

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

Kansas Wesleyan University (KWU) Bachelor of Social Work Program and
Newman University (NU) Master of Social Work Program

I. Purpose

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishes a collaborative partnership between Kansas Wesleyan University (KWU) and Newman University (NU) to create a formal pathway that supports graduates of KWU's CSWE-accredited Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) program in pursuing MSW admission through either the Advanced Standing or Traditional track at NU's CSWE-accredited Master of Social Work (MSW) program.

The purpose of this partnership is to:

1. Reduce barriers for qualified KWU BSW graduates seeking graduate education.
2. Strengthen the pipeline of well-prepared social work professionals in Kansas
3. Enhance workforce capacity in trauma informed care, behavioral health and school social work in Kansas.
4. Promote academic collaboration that benefits students, faculty, and the social work profession.

II. Objectives

Through this partnership, KWU and NU agree to:

- Provide KWU BSW students with a clear, streamlined pathway into NU's Advanced Standing or Traditional MSW track.
- Support students through coordinated advising, admissions guidance, and professional development.
- Align curriculum expectations and uphold CSWE standards across both programs.
- Enhance field education opportunities and strengthen relationships with social service agencies.

III. MSW Admission Criteria

KWU BSW students will be considered eligible for MSW admission to Newman University and will be evaluated to determine the appropriate track if they meet the following requirements:

1. Hold a BSW degree from KWU, a CSWE-accredited institution.
2. Hold a 90 credit hour Applied Arts in Social Work Bachelor's degree from KWU, which includes major social work and general education courses. Students meeting this criterion will be evaluated by NU to determine placement in the Advanced Standing or Traditional track.
3. Have completed the BSW degree within five (5) to seven (7) years.
4. Meet the minimum GPA requirement established by NU – 3.0
5. Submit required application materials.
6. Participate in an interview.

IV. Responsibilities of Kansas Wesleyan University

KWU agrees to:

1. Inform BSW students of the pathway.
2. Provide advising and preparation for graduate study.
3. Host NU for informational sessions.
4. Collaborate on marketing and communication.

V. Responsibilities of Newman University

NU agrees to:

NU will conduct an evaluation of each student with a 90 credit hour bachelor's degree to determine if they have met the appropriate outcomes to qualify for either the Advanced Standing track or the Traditional track.

1. Offer priority consideration to eligible KWU applicants.
2. Provide an admissions liaison and application guidance.
3. Support KWU students' transition to graduate study.
4. Waive admission fee.

VI. Marketing & Communications

KWU and NU may collaborate on website updates, graduate school fairs, and presentations.

VII. Non-Binding Agreement

This MOU is intended to promote cooperation and does not create legal or financial

obligations between the institutions. Admissions policies remain fully in effect.

Renewal and Termination clause: Review annually with a 90-day notice for terminating the agreement.

VIII. Program Oversight and Communication

The Program Directors of Kansas Wesleyan University and Newman University should serve as the primary points of contact for this partnership and are jointly responsible for ensuring that any programmatic changes, including but not limited to curriculum revisions, accreditation updates, admission requirement changes, or field education modifications, are communicated promptly between institutions. A minimum of ninety (90) days' written notice shall be provided before implementing any change that could materially affect the terms of this partnership or student eligibility.

IX. Signatures

For Kansas Wesleyan University:

Name: 

Title: President & CEO

Date: 6-11-2026

For Newman University:



Name: J. Alden Stout

Title: VPAA

Date: 6/10/26