

School of Social Work Graduate Essay Form



Please return directly to:

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Part A. To Be Completed By Applicant

Name _____ Other Name(s) Used on Transcripts _____

Address _____
Street City State ZIP

Social Security Number* _____

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Major _____ Degree _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Part B. Essay (please answer all questions for your area)

Social Work

M.S.W. Candidates (Please respond to the following questions in one comprehensive essay.)

1. Describe the events or experiences that led to your choice of social work as a career and your reasons for deciding to enter graduate school at this time.
2. Describe each of your experiences in social work and indicate whether they were paid or volunteer. How did your experiences orient you to your present understanding of the social work profession?
3. Which social problems do you have knowledge of or are you concerned about? How do you think social work can address these problems?
4. What are your expectations of a graduate social work education?
5. Discuss your interest in a particular field of practice (e.g., social work in health, mental health, and chemical dependency settings, or general social work).
6. Discuss those personal qualities and abilities that you think will be useful to you in studying for the profession.
7. Describe any anticipated work, social, family, or community commitments that have a bearing on your ability to carry out graduate study.
8. What areas of difficulty might you anticipate and why?
9. What type of work would you like to do after you complete graduate school?
10. If you are applying to transfer from another school, explain why.

Ph.D. Candidates

1. Indicate your reasons for undertaking doctoral study. Include your: (a) career plans; (b) intended specialization; (c) preparation for that specialization; and (d) past experience and education to support your application.
2. List papers presented at professional meetings, publications, and other writings supporting your capacity to undertake advanced study. Include typical samples of your writing.