If you are considering taking Nipissing’s Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree, you will have to finish two years of general, liberal arts studies. In your second year, you will apply to enter the BSW. If your application is successful, you will go on to complete the program’s two “professional” years.

If this is your plan, the curriculum for Years 1 and 2 of the interdisciplinary Social Welfare & Social Development (SWLF) program will provide you with excellent preparation for the BSW.

Furthermore, our second year is designed so that, should you not be admitted to the BSW, you would be able to complete either:

(1) the final two years of a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in SWLF

or

(2) the final two years of our Nipissing University–Canadore College collaborative program, which would enable you to earn a BA in SWLF and a Social Service Worker diploma.
The following is SWLF’s recommended curriculum for students who are beginning their studies at Nipissing and who are planning to apply to Social Work.

**Year 1**

- SWRK 1006 - Introduction to Social Work
- SWLF 1006 - Introduction to Social Welfare and Social Development
- SOCI 1016 - Introduction to Sociology
- ACAD 1601 - Academic Writing

Any 3 Humanities credits
Any 6 Science credits
Any 9 credits

**Year 2**

- SWRK 2006 - Foundations of Social Work Practice
- SWRK 2106 - Critical Social Policy for Social Work
- SWLF 2006 - Ideology and Social Welfare
- SWLF 2007 - Poverty and Social Policy in Canada
- SWLF 2995 - Community Service-learning for Social Development
- SWLF 3806 - Family Violence
- SWLF 3826 - Addictions

Any 6 credits

We recommend:

- SOCI 2126 - Introduction to Sociological Research Methods
- SOCI 2127 - Quantitative Research Methods

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