WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY and WEST VIRGINIA NORTHERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

GUIDE FOR SOCIAL WORK TRANSFER DEGREE





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It is with great pleasure that we endorse this Guide for Social Work Transfer Degree, which has been developed through the cooperative efforts of West Virginia Northern Community College and West Liberty University. We are confident that it will be a valuable tool in assisting the students, faculty and academic advisors at both institutions. This document is representative of our continuing efforts to develop collaborative programs between our institutions that will benefit the students of the Upper Ohio Valley. It is a continuation of ongoing steps that enable us to best utilize our resources, personnel and facilities.

We commend the staffs of both institutions for their efforts in constructing and maintaining this document. We encourage the students and staffs of both institutions to use the Transfer Guide and to make suggestions for changes for future editions.

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Social Work Transfer Degree

Associate in Arts Degree
Transfer to West Liberty University

Note: This program is through a transfer agreement in which a student completes an Associate's degree at one institution and finishes a Bachelor's degree at another institution. Due to individual student factors, part-time or full-time status, scheduling and availability of courses, or other factors, all students may not be able to complete these degrees in 2 (Associate) or 4 (Bachelor) years. There is no guarantee that a student will be able to complete all requirements in 4 years.

Further, this articulation agreement contains very specific requirements which have been agreed upon and approved by the administration and faculty at both institutions. Because of this, petitions for course substitutions will not be considered or approved.

Students successfully completing this option will receive an Associate in Arts degree from West Virginia Northern. Upon acceptance and successfully completing the remaining specified credit hours at West Liberty University, they will receive a Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.) Degree, and may be able to sit for the Social Work licensure exam.

Students successfully completing and receiving and A.A. degree under the transfer agreement with West Liberty University's School of Social Work will be able to:

- Demonstrate knowledge of the history of the "human services/social work" profession and the evolution of its various delivery systems;
- Demonstrate knowledge of the basic concepts, theories, and strategies used in social work/ human services
- Demonstrate adequate knowledge & skills related to general education curriculum requirements for the Associate in Arts degree, including:
 - o Communicate effectively in oral and written formats.
 - o Demonstrate critical thinking and problem-solving skills.
 - o Employ or utilize information access and literacy skills.
 - o Acquire a cultural, artistic and global perspective.
 - o Demonstrate professional and human relations skills.
 - o Utilize critical thinking skills;
 - o Demonstrate a readiness to enter a bachelor degree program with appropriate commitment to attendance, initiative, organization and interest in the profession.

In addition to the WVNCC courses, applicants for admission to WLU need to have an overall grade point average of 2.5 and meet other program admissions requirements of WLU to be eligible for admission under the transfer program. Students must also complete a separate application for the Department of Social Work and fulfill other program admissions requirements (below). Students are encouraged to meet with a member of the Social Work faculty at WLU

early in their program of study at WVNCC to obtain information and counseling concerning transferring to the BSW program.*

Applicants for admission to West Liberty University's social work program must meet the following criteria:

- Submit a transcript to WLU verifying an overall grade point average with a minimum of 2.0. The Social Work Department requires a 2.5 in the major*
- Contact WLU Social Work Program and obtain WLU's Social Work Student Program Manual, which will provide additional forms and instruction for admission to the Social Work program
- Submit at least one recommendation form by a current or past faculty member or employer
- Complete and submit a written personal statement entitled, "Why I Want to be a Social Worker" as outlined in WLU's Social Work Program Manual
- Complete and submit an application to the Social Work Program at WLU
- Schedule and complete an interview with the Social Work Program Director at WLU

*Although a cumulative GPA of 2.0 meets requirements for graduation from WVNCC, students who do not meet the GPA (or other special) requirements at the transfer institution for admission to this baccalaureate program may not be admitted to the program until they are able to meet those requirements.

Important information: If the student has ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor for any reason, State or National credentialing boards, licensing board and agencies, which require criminal background checks on potential employees and students may deny employment or placement in certain settings, even if all academic requirements have been completed. A student who has been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor should contact the Program Director.

CURRICULUM LAYOUT FOR TRANSFER AGREEMENT

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS (SOCIAL WORK TRANSFER), WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY





First Year - Fall Semester	Cr. Hrs.
ENG 101 College Composition I +++	3
HUM Humanities Core (Fine Arts)**	3
HS 100 Intro to Social Work & Human Services +++	3 3 3 3
PSYC 105 Introduction to Psychology +++	3
SPCH 105 Fundamentals of Speech Communication	3
<u>-</u>	<u>15</u>
First Year - Spring Semester	Cr. Hrs.
BIO 110 Principles of Biology	4
ENG 102 College Composition II +++	3
GEOG 205 World Geography	3
POLS 102 American National Government & Politics	3 3 3
PHIL 200 Introduction to Philosophy	3
	<u>16</u>
Second Year - Fall Semester	Cr. Hrs.
HS 147 Understanding Human Diversity+++	3
HS 210 Introduction to Case Management & Counseling	3
PSYC 208 Developmental Psychology +++	3 3 3 3
SOC 125 Introduction to Sociology +++	3
SS 207 WV & Appalachian Subculture	3
	<u>15</u>
Second Year - Spring Semester	Cr. Hrs.
HS 150 Introduction to Substance Abuse	3
PSYC 200 Abnormal Psychology	3
HIST History Core Requirement+	3
HS 200 Social Welfare Institutions+++	3
MATH 210 Introduction to Statistics+++	3
	<u>15</u>
Total Hours in Program —	61

^{**} Choose from: ART 150 or MUS 105;

⁺ Choose from: HIST 100, HIST 101, HIST 110, or HIST 111.

⁺⁺⁺ West Liberty University requires a "C" or better in these courses and reserves the right to evaluate whether these WVNCC courses meet all outcomes for equivalent courses in a major.

COURSE EQUIVALENTS AND REQUIREMENT FOR 2+2 SOCIAL WORK

WV NORTHERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE		WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY			
COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	Credit Hours	COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	Credit Hours
BIO 110*	Principles of Biology & lab	4	BIO 124/125	Biological Principles & Lab	4
ENG 101*	College Composition I	3	ENG 101	College Composition I	3
ENG 102*	College Composition II	3	ENG 102	College Composition II	3
GEOG 205*	World Geography	3	GEOG 206	World Regional Geography	3
HIST core*	HIST 100, 101, 110, or 111	3	HIST core	HIST 103, 104, 210, 211	3
HUM Core* (Fine arts)	Art 150 or Mus 105	3	Fine Arts	Art 140 or Mus 130	3
HS 100#	Intro to Social Work & Human Services	3	SW 200	Introduction to Social Problems	3
HS 147*#	Understanding Human Diversity	3	SW 201	Ethnicity, Diversity, & Cultural awareness	3
HS 150	Introduction to Substance Abuse	3	СЈ 354	Drugs & Society	3
HS 200 #	Social Welfare Institutions	3		Social Work Elective	3
HS 210	Intro to Case Management & Counseling	3		Elective	3
MATH 210*#	Statistics	3	MATH 160	Statistics	3
PHIL 200*	Introduction to Philosophy	3	PHIL 201	Introduction to Philosophy	3
POLS 102*	American Nat'l Government	3	POLS 201	National Government	3
PSYC 105*	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychology	3
PSYC 200	Abnormal Psychology	3	PSYC 341	Psychology of Abnormal Behavior (SW elective)	3
PSYC 208#	Developmental Psychology	3	PSYC 252	Lifespan development	3
SOC 125 #	Intro to Sociology	3	SOC 150	Basic Concepts of Sociology	3
SPCH 105*	Fundamentals of Speech Communication	3	COM 101	Fundamentals of Oral Communication	3
SS 207 #	WV & Appalachian Subculture	3	HIST 302	WV & Appalachian Region	3
	TOTAL HOURS	61		TOTAL HOURS	61

^{*} Required for General Studies for Bachelor of Science, WLU # Required for Social Work Program