MEC and the BSSW Program Admission, Retention, and Progression Policies

First Time Admissions (Freshmen)
Freshmen students may obtain a copy of the booklet, "A Guide to Freshman Admissions" from high school advisors, the CUNY Office of Admissions Services, or from the Medgar Evers College Office of Recruitment and Admissions. This guide provides information about admission requirements, course offerings, and application procedures for all CUNY Colleges. Students who are in their last year at a New York City public high school may obtain the Freshman Booklet and a pre-printed application form from the college advisor at their school.

Entrance Requirements
A diploma from an accredited high school is required of all freshmen for admission to Medgar Evers College. Furthermore, an overall academic average of eighty percent (80%) is required for entrance into a baccalaureate degree program, all those with less than an eighty percent (80%) average will be considered for the Associate degree programs only.

A High School Equivalency Diploma (GED) earned with a score of 2250 or higher may be substituted for a high school diploma. In addition, freshman applicants to baccalaureate programs must demonstrate readiness for college-level work in English and Mathematics. They may demonstrate this by: 1) attaining a 480 score on the verbal and math sections on the SAT, or 20 on the ACT; 2) attaining a 75 on the New York State English and Mathematics Regents examinations; or by 3) passing the CUNY Skills Assessment Test.

Admission to the Bachelor of Science in Social Work Degree Program
Please Note: The BSSW program does not grant social work Credit for Life Experience (CLEP) or Credit for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL) work experience. To be awarded the BSSW degree, all Social Work majors must complete all the requirements of the BSSW Program. Application to the BSSW Program is due the last day to register for classes.

The following are the admissions criteria for the BSSW program:

- Admission to Medgar Evers College CUNY;
- Completion of Core (Medgar Evers College) courses or enrollment in the final Core course(s) at time of admission to the Social Work Program;
- Completion of at least 42 credits at the time of application and 55 credits at the time of admission to the Program;
- Completion of all City University of New York (CUNY) requirements including placement examinations (ACT);
- Cumulative GPA of not less than 2.5 at time of application to the program;
- Written application to the Social Work Program which includes an admission essay;
- Current degree audit and all transcripts from other colleges if applicable;
- Individual interview with Social Work Faculty

Please Note:

a) No Credit for Life Experience (CLEP) or Credit for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL) will be considered.

b) There are no contingent conditions for admission. Students with a low GPA, depending on the circumstances, such as poor grades from a number of years ago or those transferring from a different major (in particular nursing) where they did not do well in some of the coursework, may be allowed to take one or two social work foundation courses and/or be given an extra semester to improve their grades. They can re-apply to the program at that time.

Transfer Students
Students who have attended a college or another post-secondary institution must file an "Application for Advanced Standing (Transfer) Admission." Transfer applications are available at the Medgar Evers College Office of Recruitment and Admissions or at The City University of New York Office of Admission Services. Transfer students interested in applying to the BSSW Program must meet the same requirements listed under Criteria for Admission to the Bachelor of Science in Social Work Program.

Transfer From Another Social Work Program
Students who wish to be admitted to the social work program who were previously accepted at a CSWE accredited program must show evidence via a reference letter from the social work program director that the student left the program in good academic standing. The student must grant permission to Medgar Evers College faculty to discuss his/her academic status with the program director at that institution(s).

Transferring Social Work Credits
The social work faculty adviser will review the official college transcript to determine if the student has met the requirements for satisfactory completion of the social work courses for which transfer credit(s) is (are) requested. In addition, specific standards must be met: 1) the courses must have been taken at a CSWE accredited social work program; 2) if deemed necessary, the student may be asked to take an exam in order to receive credit for the social work courses requested.

Social Work Department's Retention Policies and Procedures
In order to remain in good academic standing in the BSSW Program, students must:

- Obtain a grade of C or better in all social work courses taken prior to and after admission to the program;
- Comply with the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Social Work Code of Ethics and the Medgar Evers College Code of Conduct;
- Maintain the minimum grade requirement of C or better in Social Work courses, and
- Complete all coursework requirements including field work.