



Bachelor of Social Work
Nicola Valley Institute of Technology

(A joint BSW degree with Thompson Rivers University)

Application & Admissions Package

How to Apply:

1. Apply to NVIT online using Education Planner BC
 - a. Visit: <https://apply.educationplannerbc.ca>
 - b. Create an Account
 - c. Select NVIT
 - d. Submit an Application to the program
 - i. Program – Bachelor of Social Work
 - ii. Location – Vanderhoof (VDF)
 - iii. Term – 26/SP
 - iv. Full-Time Study
 - e. OR submit a paper application form available here: <https://www.nvit.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Application-for-Admission-Form.pdf>
2. Complete all components of the enclosed application. Send your completed application to:

admissions@nvit.ca

Application Deadline

Please remember ALL necessary documentation must be submitted by the deadline:

October 31, 2025

Late applications will be considered if there are seats available.

Anticipated Start Date:

January 12, 2026

Once application packages are completed and submitted it can take 6 – 8 weeks to have them assessed. Please submit your application as soon as possible. Seat decisions will be finalised by December 19th, 2025.

Once a complete application has been received and transcript(s) evaluated by the Admissions Department, the package will be forwarded to the Bachelor of Social Work Department for evaluation. The BSW Department will assess the application based on admission statement, related experience indicated on the resume, and grade point average to determine whether the applicant will be granted a seat in the program. Once a decision has been made, students will be notified and will receive instructions on how to register.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at admissions@nvit.ca

Academic Requirements for Admission

To be eligible for admission to the Bachelor of Social Work program, applicants must have a minimum of 54 credits, however, 60 credits of transferable coursework is preferable. The credit requirements for admission can be met by:

1. NVIT Indigenous Human Services Diploma

- a. Minimum 2.67 GPA from the Indigenous Human Services Diploma.
- b. The full 60 credits from the Indigenous Human Services Diploma are applied to the BSW program.
- c. This Community Education – Vanderhoof offering of the Bachelor of Social Work has been specifically designed to ladder directly from NVIT's Indigenous Human Services Diploma. There will be no repeat courses offered.
- d. Please see attached Appendix documentation for how the Indigenous Human Services Diploma ladders into the BSW requirements.

2. General University Studies

- a. Minimum of 54 University Transferable credits.
- b. This must include:
 - i. 3 credits of academic English composition – ENGL 110 at NVIT or equivalent or 6 credits of English Literature.
 - ii. SOCW 200A and SOCW 200B or equivalent.
 - iii. The general university studies courses may include a combination of University Transferable courses as per the BC Transfer Guide.
 - iv. Minimum GPA of 2.33 (C+) on general university coursework is required.
- c. **Please note:** As this offering of BSW has been designed for NVIT Indigenous Human Services Diploma Graduates, certain core BSW courses (SOCW 353 and SOCW 320) and BSW course requirements (PSYC 213 and PSYC 223) that are part of the Indigenous Human Services Diploma are not scheduled to be run. Applicants that do not receive transfer credit for these courses must arrange for them to be completed either by Directed Studies or with permission to join a Merritt Hybrid course offering. There may be associated costs with these courses.

3. Human Service Program and Combined General University Courses

- a. Minimum 54 credits
- b. This must include:
 - i. 3 credits of academic English composition – ENGL 110 at NVIT or equivalent or 6 credits of English Literature.
 - ii. SOCW 200A and SOCW 200B or equivalent.
 - iii. Completed Human Services Worker Diploma with an existing Block Transfer Agreement with NVIT – in related social services programs students may receive up to 12 discretionary credits and SOCW 304 Practicum transfer credit.
 - iv. Minimum GPA of 2.67 (B-) is required.
- c. **Please note:** As this offering of BSW has been designed for NVIT Indigenous Human Services Diploma Graduates, certain core BSW courses (SOCW 353 and SOCW 320) and BSW course requirements (PSYC 213 and PSYC 223) that are part of the Indigenous Human Services Diploma are not scheduled to be run. Applicants that do not receive transfer credit for these courses must arrange for them to be completed either by Directed Studies or with permission to join a Merritt Hybrid course offering. There may be associated costs with these courses.

4. Official Transcripts

- a. Official transcripts are transcripts that are sent directly to NVIT from the issuing institution.
- b. Application packages can be assessed for transfer credit towards the BSW program with unofficial transcripts.
- c. Official Transcripts, with all coursework completed, must be received before the start date of your program. If official transcripts are still outstanding at the start date of your program, you will be deregistered.

Additional Admission Requirements

To be included in your application:

1. Admission Statement

The Admission Statement is an opportunity to express yourself and to share your ideas, interests and expectations about social work. Social work involves working directly with people with a wide range of needs, problems and values. The Admission Statement is an opportunity to describe both your understanding of and approach to social issues, and your expectations of social work education as preparation for social work practice.

Please answer the following questions with a 300 to 400 type written word response per question. Please head each answer with the question.

1. Why do you want to be a social worker and why did you choose NVIT? Discuss family, community or educational experiences that have influenced your decision.
2. Describe your work and volunteer experience (including practicum, if applicable). Discuss how these experiences have influenced your decision to become a social worker.
3. Describe the values, ethics and characteristics of an effective social worker. Evaluate yourself in relation to these criteria.
4. What are two important social issues that affect individuals, your community or the world at large? State your views on these issues, your involvement, and your ideas for action.
5. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC) submitted its final report in December 2015. What does reconciliation mean considering your social location? What gaps will you need to address in your educational experience to date to respond to the selected Call to Action?

Your Admission Statements are evaluated according to the following criteria:

Self-Evaluation

- Demonstrates the capacity for open self-reflection.
- Demonstrates an awareness of strengths and limitations.
- Demonstrates learning from life experience.

Evaluation of Social Issues

- Demonstrates sensitivity toward situations and conditions of disadvantage.
- Articulates personal actions taken or social actions required.
- Demonstrates a capacity for creativity and originality in interventions.

Critical Analysis

- Demonstrates an ability to question commonly accepted “truths”.
- Demonstrates the ability to make inferences from specific examples to abstract concepts.

Experience

- Paid or volunteer human service/social work experience.
- Non-human service/social work paid or volunteer experience.

Communication

- Applies adequate grammar, spelling, punctuation and organization.
- Conceptualizes ideas and experiences well.
- Communicates clearly and succinctly.

2. Resume

Provide an updated resume that details relevant social work/social service experience. Applicants with a minimum of 250 hours related experience (practicum, paid work, volunteer) will be given priority. Please clearly indicate full-time and/or part-time experience and the duration of each placement. If applicable and logical, please break down by hours.

3. Courses in Progress

Please complete the included Courses in Progress form if you are currently enrolled in any courses that you would like applied to your application. Courses in Progress must be completed and graded out on official transcripts prior to the start of the program. Please provide proof of registration and/or transcripts for all Courses in Progress.

4. Specialization Declaration

Please complete the included Specialization Declaration form. NVIT's Bachelor of Social Work offers students the opportunity to graduate with either a specialization in Child Welfare or Indigenous Health Care should they choose. Students must declare their specialization upon starting the Bachelor of Social Work at NVIT. The 4th year practicum placement will align with the specialization chosen if all designated electives have been completed prior to start. Students can also complete the Bachelor of Social Work at NVIT with no specialization.

Pre Practice Requirements

Prior to Practicum, the following are required or recommended:

1. Criminal Record Check

Required. Students are required to obtain a Criminal Record Check after they have been admitted. You will be provided with instructions and a log in code specific to NVIT for the process after the start of the program. A BC Services Card Login is required to verify an applicant's identity. For more information please visit:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/crime-prevention/criminal-record-check/applicants/apply>

2. Driver's License

Recommended. Many social work organizations, such as the Ministry of Children and Family Development and other Health Authorities, require practicum students to hold a full driver's license before offering them a practicum placement or employment. Applicants are advised to obtain one as soon as possible if they do not already have one.

COURSES IN PROGRESS

NAME: _____

Semester/Year in Progress: _____

Program: _____

Course Number	College or University	Course End Date

Please provide proof of registration and/or transcripts for all Courses in Progress.

SPECIALIZATION DECLARATION

NAME: _____

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Child Welfare Specialization

This specialization is for students that intend to work in mandated child protection settings upon graduation. Graduates who complete the Child Welfare Specialization may be required to complete less post-employment training than students without the specialization. Students must take the following electives for Child Welfare Specialization as well as complete a 4th year practicum placement in a child protection setting or delegated Indigenous agency.

SOCW 350 – Social Work, Law and Social Policy

SOCW 420 – Family Violence & Social Work Practice

SOCW 376 – Child Welfare Practice

Indigenous Health Care Specialization

This specialization is for students that intend to work in the medical social work field upon graduation. Graduates who complete the Indigenous Health Care Specialization will be prepared for careers across healthcare-relevant practice settings with an emphasis on supporting the needs and experiences of Indigenous peoples as they navigate the system. Students must take the following electives for Indigenous Health Care Specialization as well as complete a 4th year practicum placement in a health care setting or delegated Indigenous agency.

SOCW 466 – Addictions

SOCW 440 – Social Work and Mental Health

SOCW 340 – Social Work & Healthcare

SOCW 445 – Aboriginal Health & Wellness

If students are interested in both specializations the recommendation is that students graduate with the Indigenous Health Care Specialization and pursue the Child Welfare post-employment training available to Bachelor of Social Work graduates upon program completion.

☐ Child Welfare Specialization

☐ Indigenous Health Care Specialization

☐ No Specialization

☐ Undecided – I require an Academic and Financial Planner to connect with me with regarding the best choice for me

Addendum

1. Equity Admissions

Equity admission recognizes students from diverse backgrounds including but not limited to:

Indigenous students (First Nations, Inuit, Metis)
Persons from racialized groups
Sexually and gender varied people
Persons with disabilities

Equity admission reserves a percentage or additional number of seats per cohort to students who self-identify as one of the above. If you would like to be considered for equity admission, please ensure you are self-identifying as such in your admission statement.

2. Academic Planner Course Planning

Not all students will be entering the BSW program with the same program requirements completed. Students entering this BSW offering without an NVIT Indigenous Human Services Diploma will be required to connect with an Academic and Financial Planner to discuss options for completing program course work that is not available in this offering.

Academic and Financial Planners can support students in a variety of ways, please feel free to connect with them at any time during your program. You can book an appointment using this link: bit.ly/NVIT-AFP Please use the Community Education Student appointment type where possible.

3. Course Prerequisites

Students are required to meet all course prerequisites. If a prerequisite is missing, students must obtain instructor permission to register. If permission is not granted, the student must first complete the required prerequisite(s) before registering in the course. Please meet with an Academic and Financial Planner if you have any questions about course prerequisites.

4. Additional NVIT Supports

NVIT has many additional student supports, an Academic and Financial Planner can help you navigate any additional supports you may require such as Emergency Aid, counseling services or connecting with our other departments.

Student Success Centre

The Student Success Centre can support you with any accessibility or accommodations you may require during your program. We recommend setting an appointment with them as soon as possible if you anticipate requiring their services.

<https://www.nvit.ca/students/services/success-centre/>

Appendix

BLOCK TRANSFER AGREEMENT

FROM: NVIT	TO: NVIT
PROGRAM: Indigenous Human Services Diploma	PROGRAM: Bachelor of Social Work

The following list of course equivalents have been revised and approved by the BSW Department.

This transfer credit summary is applicable to students who have successfully completed **NVIT's Indigenous Human Services Diploma** and are pursuing a **Bachelor of Social Work at NVIT**.

IHMS Course	IHMS Course Name	NVIT Transfer Credit	Classification
Certificate			
ENGL 101 (3)	Foundations of Academic Writing	ENGL 101 (3)	
ENGL 110 (3)	College Composition	ENGL 110 (3)	
PSYC 111 (3)	Introduction to Psychology I	PSYC 111 (3)	
PSYC 121 (3)	Introduction to Psychology II	PSYC 121 (3)	
IHMS 110 (3)	Fundamentals in Interpersonal Communications	IHMS 110 (3)	UT
IHMS 120 (3)	Intro to Indigenous Studies & Human Services Practice	IHMS 120 (3)	UT
IHMS 130 (3)	Intro to Human Service Professional Practice	IHMS 130 (3)	UT (Block)
IHMS 140 (3)	Intro to Working with Substance Use	IHMS 140 (3)	UT (Block)
IHMS 150 (3)	Intro to the Family in Human Service Practice	IHMS 150 (3)	UT
IHMS 160 (3)	Fieldwork Education Practicum	SOCW 304*	
Diploma			
IHMS 210 (3)	Theoretical Foundations of Human Service Practice	IHSM 210 (3)	UT (Block)
IHMS 250 (3)	Interpersonal Relationships in the Human Services	IHMS 250 (3)	UT (Block)
IHMS 320 (3)	Trauma-Informed Social Work Theory and Practice	IHMS 320 (3)	SOCW 320
IHMS 353 (3)	Advanced Interpersonal Skills in Human Services	IHMS 353 (3)	SOCW 353
SOCW 200A (3)	Introduction to Social Work Practice	SOCW 200A (3)	
SOCW 200B (3)	Introduction to social Welfare in Canada	SOCW 200B (3)	
PSYC 213 (3)	Lifespan Human Development I	PSYC 213 (3)	
PSYC 223 (3)	Lifespan Human Development II	PSYC 223 (3)	
Arts Elective (3)	Arts Elective	ARTS (3)	
IHMS 260 (3)	Indigenous Human Services Diploma Practicum	SOCW 304*	
Total Credits - 60		Total Credits - 60	

*** Course requires more than one NVIT course for equivalency**

UT courses have Arts Transferability

UT (Block) courses have no Arts Transferability

IHMS to SOCW courses are an EXCEPTION with BSW Department Approval

Quick View for the Multiple course equivalencies:

NVIT BSW Course	IHMS Course(s)
SOCW 304 (6)	IHMS 160 (3) IHMS 260 (3)
Block Courses (12)	IHMS 130 (3) IHMS 140 (3) IHMS 210 (3) IHMS 250 (3)

Course equivalencies were determined through the articulation process.

Students will need to choose coursework appropriately so as not to receive duplicate credit. It is recommended that all students create a program plan with an Academic and Financial Advisor.

Bachelor of Social Work Degree Audit						Name
COURSE		TITLE	TR. CRED.	CREDITS	GRADE	
6 credits Core ENGL Courses						Student ID
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENGL 110	College Composition or equivalent		3		
	OPEN Elective			3		
OR						Ancestry
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENGL lit Elective	English Literature		3		Transfer Credit
	ENGL lit Elective	English Literature		3		
6 credits Core SOCW Courses						Campus
SOCW 200A		Introduction to Social Work Practice or equivalent		3		Online/In-Person
SOCW 200B		Introduction to Social Welfare in Canada or equivalent		3		
48 credits UT - ARTS/SOCW/OPEN TOPIC/BLOCK Electives						
				3		Specialization
				3		
				3		
				3		
				3		FT / PT
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				3		Last 24 G.P.A.
				3		
				3		
				3		G.P.A. 2.33
				3		
<input type="checkbox"/>	BLOCK:			3		Block G.P.A. 2.67
				3		
				3		
				3		
6 credits Core Human Development Courses						Completed Requirements:
<input type="checkbox"/>	PSYC 213	Lifespan Human Development I or equivalent		3		<input type="checkbox"/> APPLICATION
	PSYC 223	Lifespan Human Development II or equivalent		3		<input type="checkbox"/> RESUME
OR						<input type="checkbox"/> ADMISSIONS STATEMENT
<input type="checkbox"/>	SOCW 355	Human Development or equivalent		3		<input type="checkbox"/> 250 HOURS EXP
	OPEN Elective	ARTS/SOCW Elective credits		3		<input type="checkbox"/> C-I-P FORM
21 credits Core SOCW Courses (*minimum C grade required)						<input type="checkbox"/> ADDITIONAL CREDITS REQ'D
SOCW 301		The Research Practitioner in the Human		3		<input type="checkbox"/> OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
SOCW 306		Theory and Ideology of Social Work		3		
SOCW 311		Aboriginal Perspectives on Social Policy		3		
SOCW 320		Trauma-Informed Social Work Theory and		3		
SOCW 353		Social Work Practice with Individuals		3		
SOCW 404		Ethical Practice in Aboriginal Communities		3		
SOCW 486		Aboriginal Social Work Practice		3		
18 credits SOCW Electives						
15 credits Core SOCW Practica						
SOCW 304		Social Work Field Practice I		6		
SOCW 402		Social Work Field Practice II		9		
TOTAL CREDITS					/120	