University of Nevada, Reno | School of Social Work, MSW Program

MSW Online Program Application

NOTICE

Applicants must submit all materials by January 15th. Should January 15th fall on a weekend, application packets will be due by the end of business (5:00 pm P.S.T) the last weekday **BEFORE** January 15th. We do not accept faxed or emailed application materials. Official transcripts and GRE scores must be sent directly to the Graduate School.

Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

Name (First and Last Name)

Email

Address

City, State

Zip Code

Primary Phone

Secondary Phone

Undergraduate Institution

Type of Degree

Major

Graduation Date (MM/YYYY)

GPA

GRE Scores[1]

Verbal:

Quantitative:

1. Attach a resumé that addresses your educational, employment, volunteer and other experiences that have prepared you for graduate study in the field of Social Work.

2. All applicants need to submit at least three professional references using the School of Social Work's MSW Program Recommendation Form. List the names, email addresses, and phone numbers of the persons to whom you are sending these reference requests. **If you are applying for the Advanced Standing program, a fourth reference (D) must be submitted by your undergraduate Social Work Field Instructor with a copy of your field placement evaluation.**

	NAME	EMAIL ADDRESS	PHONE
A			
B			
C			
(D)			

3. Indicate the program of study in which you are applying:
   - ☐ Four-Year Extended (62 credits)
   - ☐ Three-Year Extended (62 credits) – Please select ☐ Option I or ☐ Option II
   - ☐ Two-Year (62 credits)
   - ☐ Advanced Standing (32 credits) – Please select ☐ One-year or ☐ Two-year

[1] GRE Scores: In order to meet the application deadline, applicants are advised to take the GRE no later than November 15th thus allowing sufficient time for scores to be reported and recorded.

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4. Graduate education can be a rigorous and costly endeavor. How do you plan to manage this experience given the other demands in your life (e.g. family, work, and so on)?

5. The essays are one of the most important parts of your application. We ask that they reflect your own thinking and analysis while demonstrating your writing skills. These essays should be in accordance with basic APA guidelines and all 5 essays should not exceed a total of 10 pages. Please address all items requested and attach the essays to your application.

ESSAY I: The School of Social Work is dedicated to providing excellent graduate education for people committed to creating social change with individuals, families and communities. Discuss in detail a social problem that concerns you and describe how you might address that issue as a masters prepared social worker.

ESSAY II: What life experiences led you to make a career decision to seek a Master of Social Work degree? In what ways do you think these experiences will shape your professional development?

ESSAY III: At the MSW level, social workers are expected to provide leadership at multiple levels of practice. Describe your most significant leadership experience. Discuss the challenges you faced and your impact. What did you learn from this experience about your strengths and weaknesses as a leader?

ESSAY IV: The profession of Social Work values the cultural diversity of those we service (i.e. the individuals, families, and communities). We each bring a unique worldview to these situations that stem from our own culture and life experiences. Discuss an experience or situation that has fundamentally transformed the way you think about someone else's cultural behavior or beliefs.

ESSAY V: Describe your understanding of the Social Work profession and its core values. Discuss how your career goals and core beliefs do or do not fit with the mission and values of the profession.

_____ Initial — I understand that the School of Social Work will use the information I have provided in reaching an admissions decision.

_____ Initial — I further understand that if I am admitted and the information provided is found to be false, incomplete, or completed by another, I may be dismissed from the MSW Program.

_____ Initial — I acknowledge ***the one week campus residency requirement*** and understand that degrees cannot be earned without my full participation.

_____ Initial — I affirm that the information provided in this application for admission to the MSW program, and in any attachments hereto, are true and complete.

Signature _____ **Date** (MM/DD/YYYY) _____

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