

# Briar Cliff UNIVERSITY

Eastern Iowa Community Colleges to Briar Cliff University

## TRANSFER GUIDE



## BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK (BSW) PROGRAM

### OVERVIEW

Social work is a helping profession. Social workers assess human problems and engage in problem solving. The social worker understands the process of individual development and the interaction with the social environment. The baccalaureate major in social work prepares generalist social workers at the undergraduate level for entry-level positions in social work and for graduate social work.



### WHY THIS PROGRAM?

**Make a difference:** By the time you graduate, you'll have a network of social work colleagues and will go on to advance human rights and social and economic justice; engage in research-informed practice and practice-informed research; engage, assess, intervene and evaluate with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities; and so much more!

**Experience a historically accredited program:** BCU's social work program is nationally recognized, because we care about helping social work students foster their skills for changing lives. Accredited by the Council on Social Work Education since 1974, Briar Cliff University's social work program has been continuously accredited, with the most recent reaffirmation of accreditation in 2018.

**Explore:** Get hands on experience. Embark on mission trips across the country or internationally to Honduras and Tanzania. You and your peers will spearhead relief efforts and gain insight through culture and adventure. Students looking for experience in practicing social work in an urban setting have the opportunity to complete their practicum in Chicago with Chicago Semester.

### PROGRAM ENTRY

Students enrolled in this cooperative program complete their Social Work, Associate in Arts Degree at EICC and the Online Bachelor of Social Work Degree Completion Program at BCU. Assessment and advising before registration will help ensure success in program planning and completion.

### CAREER OUTLOOK

Human needs in our society, whether at the individual, group, community, or national level, continue to call for the professional social worker's knowledge, values and skills in meeting them. Program graduates find employment with a variety of governmental (state and local) and private agencies that include the areas of child welfare, health care, addictions, mental health, youth services, geriatric services, criminal justice and community advocacy.

### CAREER OPTIONS

- Hospital social work
- Behavioral management aide
- Case manager
- Community outreach worker
- Eligibility worker
- Human services specialist
- Juvenile court liaison
- Probation officer
- Rehabilitation case worker
- Social services employee
- Child and family social worker
- Counselor
- Adoption home study reporter
- School social worker
- Medical social worker
- Therapist pathway
- Psychologist pathway



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## Western Iowa Tech Community College

Students transferring into Briar Cliff University's BSW program are required to have completed the Associate of Arts degree from WITCC with at 2.0 cumulative GPA.

Western Iowa Tech Community College, Associate of Arts students may begin Briar Cliff University's Bachelor of Social Work degree after completing 64 credits. Students from Western Iowa Tech Community College will need to complete 56 credits additional credits at Briar Cliff University in order to meet the graduation requirement of 120 credits.

Here are the required BCU equivalency courses for beginning the Briar Cliff University BSW a program:

ART 101	Art Appreciation	3
BIO 163	Essentials of Anatomy & Physiology	4
CSC 110	Introduction to Computers	3
ENG 105	Composition I	3
ENG 106	Composition II	3
HIS 152	U.S. History Since 1877	3
MAT 121	College Algebra	
<b>OR</b> MAT 111	Math for Liberal Arts	4
MUS 100	Music Appreciation	3
PHI 105	Introduction to Ethics	3
PSY 111	Introduction to Psychology	3
PSY 121	Developmental Psychology	3
SDV 108	The College Experience	1
SOC 110	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOC 115	Social Problems	3
SOC 120	Marriage and Family	3
SOC 160	Introduction to Social Work	3
SOC 200	Minority Group Relations	
<b>OR</b> SOC 220	Sociology of Aging	3
SOC 250	Sociology of Deviance	3
SOC 210	Men, Women, and Society	3
SPC 112	Public Speaking	3
Diversity		3

## Transfer Scholarships

Awards up to \$14,000

Briar Cliff University transfer scholarships are only available to first-time transfer students who are entering our student body with a minimum transfer CGPA of 2.0. The total scholarship amount awarded will be allotted throughout your time at Briar Cliff University, provided a minimum CGPA of 2.0 is maintained.

## Questions?

Contact Admissions at (712) 279-5200 or email [Admissions@briarcliff.edu](mailto:Admissions@briarcliff.edu).

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### Traditional Face-to-Face Program

In order to transfer to Briar Cliff University Social Work BSW traditional face to face program must have completed their Associate of Arts Liberal Arts from Western Iowa Tech Community College. Students may transfer up to 64 credits to Briar Cliff University. The following is the sequence of courses that we recommend once the student transfers to Briar Cliff University:

SWRK 230	Social Work and Social Welfare	3
SWRK 320	Human Behavior & the Social Environment	3
SWRK 340	Social Science Research Methods	4
SWRK 360	Social Issues and Policy	3
SWRK 370	Social Work Practice with Individuals	3
SWRK 370	Social Work Practice with Individuals Lab	1
SWRK 375	Social Work Practice with Families and Groups	3
SWRK 380	Social Work Practice with Communities and Orgs.	3
SWRK 0IIS	Introduction to Field Work	2
SWRK 455	Field Experience	12
	Religious Foundation Requirement	3
LIBA 410	Global Foundation Requirement	3
CORE 110	Franciscan Life Online	2
MATH 200	Elementary Stats	
	<b>OR</b> SOCY 341 Essentials of Stats	3
	Social Work Elective Credits	6
	Electives	2

**Briar Cliff University Program Total ..... 56**

**45+**  
YEARS OF CONTINUOUS  
ACCREDITATION

**4**  
UNIQUE  
SCHOLARSHIPS

### Online Degree Completion Program

In order to transfer to the online social work degree completion program at Briar Cliff University, the it's recommended student's have completed their Associate of Arts Liberal Arts from Western Iowa Tech Community College. Students without their Associates of Arts degree from WITCC may be admitted to the online degree completion program on a case by case basis. Students may transfer up to 90 credits to Briar Cliff University. The following is the sequence of courses that we recommend once the student transfers to Briar Cliff University:

LIBS 301	Digital Research for Academic Endeavors	3
SWRK 230	Social Work and Social Welfare	3
SWRK 320	Human Behavior & the Social Environment	3
SWRK 340	Social Science Research Methods	4
SWRK 360	Social Issues and Policy	3
SWRK 370	Social Work Practice with Individuals	3
SWRK 370	Social Work Practice with Individuals Lab	2
SWRK 375	Social Work Practice with Families and Groups	3
SWRK 380	Social Work Practice with Communities and Orgs.	3
SWRK 0IIS	Introduction to Field Work	2
SWRK 455	Field Experience	12
THEO 107	Christianity and Franciscan Traditions	3
CORE 110	Franciscan Life Online	2
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# Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) Program

## Minor and Concentrations

Students who transfer to Briar Cliff University's BSW program have the option of minoring in Gerontology and/or obtaining a concentration in 1. Behavioral Health and Addictions 2. Children, Youth, and Families 3. Faith-based Ministry. A concentration is a structured plan of study within a major. The minimum number of credit hours for an internal concentration is 12 credit hours. Credits for an internal concentration are in addition to the requirements beyond the core courses of the major. An internal concentration appears on the official transcript. To earn a B.S.W. with a concentration, students take all courses required for the B.S.W. plus the courses required for the concentration.

### Gerontology Minor

Developed by the nursing, psychology and social work departments, the interdisciplinary gerontology minor prepares students in any discipline to work with other people in a rapidly changing population. Students from all disciplines benefit from studies of the aging population. An interdisciplinary minor provides the vehicle for organized gerontological studies for any student in any of the academic programs.

#### Requirements for a Minor in Gerontology

The 18-credit hour interdisciplinary minor include the following:

BIOL 102 Human Biology

**OR** BIOL 221 Human Anatomy

**OR** BIOL 240 Nutrition

NURS 356 Biological and Health Aspects of Aging

PSYC 110 Introduction to Psychology

PSYC 355 Adulthood & Aging

SOCY 124 Introduction to Sociology

SWRK 465 Gerontology

### Behavioral Health & Addictions Concentration

A concentration in behavioral health & addictions prepares students for practice with individuals across the life span addressing mental health, addictions and co-occurring disorders.

#### Requirements for a Concentration in Behavioral Health & Addictions

**Required Courses (9 credit hrs.)**

SWRK 335 Substance Use and Abuse

SWRK 325 Mental Health

SWRK 300 -Trauma Informed Social Work Practice

**Additional Electives (3 credit hrs.)**

Select 1 of the following:

CJUS 252 – Corrections

CJUS 365 - Juvenile Justice

*Students will complete their practicum at an agency working with individuals with behavioral health, substance use, or co-occurring disorders.*

### Children, Youth, and Families Concentration

A concentration in children, youth, and families prepares students for a social work career working with children and families in child welfare and family service agencies.

#### Requirements for the Concentration in Children, Youth, and Families

**Required Courses (9 credit hrs.)**

SWRK 345 Child Welfare

**OR** SWRK 355 Child Welfare and the Law

PSYC 354 Child and Adolescent Development

SWRK 300 Trauma Informed Social Work Practice

**Additional Electives (3 credit hrs.)**

Select 1 of the following:

SWRK 345 Child Welfare

**OR** SWRK 355 Child Welfare and the Law

SWRK 325 Mental Health

SWRK 335 Substance Use and Abuse

CJUS 365 Juvenile Justice

NURS 276 Integration of Holistic Health for Interdisciplinary Health Profession

SPAN 303 Spanish for Careers

SWRK XXX Human Sexuality

*Students will complete their practicum at an agency that provide services to children, youth, and families.*

### Faith Based Ministry Concentration

This concentration will develop student skills in the area of social work and faith-based service. It's focus will help students develop their talents while meeting the world's needs in relations to God and neighbor.

#### Requirements for the Faith Based Ministry Concentration

**Required Courses (6 credit hrs.)**

SWRK 300 Bereavement

THEO 310 Ministry\*

\*THEO 110 must be completed prior to THEO 310

**Additional Electives (6 credit hrs.)**

Select 2 of the following:

THEO 260 Francis, Clare, and Franciscan

THEO 116 Church in the World

SWRK 325 Mental Health

SWRK 465 Gerontology

SWRK 300 Trauma informed Social Work Practice

*Students will complete their practicum at an agency working with individuals in a ministry or faith-based setting.*