

# Applying to the GRC MSW Program Q&A

## What is the application deadline?

- The deadline for the Advanced Standing Program, full and part-time is January 15.
- The deadline for the 60-credit Program, full and part-time is March 15.
- Applications must be postmarked by the dates above or you may drop off your application in person.

## Can I hand in my application after the deadline?

We will review your application if there is space available. If there is no space available, you have some options. We can review your application, and if accepted, place you on the waiting list or your application can be reviewed for the next academic year. Acceptance to the GRC MSW program is valid for one year.

## How will I know if my application was received?

You will receive a letter notifying you if your application is complete or if there are items missing. The additional items must be sent by mail or dropped off in person. We do not accept faxed copies of transcripts or letters of recommendation.

## What if I have everything except a letter of recommendation and the deadline is near?

If the only thing you are missing is a letter of recommendation, and you believe you will not receive it by the deadline, send in your application with a note explaining that the item is not included, but that you are waiting for it. Your application will be logged in as being submitted on time. It is up to you to get the item to us as quickly as possible. If too much time elapses, it may be advisable to ask someone else for a letter of recommendation.

## How much will my GPA affect my application?

Your GPA counts for 40% of your quantitative score. However, your personal statement and references do play an important part in your application. A higher GPA is not a guarantee of acceptance and a lower GPA is not a guarantee of denial. If your GPA is below a 3.0, you should pay close attention to the quality of your personal statement and make sure your reference writers are willing to give you a good reference.

## Do you require the GRE or other entrance exam?

We do not require the the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) or any other type of entrance exam. If you have taken the GRE and wish to include this information in your application packet, you are welcome to do so, though it will have no quantitative effect on your application.

## Do you require interviews?

An interview is not a regular part of the application process. However, on occasion, the review committee may want clarification on some aspects of your application and would request an interview.

## Are there prerequisites to the GRC MSW program?

Yes, we do require a liberal arts background. These courses include basic level statistics, psychology, sociology, a social science, 3 humanities and a natural science. A course in human biology covering anatomy and physiology is required. Most college-level introductory general biology courses do not address human biology, but instead concentrate on animal and plant biology, cellular and molecular biology. These courses do not satisfy the human biology requirement. If you believe a course you took will satisfy a requirement that was originally rejected, you may petition the course by sending the syllabus of the course so that it may be evaluated for its content.

## Can I apply if I am missing prerequisites?

Yes, you can certainly apply if you are missing prerequisites. If you are currently taking a course or plan to take a course to fulfill a requirement, please indicate that in the space provided on the application.

## Where do I send my application or call or email if I have questions? Where can I find information online?

GRC MSW Program  
55 St. Paul Street  
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585-395-8450  
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www.brockport.edu/grcmsw/

## Is there an application fee?

There is a \$50 nonrefundable application fee.

## What happens if I am not accepted?

Applicants who are not accepted into the program may reapply the following year. All applicants' files are kept for one year regardless of status, so application materials do not need to be resubmitted. However, applicants may update their applications with current resumes, transcripts of courses taken, or other relevant items.