

## College of Arts & Sciences

### Master of Social Work- Advanced Standing Application

#### Instructions and Procedures

All application materials must be received by the application deadline to receive full consideration. For

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you graduated from a non-graded institution.

Submit three professional or academic recommendations using the MSW forms supplied through the application. The references should be from people who know your academic capabilities as well as interpersonal strengths. One of the three recommendations must be from a BSW program the applicant attended (preferably a Field Advisor or Field Supervisor). Personal references or references from co-workers are not accepted.

Include a résumé documenting education, work and volunteer experiences (please distinguish between those experiences). Include your role, dates employed, whether part-time or full-time as well as the organization name. Résumé should list the name of every college or university attended and dates.

Submit three admission essays, 1: Personal Statement with three questions, 2: Social Problem Analysis, and 3: Case Study.

Submit a senior final field evaluation. Applicants applying for Advanced Standing must submit a copy of their \*senior final field evaluation as an attachment to the application. This document may be from your own records or directly from your undergraduate school. If the school no longer has a copy of the final field evaluation, the Field Director, Liaison, or BSW/BASW advisor may submit a letter that specifies: name of agency and type of services provided, number of hours completed, description of learning activities, clients, number of cases, frequency of contact, and overall performance.

\*Current BSW seniors may submit a current field evaluation at the time of application. The final field evaluation must be submitted upon completion of their BSW/BASW program.

#### Admission Essay 1: Personal Statement

*Please answer questions A, B, and C separately. (1500 words max total)*

##### A. Bearing in mind the mission of the SU MSW program:

*The mission of the Seattle University (SU) Master of Social Work (MSW) program is to educate students for social justice-focused and community-based advanced clinical social work practice. The program seeks to advance equity in access to excellent clinical social work practice for historically marginalized populations by preparing competent and effective practitioners who restore, maintain, and enhance human and community well-being with unwavering attention to social and economic justice. The program is committed to respectful engagement and collaboration with community partners in its scholarship, teaching, and service.*

Discuss how your education and/or experience (work, volunteer, personal) prepared you to pursue graduate social work education at this program.

##### B. The SU MSW program offers a single specialization in advanced clinical social work practice. Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) defines clinical social work:

*As a specialty within the practice of social work, clinical social work builds on professional values, ethics, principles, practice methods, and the person-in-environment perspective of the profession. It reflects the profession's mission to promote social and economic justice by empowering clients who experience oppression or vulnerability. Clinical social work requires the professional use of self to restore,*



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