

Professional Reflection and Written Statement

SVSU Master of Social Work Application for Admission

Instructions:

Applicants will be assessed on their ability to write at the graduate level, to demonstrate critical and creative thinking, and to apply understanding of the profession to social problems. In addition, applicants' written statements will be assessed on the basis of suitability for the MSW program mission and focus on Advanced Generalist practice.

Writing samples will be scored on the following criteria: Clarity, content, critical and creative thinking, organization / structure, and graduate level grammar and writing mechanics.

Respond to all 3 items listed on this document.

For item 1, submit either a current resume or a 1-page written summary of your academic credentials, work experience, and other professional or volunteer activities relevant to your social work career goals. Upload after selecting the material type labeled 'Resume.'

For items 2 & 3, consider the posted questions and compose your responses using APA style. **You must respond to both questions in a single document.** Your response will be no more than 4 pages, not including cover page and references. Save your responses to a single pdf file and upload into your application. Upload after selecting the material type labeled 'Essay.'

1. Provide your resume or a summary of your academic, employment and other preparation for a career in social work.
2. What are your goals in pursuing this degree and social work as a profession? How do those goals fit your basic understanding of generalist social work practice? In your answer, include the skills/qualifications that you hope to develop in an Advanced Generalist practice Masters in Social Work program. (Maximum 2 pages)
3. The National Association of Social Workers defines social justice as "the view that everyone deserves equal economic, political and social rights and opportunities." Identify a social justice issue that you believe the social work profession should address today. Justify your choice, basing it on the following factors: feasibility, impact, and fit for the mission of social work. Cite an article you find on the Internet in your response. (Maximum 2 pages)