



Dear Student,

Welcome to the Social Work Program at Lourdes University! Our mission is to educate baccalaureate social work students and to provide the knowledge, values, and skills necessary to engage in generalist social work practice. To that end, we are committed to helping you grow in a safe and supportive environment that challenges you to think critically about: your sense of calling in social work; your personal values and the values of the profession; and what it means to serve others in various roles and settings.

To facilitate our ability to walk with and support you in your academic journey we require all social work majors to be formally admitted into the program prior to entering into the spring semester of their junior year. In addition to this letter, the admissions packet for social work includes: an Application for Admission into the Social Work Program; three Reference Forms; and a copy of the NASW Code of Ethics. Note: If a copy is not available with this packet – you can access the Code online at: <https://www.socialworkers.org/About/Ethics/Code-of-Ethics/Code-of-Ethics-English>

Here are the steps to be formally admitted into the program:

1. Complete and turn in the application form.
2. Identify three persons to serve as references. Provide them with a reference form and stamped addressed envelope (giving them a stamped addressed envelope often speeds up the process). Ask them to fill out the form mail it in as soon as they are able. Periodically, you can check in with the School of Social Sciences Administrative assistant to check on the status of your application process.
3. Once the program has received both your application and all reference forms, you are free to set up and complete an entrance interview with the social work faculty.

Keep in mind that this process is in place to help us get to know you better and vice versa. If you have any questions about the process, don't hesitate to contact me via email or in person. Again, welcome to the program.

Sincerely,

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