



**Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) Program  
Application for Admission**

Please note that a GPA of 2.8 or above is preferred for admission to the BSW Program. Provisional acceptance will be considered for students with a GPA at or above 2.5 who demonstrate significant strengths in other areas of evaluation. (A student accepted into the BSW Program on a provisional basis will be required to meet with her/his advisor on a regular basis during the first semester to develop and monitor a plan for success.)

Centenary students may apply to the BSW Program during the spring semester of their sophomore year. Transfer students entering their junior year may apply to the BSW Program concurrently with their application to the university. Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit a completed application before the end of the spring semester, although applications received during the summer months will also be considered.

**A completed application form**, as well as **two completed reference forms** (preferably one academic and one work-related) and all college transcripts should be submitted directly to the BSW Program Director's office in Brotherton Hall (Room 204) or mailed to:

BSW Program Director  
Centenary University  
400 Jefferson Street  
Hackettstown, NJ 07840

If you have any questions about the BSW Program or the application process, please don't hesitate to contact Professor Terri Klemm, BSW Program Director, at (908) 852-1400 x2346 or [klemmt@centenaryuniversity.edu](mailto:klemmt@centenaryuniversity.edu).

**Applicant Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant name: \_\_\_\_\_

**College History**

Dates   Institution                      Location                      Credits completed or degree earned

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**Academic Distinctions** (Honors, scholarships or awards)

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**Employment Experience**

Dates   Employer                      Job title or duties

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**Volunteer Experience**

Dates   Agency/Organization                      Job title or duties

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**Extracurricular Activities** (Sports, clubs, etc.)

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Applicant name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Personal Statements**

**What factors have influenced your interest in social work?**

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**What do you see as your greatest strength that will help you to be successful in the BSW Program and/or the social work profession?**

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**What do you anticipate will be your greatest challenge (the area you will most need to work on) in order to be successful in the BSW Program and/or the social work profession?**

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**Is there any additional information you would like us to take into consideration?**

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Applicant name: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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(Please note that criminal convictions do not necessarily prevent admission to the BSW Program, but it is crucial for the BSW Program Director and Field Director to have knowledge of this information in order to provide you with appropriate academic advising regarding field placement and career options.)

**Demographic Information** (Please note that this section, which is *optional*, is treated confidentially and used for program assessment purposes only)

Check all that apply:

- White (non-Hispanic)
- African American / Other Black
- Chicano / Mexican American
- Puerto Rican
- Other Latino / Hispanic
- American Indian / Native American
- Asian American / Other Asian
- Pacific Islander
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Person with a Disability
- LGBTQ

Remember that this application process is not completed until the BSW Program has received **two reference forms** (preferably one academic and one work-related) and all **college transcripts** in addition to this application form. Transfer students: If your transcripts have already been sent to the university's admissions office, you can simply ask your Transfer Counselor to share that information with the BSW Program. Centenary students: If you are a Social Work Candidate, your faculty advisor in the BSW Program will already have access to your Centenary transcripts, but if you are currently enrolled in a different major, please print out your unofficial transcript from Moodle and include that with this application.

Thank you for your interest in the BSW Program!



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**Please take a few moments to complete the following questionnaire:**

**Your name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your title/position:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone or email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**How long, and in what capacity, have you known this applicant?** \_\_\_\_\_

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Please rate the extent to which the applicant has demonstrated to you the following characteristics, on a scale of 1 (indicating an area of significant weakness) to 5 (indicating an area of noteworthy strength) with 3 indicating that the student's functioning in this area is average.	1 ☹	2	3	4	5 ☺	Unable to assess
Positive work ethic						
Desire to learn						
Capacity for self-reflection						
Empathy and/or concern for others						
Ethical behavior, honesty and/or integrity						
Critical thinking skills						
Good oral communication skills						
Good written communication skills						
Positive interpersonal skills						
Reliability and/or punctuality						
Respect for others who differ from oneself (for example, in terms of age, class, color, culture, disability, ethnicity, family structure, gender, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex and/or sexual orientation)						
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**What have you observed to be this applicant's greatest strength?**

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**In your opinion, what will be this applicant's greatest challenge (the area s/he will most need to work on) in order to be successful in the BSW Program and/or the social work profession?**

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**Additional comments?**

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