

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 pt font, and approximately 2-4 pages total*. Please type your name in the top righthand corner of each page. On the last page, please type your name and sign beneath it. Upon completion, be sure to upload your statement in the application (hosted by SLATE) before submitting your application 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 tell us about your background and your academic and/or career goals.
2. Answer the following questions:
 - 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 on 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 400-hour internship during your last two semesters 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 grade point average (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 must have the professional statement completed and ready to upload into the application. There is no “save” function in the BSW application so all materials must be ready so that you can complete the application in its entirety in one sitting.