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• Dynamic Social Work Curriculum
• Faculty with a Wealth of Social Work Experience
• Faculty with Teaching Expertise
• Student Social Work Association Affiliated with the National Association of Black Social Workers (NABSW)
• Major Annual Social Work Conference in recognition of March is Social Work Month
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• Participate in Field Education Internship Experience

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The College, named for the late civil rights leader, Medgar Wiley Evers (1925-1963), was established in 1969 and named in 1970, with a mandate to meet the educational and social needs of the Central Brooklyn community. The College is committed to the fulfillment of this mandate. The mission of Medgar Evers College is to develop and maintain high quality, professional, career-oriented undergraduate degree programs in the context of liberal arts education. The College has a commitment to students who desire self-improvement, a sound education, an opportunity to develop a personal value system, and an opportunity to gain maximum benefits from life experience and from their environment.
Some agencies require a Master’s Degree in Social Work. However, there are a variety of public and private institutions where having attained a Bachelor of Science in Social Work is essential. Agencies such as:

- Department of Family and Children Services
- Community Mental Health Center
- Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation
- Assisted Living Facilities such as Nursing Homes,
- Home for the Aged, Home Care Facilities
- Chemical Dependency - Drug and Alcohol Abuse
- Mental Health institutions
- Child Care – Foster Care – Group Home Services
- Programs within the Family Court – Forensic

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Medgar Evers College offers a Bachelor of Science in Social Work degree that prepares students for entry level positions in social work and for graduate school education. The program builds on a solid liberal arts foundation and provides a challenging generalist curriculum. It incorporates courses that focus on field practices, policies and services, and human behavior in the social environment. Social work courses are designed to impart knowledge and are aligned to comply with the standards for social work education as defined by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Commission on Accreditation.

The overarching goal of the baccalaureate degree program is to graduate students who will demonstrate proficiency in the knowledge, ethical values and skills of the profession; be grounded in the profession’s history, purpose and philosophy; and practice social work in an ethical manner, helping to alleviate social and economic injustice as engaged socially responsible citizens in a community.

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The Student Social Work Club at MEC is comprised of students interested in a social work career. The Club is registered with the National Association of Black Social Workers (NABSW) and meets weekly during Club Hour. Club members have participated in local and national social work activities including the National Conference of the NABSW, local social service initiatives including volunteer efforts, annual toy distribution drives and disaster relief efforts in the tri-state area. The Club’s most recent activities also include helping with disaster relief effort in the wake of the January 12th earthquake in Haiti and Hurricane Sandy. A faculty member is assigned as an Advisor to the club; however, the club is governed by its elected student officers.

The following are the admissions criteria for the Bachelor of Science in Social Work program:

- Admission to Medgar Evers College
- Completion of Core (Medgar Evers College) courses
- Completion of 42 credits including Part A College Core and Part B Lower Level BSSW courses
- Completion of all City University of New York (CUNY) requirements including placement examinations (ACT)
- Cumulative GPA 2.5 at time of application to the Program
- Written application to the Social Work Program which includes an admissions essay
- Current copy of degree audit and all transcripts from other colleges if applicable
- Individual interview with social work faculty
- To remain in good standing in the Program, students must obtain a grade of C or better in all social work courses taken prior to and after admission
- No Credit for Life Experience (CLEP) or CAE will be considered

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