



APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAM

Thank you for your interest in pursuing social work education at Manchester University. A comprehensive description of the Social Work Program and its admissions process is available in the *Social Work Program Student Handbook*. The *Handbook* is available on-line at the Social Work Program website (www.manchester.edu/socialwork) and is provided in hard copy upon admission. Students should review the entire *Handbook* before seeking admission into the Program. The Social Work Program gains its character, purpose, and direction from its **mission, goals, and competencies**, which are included in the *Social Work Program Student Handbook* for your review. The program's admissions process is conducted in congruence with these guiding statements. In addition, the professional social work values of **integrity and competence** are emphasized throughout the admissions process.

Criteria for admission to the Social Work Program:

1. Regular admission into Manchester University;
2. Achievement of sophomore status;
3. Minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale;
4. Satisfactory completion of *SOWK 110 Introduction to Social Work: Service, Empowerment, and Justice* and enrollment in, or completion of, *SOWK 228 Racial, Ethnic, and Gender Inequality*;
5. Personal integration and aptitude for generalist social work practice; and
6. Satisfactory progression toward the Social Work Program Competencies.

Evidence that you meet the above criteria comes from: your completed application materials (including personal statement & pertinent work or volunteer experience), a reference from a MU social work faculty (Faculty Assessment), your transcript, and an admissions interview with the Social Work Program Director.

To apply for admission, please submit all completed application materials:
(1) this completed and signed application form, (2) your typed answers to Section III Personal Statement questions, (3) one Faculty Assessment, and (4) your unofficial transcript (print from ChetAdvisor) to the Social Work Program Director.

I. Identifying Information

Name _____ Birthdate _____ MU Box # _____
Student ID # _____ Class Standing (e.g., 2nd semester soph.) _____
E-mail _____ Phone _____
MU Address _____
Home Address _____

II. Academic Summary

Current overall GPA _____ Current social work GPA _____ Advisor _____
Minor(s) or Second Major (if applicable) _____ Attended a Celebrating Diversity Workshop? _____
Social work courses completed or currently taking: _____ Term: _____ Grade: _____

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III. Personal Statement

Please type your thorough and thoughtful responses to the following questions on a separate sheet(s) and submit with this application. Use the headings provided.

1. Interest in Social Work

- a. How did your interest in social work develop?
- b. How have you tested this interest through volunteer work or social service employment?

2. Self-Assessment

- a. Describe the strengths you possess and explain how these would contribute to your practice of generalist social work.
- b. Identify at least three areas of personal and/or professional development needed for your competent and unimpaired practice of generalist social work. Describe your specific plans for growth in these areas.
- c. In *SOWK 110 Introduction to Social Services*, you were introduced to the *NASW Code of Ethics*, which describes the values and ethics of the social work profession. Please describe the fit between your personal values and the values of the social work profession, including:
 - i. In what ways are they compatible?
 - ii. Are there ways in which your personal values conflict with social work's professional values? If so, please explain how you will resolve these value conflicts.
- d. Describe a time in your life when you overcame a significant challenge through seeking either formal or informal assistance. Reflect on the nature of that assistance, your response, and what you learned that will help you in your future role as a social worker.

3. Goals and Questions

- a. What are your educational goals?
- b. What do you expect from an undergraduate Social Work Program?
- c. Have you identified an area of interest for your future social work practice?
- d. What questions do you have about the social work profession or the Social Work Program?

4. Statement of a Social Problem

- a. What is one of the most pressing social problems that concerns you?
- b. Describe what you see as the causes of this problem.
- c. How can the profession of social work contribute to the solution of this problem?
- d. What qualities, skills, or attributes do you have to contribute toward the solution of this problem?

IV. Please sign below to verify the following:

- **I have read the *Social Work Program Student Handbook*.** I understand the purposes, requirements, policies, and procedures of the Program as outlined in the *Handbook*.
- **I understand that admission to the Social Work Program does not guarantee admission to the Senior Social Work Practice Block.** My continued participation in the Social Work Program (including Field Instruction) will depend upon my ability to continue demonstrating the motivation and capacity to complete the social work major and to practice social work in an ethical and professional manner.
- **I give my permission to the Social Work Program faculty to discuss my on-going academic and professional development.** I understand that academic and professional advising is an essential component of my social work education, and that the materials related to my admission to the Social Work Program will be reviewed and discussed by the Social Work Program faculty.

Student Signature

Date

Admission application forms, the *Social Work Program Student Handbook*, and the *Field Instruction Manual* are available on the Social Work Program website or from the Director of the Social Work Program.