



Master of Social Work Application Fall 2010

Name _____ SSN: _____
Last First Middle Maiden

Mailing Address _____
Street City State Zip Code

Permanent Address _____
Street City State Zip Code

Home Phone (____) _____ Work Phone (____) _____ Mobile Phone (____) _____

Email _____ KY Resident? Yes No

Please select one from each of the following:

Admission Status <input type="checkbox"/> New Admission <input type="checkbox"/> Readmission	Student Status <input type="checkbox"/> Full-Time <input type="checkbox"/> Part-Time	Campus Location <input type="checkbox"/> Lexington <input type="checkbox"/> Morehead <input type="checkbox"/> Northern KY <input type="checkbox"/> Southeast KY <input type="checkbox"/> Hazard <input type="checkbox"/> Prestonsburg	Concentration (Lexington Only) <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health <input type="checkbox"/> Family & Community	Program of Application <input type="checkbox"/> 60-Hour <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Standing
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How many years of paid social work/social service experience have you had? _____ years _____ months

How many years of volunteer social service experience have you had? _____ years _____ months

How did you learn of our MSW program? _____ Word of mouth _____ Undergraduate Faculty
_____ Other _____ Website _____ Recruitment Event

Are you employed by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services? ___Yes ___No

If yes, are you sponsored by any _____ Public Child Welfare Certification Program
of the following programs? _____ Stipend Program
_____ Tuition Assistance
_____ Other

I certify that all information provided in this application is true to the best of my knowledge and I understand that withholding or providing false information nullifies my application:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

The University of Kentucky is committed to a policy of providing educational opportunities to all qualified students regardless of economic or social status and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, creed, religion, political belief, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, age, veteran status, or physical or mental disability.

Required Documents

Your application will need to include three written documents: 1. Autobiography; 2. Essay and 3. Resume. These documents should be typed on 8 ½ x 11 inch sheets, double-spaced and conform to the page limitations given below. All of the written information you provide will be evaluated to determine your writing and professional presentations skills, so be sure to proofread these documents.

Autobiography

Autobiography should be approximately four pages in length and the following topics must be addressed within the narrative:

1. Motivation for social service, social work education, and a career in the profession:

State your reasons for wanting to pursue an MSW degree. Why are you applying to the University of Kentucky College Of Social Work? What are your social service interests and career goals?

2. Personal life experiences and relevant events: Briefly describe your personal history as it relates to your interest in the profession of social work. What do you consider to be your particular strengths, skills and abilities that will contribute to your success in this field?

3. Capacities for professional social work education: Briefly describe your professional, volunteer and/or educational history as it relates to your capacity for success in graduate study in the field of social work. What characteristics, circumstances, or challenges could serve to enhance or limit your capacity to pursue graduate level education in the field of social work?

Essay

In 250 words or less, describe an ethical dilemma you encountered in either your professional or personal past. Identify and define the ethical problem, the parties involved, the values you relied upon to make your decisions, and how the dilemma was resolved. Explain how the outcome has affected you and any lessons you learned.

Résumé

A résumé or vita summarizing your academic, work, and volunteer experience should be included in your application. Your résumé should highlight any awards, scholarships, or special recognition you have received. No page limit exists for your resume.

Three letters of Recommendation

Please use the recommendation forms provided with the application materials. References may also write independent letters. These letters must be on company/organization letterhead. All forms and letters of reference should be placed in a sealed envelope with author's signature across the seal.

The admissions committee will read this information to get insight into your ability, character, and potential for success in the practice of social work. Please exclude relatives, close personal friends, or persons you supervise or who may be obligated to write you a favorable letter. Have the letters of recommendation (in sealed & signed envelopes) sent to you so they can accompany the rest of your application materials.

References must be obtained from persons in 3 of the 4 following categories:

- Professor
- Social Work Professor
- Professional Social Worker
- Work or Volunteer Supervisor

****Petition for Exception Consideration**

If your undergraduate GPA is less than 3.0 you must submit a petition to the admission's committee. In a narrative format, please submit answers to the following questions.

1. What specific obstacles or circumstances hindered your past academic achievement?
2. How have you overcome these obstacles?
3. What evidence do you have to indicate that you can succeed in the MSW program (e.g., GRE scores, grades of "A" in post-baccalaureate courses, higher grades during your more recent academic career, etc.)?

**Admissions Committee representatives will analyze the information you provide and will decide whether or not you will be granted a waiver of an admission standard. It is in your best interest to be as complete and thorough as possible in identifying any relevant evidence demonstrating your ability to perform in an academically rigorous MSW program.