

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

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The MSW Program is fully online and asynchronous. The program provides full-time students a path to graduation in as little as two years (one year for the advanced standing option) with the flexibility to go part-time if needed. Students are able to advance their careers by continuing to work full-time while taking courses in the MSW program at Wingate.

Candidates for the Master of Social Work degree must complete a minimum of 48 credit hours of coursework (including 12 credit hours in one or more practicum settings) in accordance with standards set forth by the Council on Social Work Education.

MISSION

The mission of the Master of Social Work Program at Wingate University is to develop exemplary difference makers who have the professional knowledge, values, skills, and cognitive affective processes needed to practice transformative social work in the beloved community.

SPECIALIZED PRACTICE

The Specialized Practice of the MSW Program is *Transformative Social Work in the Beloved Community*. Transformative social work is an innovative approach in which students learn how to weave together the micro, mezzo, and macro levels and utilize the person-in-environment framework in promoting human and community well-being. Wingate's transformative social work approach is grounded in the beloved community, defined as a place with no room for racism or other forms of marginalization based on any status, where all people are cared for, and where peace transcends international borders. Transformative social work in the beloved community thus prepares social workers who are committed to the professional values of service, social justice, dignity and worth of the human being, importance of human relationships, integrity, competence, human rights, and scientific inquiry locally and globally.

SOCIAL WORK VALUES

- Service
- Social Justice
- Dignity and Worth of the Person
- Importance of Human Relationships
- Integrity Competence
- Human Rights
- Scientific Inquiry

ACCREDITATION

Wingate University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award baccalaureate, masters and doctorate degrees. Wingate University may also offer other credentials such as certificates and diplomas at approved degree levels. Questions about the accreditation of Wingate University may be directed in writing to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097, by calling (404) 679-4500, or by using information available on SACSCOC's website (www.sacscoc.org).

Wingate's Master of Social Work has been approved by SACSCOC and is in the process of achieving candidacy status through the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). In accordance with the *Accreditation Policy Handbook*, "students admitted to the MSW Program during or after the academic year in which the program gains candidacy status will be recognized as graduates from a CSWE-BOA accredited program, once the program achieves initial accreditation as granted by the Board of Accreditation (BOA)" (CSWE, 2022, p.77). Wingate University's MSW Program has been granted pre-candidacy status by CSWE and is on the CSWE-BOA Agenda-February 2025 for consideration of candidacy status.

MSW ACADEMIC CALENDAR

FALL 2025	
Classes Begin-Fall Session 1	August 20
Labor Day Holiday	September 1
Classes End-Fall Session 1	October 10
Fall Break	October 13-14
Classes Begin-Fall Session 2	October 15
Thanksgiving Holiday	November
Classes End-Fall Session 2	December 10
SPRING 2026	
Classes Begin-Spring Session 1	January 7
Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday	January 19
Classes End-Spring Session 1	February 27
Classes Begin-Spring Session 2	March 9
Easter Holiday	April
Classes End-Spring Session 2	May 1
Graduate Commencement	May 8

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA FOR TRADITIONAL STUDENTS

Standard admissions to the MSW Program is open to all applicants who have earned a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university within the United States -or- per institutional accreditor (SACSCOC) guidelines on "[International Credentials](#)", evaluation of credentials of foreign or international transcripts that align with the U.S. Department of Education's "[Recognition of Foreign Qualifications](#)."

STANDARD ADMISSIONS TO THE MSW PROGRAM-CRITERIA

- Respond to three, focused thought questions pertinent to the MSW Program
- Hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution with an overall GPA of 2.75 or higher
- Submit transcripts of courses completed at the baccalaureate level, including the most recently completed semester/quarter (unofficial transcripts are acceptable at this point, however an official, final transcript showing confirmation of a bachelor's degree or equivalent will be due before the start of the program, if admitted)
- Submit a professional resume
- Submit contact information for three academic and/or professional references
- Provide documentation before the start of the program of earned, baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university within the United States -or- per institutional accreditor (SACSCOC) guidelines on "[International Credentials](#)", evaluation of credentials of foreign or international transcripts that align with the U.S. Department of Education's "[Recognition of Foreign Qualifications](#)."

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Applications for standard admissions to the MSW Program are reviewed on a rolling basis. You are encouraged to submit your application early. Your application must be submitted by the following deadlines in order to be considered for admission to the corresponding semester:

- Fall 2026 semester: August 1, 2026

ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

Transfer admissions to the MSW Program is open to applicants wishing to transfer credit earned in graduate-level social work courses completed at the generalist practice level in a CSWE-accredited (or CASWE-accredited) program.

TRANSFER ADMISSIONS TO THE MSW PROGRAM-CRITERIA

- Earned a "B-" or better in all graduate-level social work courses completed at the generalist practice level in a CSWE-accredited (or CASWE accredited) program for which the applicant wishes to receive transfer credit