



Social Work Program

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What does accreditation mean to a College or program?

- Accreditation is a “seal of approval” that is granted to a college and/or a specific program. It is a rigorous process of document preparation, peer review, and most times includes campus visits.
- Colleges have an accreditor. Aultman College is accredited by Higher Learning Commission (HLC), and many individual programs have accreditors as well. (The social work program is seeking accreditation through the Council on Social Work Accreditation, CSWE).
- Accreditation is meant to ensure the highest standards of quality are being met and maintained.

2. Is the social work program accredited?

- The social work program is approved by the Higher Learning Commission.
- The social work program has been granted candidacy status for accreditation with the Council on Social Work Accreditation (CSWE).

3. What does “candidacy” status mean to me?

- Candidacy status is the first step an institution must take in obtaining full accreditation through CSWE.
- Once a social work program obtains candidacy status, any social work graduate may sit for their licensure exam for social work (LSW).

4. Are my credits transferrable?

- Transfer of credits are determined by the accepting institution based on their set guidelines and criteria.
- Aultman College will consider transfer of credits for students wishing to transfer into the social work program. Decisions regarding actual credits allotted cannot be made until after a student has applied and supplied the institution with official college transcripts from their respective institutions.

5. Can I get a license?

- Yes. Because the Aultman College program has candidacy status, any student of the BSW program at Aultman College can sit for their licensing exam through the Ohio Board of Counselor, Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapist Board (CSWMFT).

- They can do this during their last semester of school once an application with the CSWMFT board has been submitted along with verification from the college that all academic requirements have been met to allow sitting for the licensure exam.

6. Can I get into a graduate program upon graduation?

- Yes, any graduate of the BSW program at Aultman College can apply to and be accepted into any master's program upon graduation.

7. Can I get a job?

- Upon graduation and passing of an Ohio state licensing exam, you will be eligible to obtain a job as a licensed social worker (LSW) within your area of interest.

8. Is Accreditation retroactive?

- Yes, students graduating from Aultman College during the candidacy status will be able to state on applications to other universities or graduate schools that they graduated from an accredited social work program.
- Until accreditation is fully granted, students who wish to pursue master's degree study should state that the Aultman College social work program is in candidacy status.

FREQUENTLY USED TERMS FOR SOCIAL WORK

- 1. Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)** – Is the national accrediting body for social work programs. They assess and review programs to ensure that the rigor of a program is sufficient per educational guidelines established by CSWE.
- 2. Candidacy** – This term refers to status that a program seeking full accreditation must initially obtain through the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) in order to complete benchmarking for receipt of full accreditation.
- 3. Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB)** – Is the national testing board for all social work examinations at the bachelor and master level of practice.
- 4. Licensed Social Worker (LSW)** – An individual that has passed their licensing examination at the bachelor level and has received a bachelor's degree from a school of social work can then obtain a LSW license designation.