

UCF School of Social Work Application Questions

PROFESSIONAL STATEMENT

All questions are to be answered fully and to the best of your ability. All answers to the questions must be *typed, 12 font, and approximately 2-4 pages total*. Please type your name at the top righthand corner of each page. On the last page, please type your name and sign beneath it. Upon completion, be sure to attach your responses to the application in SLATE before submitting it to the BSW Program in the School of Social Work for review.

1. In order for the BSW Committee to get to know you better, we would like to have some information about you. Please include a little about your background and your academic and/or career goals.
2. A. How and why did you become interested in a career in social work?
B. What makes you a suitable candidate for this program?
3. Please identify a current social problem that concerns you. How might the social work profession contribute to the resolution and/or improvement of this problem?
4. Social work professionals intervene directly with and on behalf of diverse populations. These include adult men and women, persons of African, Asian, Hispanic, or multicultural descent, gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender individuals, children, older adults, persons with HIV/AIDS, persons with disabilities, and economically disadvantaged individuals. Many of these clients will present with a variety of concerns including (but not limited to): domestic violence, sexual assault, end-of-life care, confusion over sexual identity and fear of “coming out” to family and friends, and uncertainty about pregnancy. The NASW Code of Ethics states the mission “is to enhance human well-being and help meet the basic human needs of all people, with particular attention to the needs and empowerment of people who are vulnerable, oppressed, and living in poverty” (NASW, 1999).
 - A. Discuss your thoughts working with the above populations and issues.
 - B. Explain any reluctance or apprehension about working with certain populations or issues that may represent a challenge to you.
 - C. How do you plan to confront these challenges?
5. This program requires a 420-hour internship during your last semester prior to graduation. If you currently have time constraints (care giving, employment, etc.), what arrangements will be made to fulfill the required hours?
6. Is there any other information you would like to share that would help us to better serve your learning needs?
7. If your GPA is below the required admission GPA of 2.5. Please explain the reason for the low GPA, and what are your plans to raise your GPA if admitted to the School of Social Work BSW Program?

Remember you can only submit once, and everything needs to be completed prior to submission. Work cannot be saved and return later to complete the application process.