

UTEP BSW ACCELERATED PATHWAY PROGRAM

How To Apply

The BSW Accelerated Pathway Program application is open to current BSW Juniors who are interested in continuing to the Advanced Standing Program at UTEP. This program is intended to help students have a smoother, more prepared transition from the Bachelor's of Social Work degree to the Advanced Standing Master's of Social Work degree program. Bachelor students in the Accelerated Pathway program will take three Master's level courses (Theory and Practice with Individuals; Groups; and Families) as electives over three semesters beginning in the summer before their Senior year. Accelerated Pathway students complete these classes alongside MSW students to better prepare them to enter the MSW Program in its second year.

To be eligible for the Accelerated Pathway program, students must have a minimum overall GPA of 3.3 and a minimum BSW GPA of 3.5. This program is competitive and will only admit a maximum of 13 BSW Junior students per cohort.

The application links are available on the Department of Social Work website (<https://www.utep.edu/chs/sw/academic-programs/prospective-students/bachelor-of-social-work.html>)

→Programs drop-down menu→ Bachelor of Social Work link→ scroll down and click the Current Students tab → and below will be the Accelerated Pathway Program applications.

Two parts:

1. Accelerated Pathway Program Application:
 - a. This document has an application cover sheet with what must be included for a complete application, statements to initial, and a list of courses that must be completed before students may enter the Accelerated Pathway Program.
 - b. This document also includes the Experience Summary Form, which was previously completed to apply to the BSW program. Students must update their experience, if applicable, or resubmit the original form if nothing has changed.
 - c. A personal essay is required.
 - d. Faculty Reference Forms must be submitted and will be requested on behalf of the applicant by the BSW Program Coordinator.
 - e. One professional reference must be submitted with the Reference Form included in the Accelerated Pathway Program application.

2. Fast Track Combined Bachelor's/Master's Program Application:

a. **Application should not be submitted until receiving notification of acceptance into the Accelerated Pathway Program.**

b. **Once notified of acceptance to the Accelerated Pathway Program, students MUST apply to the UTEP Graduate School.** The Fast Track application has fewer requirements than the regular Graduate School application for a Master's program, and is much quicker to complete.

c. The Fast Track Application form on the Social Work website has been pre-filled with the information pertaining to the MSW classes completed by Accelerated Pathway students; all you need to do is fill in your information and sign it.

d. **THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY your BSW advisor, the MSW Coordinator, and the Dean BEFORE you can submit it to the Graduate School. Make sure you do not do this last minute!**

e. The Graduate School application link can be found here:

<https://www.utep.edu/graduate/apply-now/apply-now-international.html>.

Then scroll down to the bottom to select the link under "Fast Track Program". Students need to create an account before continuing.

f. There is a one-time \$45 fee associated with the Fast Track Graduate School application. The \$45 must be paid after students have been admitted to the Accelerated Pathway Program. The fee will be applied to the student's account. *For students planning to apply to the Advanced Standing or regular-track MSW program, you will **not** have to pay the \$45 fee a second time.*

Questions?

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ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN JANUARY 31ST OF EACH YEAR. ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED VIA EMAIL TO MS. BALDERRAMA at erbalderrama@utep.edu