

MSW Application

Personal Statement Outline

Section I - Student as Professional

- A. **Purpose and 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 or other background events that may limit your ability to be a successful social work student and future professional, please attach a discussion of your offense(s) or events, the circumstances surrounding your offense(s) or events, dates and locations, a discussion of the past, current and potential future impacts. (A criminal history will not necessarily impact your admission to the program, but may limit your field placement and post-graduate employment options.)*

Please submit the statement on criminal history as a separate document to ensure this information is not included in your admission decision.

Section II - Preferences

- A. Please specify whether you are applying for Regular (non BSW degree holders) or Advanced standing (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 (in-person) student, or**
 - 4. **Will only attend if I can complete the program as a traditional (in-person) 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 required to identify and secure field placement(s) in your local community, with support from the field director.
- D. Please identify your preferred concentration, either Clinical or Advanced Generalist. This should be congruent with your career goals.

**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 4 to 6 pages in length. We do not accept statements written by generative AI software. Students will be disqualified from admission if AI is used to create the statement.*