

BSW SOCIAL WORK STATEMENT GUIDELINES

The Social Work Statement assists the Admissions Committee to assess the individual's qualifications, experience, and ability to communicate in relation to her/his basic understanding of social work, motivation, and suitability for professional Social Work education. **Respond to all questions in a double-spaced typed paper, approximately 3-4 pages in total for all questions.**

1. Choosing one area of social work practice, discuss what you believe to be the most essential values, knowledge and skills for effective practice in that area.

2. Briefly describe a social welfare issue, which is current within your community and discuss this issue in light of social work values.

3. Why have you chosen social work as a career? Expand upon:
 - (a) your personal suitability for social work practice;
 - (b) how your personal interest in social work has developed;
 - (c) how your interest in social work and social work education is influenced by your social identity
(e.g., your gender, race, class, ability, sexual orientation, place of origin or other characteristics).