice, and community practice and research. Analysis of class, gender and race and ethnic relations are considered central to the social work program.

Campuses: Prince George, Peace River-Liard, South-Central, Northwest

As mandated by its accrediting body, the Canadian Association for Social Work Education (CASWE) and by the Social Work Code of Ethics, the School of Social Work at UNBC provides a professional program that advocates for justice and equality and equips graduates with the intellectual, practical and professional skills needed to promote beneficial change.

Entry Routes		
Route 1 Two Years General University Studies	Route 2 Recognized Community College Social Service Worker Program Diploma	Route 3 Bachelor's degree in related discipline. UNBC Core Courses are not required with this route
Pre-Requisite Courses (some equivalents apply)		
UNBC Core Courses	WMST 100 Intro. to Women's Studies FNST 100 The Aboriginal Peoples of Canada	SOCW 200 Intro. to Social Work Practice SOCW 201 Intro. to Social Welfare
3rd Year Required SOCW Courses		
300-6 Introduction to Counselling and Assessment Skills 301-3 Critical Social Work Practice	302-6 SW Field Education I * (300-3, 301-3, 310-3 and 320-3 required prior to 302-6) 310-3 SW and Indigenous Peoples	320-3 Critical Social Policy 330-3 SW Research/Policy/Practice 336-3 SW Philosophy and Ethics
4th Year Required SOCW Courses		
401-3 Northern/Remote SW Practice 421-3 Human Growth and Development (cross-listed as PSYC 345)	402-15 SW Field Education II * (all 100, 200, 300, and 400 level required prior to 402)	420-3 Family/Child Welfare Policy
Social Work students are required to take three SOCW electives off the list below in addition to the core course offerings.		
426-3 Current Issues in Child Welfare Practice 432-3 Unemployment and Social Work 433-3 Women in the Human Services 435-3 Community Social Policy 437-3 SW with Groups and Communities	438-3 Comparative Welfare Analysis 439-3 SW/Law and the Justice System 440-3 SW in Mental Health 441-3 Social Work and Substance Abuse 442-3 SW with Victims of Abuse 443-3 SW and Health Care 444-3 SW: Critical Issues in Aging 445-3 SW and Cross-Cultural Practice 448-3 Inequality and Income Security	449-3 Gender and Sexuality 450-3 SW and Family Practice 452-3 SW/Crisis Intervention 453-3 Social Work Practice and Spirituality 454-3 Disability Issues 455-3 Indigenous Governance and Social Policy 456-3 Indigenous Wellness: Individuals, Families and Communities 498-3/6 Special Topics 499-3 Directed Readings

Faculty and Research Interests

Dr. Tammy Pearson, RSW, Chair, Associate Professor, BSW Coordinator

BA (University of Cape Breton) BSW (UVIC) MSW(UBC) PhD (UNBC)
Child Welfare Practice and Policy, Mental Health, Family Violence, Social Work and Spirituality, and Disability Issues.

Dr. Bruce Bidgood, Associate Professor (on leave)

BA (Brock) MSW; PhD (Wilfrid Laurier)
Family Violence, Child Welfare, Social Policy, Social Administration, Social Planning, Applied Social Welfare Research.

Dr. Susan Burke, RSW, Associate Professor, MSW Coordinator

BA (Trinity Western University) MSW (UNBC) PhD (UNBC)
Indigenous Social Work Practice, Child Welfare Practice, Kinship Care, Social Work Education.

Dr. Emmanuel Chilanga, RSW, Assistant Professor

BEd (University of Malawi) MSc (Western), MSW(McGill) PhD (McGill)
Community Practice, Field Education, Social Determinants of Health, Food Security and Nutrition, HIV and Addiction Support, Impacts of COVID-19, Rural and Urban Communities, Southern Africa, Canada.

Dr. Lisa Kyle, RCSW, Assistant Professor

BA (Simon Fraser University) MSW (UNBC) PhD (UNBC)
Mental Health (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder), Field Education, Social Work and Clinical Practice.

Melanie Lansall, RSW, Senior Instructor, Field Education Director

BSW (UNBC) MSW (UNBC)
Mental health crisis and trauma counselling, expertise with Indigenous children and families, rural and remote practice in northern communities.

Dr. Indrani Margolin, RSW, Professor

BA (Guelph) MSW (Wilfrid Laurier) PhD (University of Toronto)
Spirituality in Practice, Arts/Movement Therapy, Girls' and Women's Embodiment, Arts-based Inquiry.

Dr. Gretchen Perry, Associate Professor (Quesnel Campus)

BA (Guelph) MSW (Flinders University) PhD (University of Missouri)
Parenting/non-parental practices across cultures, aspects of cooperation such as grandparental caregiving, and extreme conflict, such as lethal violence, in families.

Christa Sato, Lecturer (Terrace Campus)

BA., BSW, MSW (University of Calgary), PhD (current, University of Toronto)
Intergenerational trauma and healing; Filipina/o/x diasporic families in Canada; children of immigrants/second-generation young adults; child welfare; research racialized populations.

Dr. Si Transken, RSW, Associate Professor

BA Hons BSW (Laurentian) MA PhD (University of Toronto)
Cultural Studies, Creative Writing, Criminal Harassment, Incest, Sexual Assault, Violence Against Women, Expressive Arts Therapy, Feminist Social Work, Anti-Racism, Mediation, Sexual Expression and Identities.

Dawn Hemingway, RSW, Professor Emerita

BA (Simon Fraser), MSc, MSW (Northern British Columbia)
Adulthood/Aging (Caregiving, Psychogeriatrics, Empowerment/Self-Advocacy), Disability Issues, Community Development/ Community-Based Research, Women & Health, Northern/Remote Community Health.

Dr. Glen Schmidt, RCSW, Professor Emeritus

BA, BSW (Manitoba), MSW (British Columbia), PhD (Memorial)
Social Work Education Outcomes, Mental Health Services, Services to Indigenous Peoples, Remote and Northern Practice Issues, Child Welfare Practice and Policy.