



PERSONAL STATEMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Each applicant is required to complete a personal statement which will be used for the purpose of evaluating your application to the MSW program. This statement is an opportunity for you to describe your interest in social work and to demonstrate how your academic, personal, and professional experiences have contributed to your choice to enter an MSW program.

NOTE: Please answer ALL six questions. Your personal statement must be five to seven pages, typed and use a question and answer format (type the full text of the question followed by your corresponding answer). In addition, the statement should be double-spaced, in Times New Roman 12-point font, have one-inch margins, and include your full name and the page number at the top of each page (e.g. Matty Matador 1).

Personal Statement Questions:

1. What brings you to the field of social work?
2. What barriers or challenges do you anticipate in working with diverse populations?
3. What do you envision a social worker's role in addressing a social justice-related problem that concerns you?
4. What professional and/or personal experiences have you had in dealing with:
 - a. forms of oppression (such as ageism, homophobia, racism, sexism)?
 - b. your own biases?
 - c. your own privilege(s)?
5. What interests you about the CSUN MSW social work program's urban community focus?
6. Given your education and life experiences, what is it that you hope to **unlearn** in this program.

NOTE: Please include any additional information you would like to bring to the attention of the MSW Admissions Committee.

***Please note that you are encouraged to write on topics that matter to you, and while this can elicit writing and reflection that may be deeply personal, please be aware that if you disclose a situation involving any sexual misconduct, sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and/or stalking while you were a CSUN student, university policy (based on state and federal law) requires that the admissions officer inform the Campus Title IX Coordinator to ensure you are advised of your rights and options. The admissions officer is obligated to provide the Title IX Coordinator with information regarding details of incident, including individuals involved, so that you can be aware of resources and options that are available to you. Please know that you can contact the Campus Care Advocate at (818) 677-7492 who is a confidential resource or the Title IX Coordinator directly at (818) 677-2077 for assistance and options for moving forward.