

**UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
MSW PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM**

Instructions:

Applicants are required to complete and send this form to the School of Social Work. We ask that you please type your responses. Official transcripts and GRE scores must be sent directly to the Graduate School. All materials must be submitted on or **PRIOR** to the MSW Admissions deadline of **January 15th**.

Name:			
Address			
City		State:	Zip:
Phone			
Email			
Undergraduate Institution			
Type of Degree		Major:	
Date Received		GPA:	
GRE SCORES*	Verbal:	Quantitative	

*GRE Scores: (must be submitted before program deadline).

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 completed reference forms. List the names, email addresses, and phone numbers of the persons to whom you are sending these reference requests. We ask that your references be obtained from individuals who can attest to your potential for success in Graduate School and subsequent involvement in professional social work practice. ***If you are applying for the Advanced Standing program, a fourth reference form (space D) must be completed by your undergraduate social work field instructor and submitted along with a copy of your field placement evaluation.***

NAME	EMAIL ADDRESS	PHONE
A.		
B.		
C.		
D.		

3. Indicate which program of study you are applying for:

- Four-Year Extended (62 credits)
 Three-Year Extended (62 credits) Select option: Option I Option II
 Two-Year (62 credits)
 *Advanced Standing (32 credits) Select: One year Two year
(Full time) (Part time)

*PLEASE NOTE: This option is only available to applicants with a baccalaureate degree in social work from a CSWE accredited program.

4. Please discuss your plans for completing the graduate program (Do you plan to work? If so, how many hours per week? What supports are in place for helping you balance the demands of work and school?)

5. Your essays are one of the most important parts of your application. We ask that they reflect your own thinking and analysis and demonstrate your writing skills. The first essay (approximately 3 to 4 double spaced pages, size 11 font) asks for your assessment of a social issue important to social work. The second essay (approximately 4 to 5 double spaced pages, size 11 font) conveys your personal values, beliefs and life experiences as they relate to your choice of social work as a career. Please address all items requested and attach your essays to your application.

ESSAY I: A. Describe in detail the social issue that is most important to you and discuss why this issue is important to social work.

B. What do you see as your role in bringing about social justice for people who are affected by this issue?

ESSAY II: A. What personal life experiences have led you to make a career decision to seek a master's of social work? What role do you think these experiences will play in your competence as a social worker?

B. Assess your interpersonal skills, such as communicating and relating, listening, empathizing, or problem solving. Select one of these skills and describe how you expect to enhance it through graduate education.

C. Examine your own feelings and attitudes in response to human diversity issues, and explore the role and influence of your own racial, ethnic, gender, sexual orientation, and cultural background in choosing social work.

D. Describe the ways in which your personal values and beliefs are consistent with those of the profession of social work.

I affirm that the information provided in this application for admission to the MSW program, and in any attachments hereto, is true and complete. I understand that the School of Social Work will use the information I have provided in reaching an admissions decision. 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.

Signature

Date