

MSW Application Personal Statement Outline

Section I – Student as Professional

- A. Experience – Describe to us why you have chosen to seek a career in social work and what personal and/or professional experiences you’ve had relevant to social work practice.
- B. Career Goals – Tell us about your career goals in social work.
- C. Values and Ethics of the Profession – Tell us what you understand about the values and ethics of social work and how they’ve guided your past practice and will guide your future practice.

*Criminal History – If you have a criminal history, please include a discussion of your offense(s), the circumstances surrounding your offense(s), date and location, a discussion of the impact on your ability to be a successful social work student and future professional. (A criminal history will not necessarily impact your admission, but may limit your field placement options.)

Section II – Preferences

- A. Please specify whether you are applying for Regular or Advanced standing (for BSW degree holders only). Please include whether you would like to be considered for Regular standing if you are not admitted as Advanced.
- B. Indicate one of the following:
 - 1. will only attend if I can complete the program as a global campus student,
 - 2. would prefer to complete the program as a global campus student,
 - 3. would prefer to complete the program as a traditional student, or
 - 4. will only attend if I can complete the program as a traditional student.
- C. If you are interested in attending as a global campus student (preferences 1 or 2), please tell us why and where you intend to reside while you are completing the program. Note, if you are admitted into global campus, you will be asked to assist the field coordinator in finding your field placement(s) in your local community.

*Your personal statement should be presented on separate 8 1/2" x 11" pages, 1" margins and 12" font. It should be typed (double-spaced) and 5 to 7 pages in length.

