

1. Describe how your personal characteristics (strengths and limitations) may influence your development as a professional social worker. Describe some traits and abilities that make you particularly suited for the profession of social work.
2. Why do you want to pursue a career in social work at this time? Describe experiences and/or people that influenced your decision to pursue a career in Social Work. How did you become interested in social work?
3. What goals and specific objectives have you developed for a professional career in social work? What is required from you to achieve these goals and objectives; how will our graduate program help you attain your goals? Specify your career objectives as a professional social worker.
4. Which client population (Aging; Children, Youth and Women; or Forensics) are you most interested in working with and learning about in your advanced year of study? Please provide a detailed explanation as to why you have selected this specific client population.
5. Our school has a strong cross-cultural emphasis and values diversity. What attributes do you possess that enrich our school's cross-cultural orientation? Describe experiences you have had with people from cultural and/or ethnic groups other than your own (travel, volunteer, work and other crosscultural experiences) and discuss how these experiences have
 - Shaped your identity and self-awareness
 - Broadened your understanding of the role of social work in society
 - Influenced your understanding of and commitment to social justice
6. Our program is rigorous and demands a great deal of time and attention. Students spend an estimated 52 total hours per week for their studies. What is your plan for managing your responsibilities with such a rigorous graduate program? Please consider financial and time-management issues.
7. Discuss a situation in which you were confronted with a value or ethical conflict. How did you resolve it? What were some of the factors you considered in making your decision? How was the client and/or other individual affected by the situation?
8. Discuss a difficult or dangerous situation you encountered in working with a client or patient. How did you handle the situation? What would you do different in the future? How would you expect advanced training to promote your development in managing a similar situation?
9. Discuss a social problem of interest to you. How do you envision a social worker's role in addressing the issue?
10. Is there anything else you would like us to know as we consider your application? Please describe.