

Name of Applicant _____

Phone _____ SPO _____ e-mail _____

ADMISSION TO THE SOCIAL WORK MAJOR

The admission process provides an opportunity for the student who wishes to become a social work major to consider in a thoughtful and conscious manner the factors which point in that direction. It provides the faculty with a formal opportunity to consider with the student the nature of the student's interests and readiness and plan for the remainder of the student's individual program. The faculty will discourage some applicants whose academic record, aptitudes, and motivation are in serious conflict with the level of knowledge, skills, and personal orientation required for effective social work practice.

Application may be made any time after completion of Social Work 20 and SW 30 and before enrolling in SW 54. An essay is also required as part of the application. Instructions for the essay can be found on page X of the application form. Please respond to all items on this form.

1. Year: Sophomore Junior Senior (circle one)

2. Semester in which Social Work 20 was completed:

Grade: S.W. 20

3. Year of S.W. 30 January Term:

Place:

Supervisor:

4. List other required courses for the social work major completed and the letter grade.

Course: Grade:

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8. Itemize and describe any volunteer or paid experience you found relevant to social work and describe the nature of its influence on your interest:

9. Have you been encouraged in the direction of social work by a relative or friend who is or has been employed in the human service area? If yes, please describe. If no, leave blank.

10. Briefly describe what you can identify as your motives for considering the social work major and why you are choosing it instead of another avenue for working with people:

11. Considering your response to 10, what strengths (personal qualities, assets, motivations, skills, etc.) and challenges (personal liabilities, biases, prejudices, vulnerabilities, etc.) do you bring to social work tasks.

12. Describe yourself as a citizen. Describe your participation in activities in the Luther College and larger communities of which you are a citizen.

13. If you have identified an area of social work activity or clientele with whom you would like most to work, please describe and indicate why:

14. ESSAYS FOR APPLICATION TO SOCIAL WORK MAJOR

Attach a separate sheet(s) for answering the following questions.

a. Describe 2-3 especially formative episodes in your life and indicate how they have influenced your career choice.

b. Describe your experiences with giving and receiving help.

c. Reflecting on your SW 30 (J-Term) field experience,

- what have you learned about social work?

- what have you learned about yourself?

d. Identify your values at this time. Please also identify those about which you feel the strongest.

e. How are your values related to values of the social work profession? Describe potential value conflict(s) you think might occur for you in social work practice.

f. Discuss how you form and sustain non-family relationships. Describe the types of relationships you value and the role they play in your life.

15. FULL DISCLOSURE OF ALCOHOL/SUBSTANCE ABUSE/ EMOTIONAL/ MENTAL ILLNESS PROBLEMS AND CRIMINAL HISTORY

Please note: The Social Work Program does not discriminate based on mental health issues, chemical dependency, or on prior legal convictions, however, it needs to have this information to help in determining the appropriateness of the student for continuance in the major and entry into the profession. If there are now or have been issues with legal problems, substance abuse or mental health concerns we will discuss these with you and work with you to determine the appropriate course of action.

PLEASE CIRCLE THE APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TO EACH STATEMENT BEFORE SIGNING.

I currently (do) (do not) have a recognized alcohol and/or substance abuse problem.

_____ Signed _____ Date

I (have) (have not) received treatment for alcohol and/or substance abuse problems in the past.

_____ Signed _____ Date

I (am) (am not) currently in treatment for emotional problems and/or mental illness.

_____ Signed _____ Date

I (have) (have not) received treatment for emotional problems and/or mental illness in the past.

_____ Signed _____ Date

I agree to the release of information about my treatment for alcohol, substance abuse, emotional problems, and/or mental illness to the Social Work Program faculty for the exclusive purpose of consideration of my acceptance in the professional social work education program. I understand that they will not use the information for any other purpose.

_____ Signed _____ Date

I (have) (have not) been charged with, pled guilty or no contest to, or forfeited bail for any criminal conduct under law or ordinance, excluding only minor traffic violations.

_____ Signed _____ Date

I agree to the release of information about any criminal conduct included in the above disclosure to the Social Work Program faculty for the exclusive purpose of consideration of my acceptance in the professional social work education program. I understand that they will not use the information for any other purpose.

_____ Signed _____ Date

Please note that while having a criminal background does not necessarily preclude acceptance into the Social Work Program, certain criminal offenses may bar an individual from being certified or licensed as a social worker upon graduation.

If conviction(s) have occurred, please write in the space below the date(s), the charge(s), appeal(s), and sentence(s).

Received by Social Work Program on _____ SWP Faculty _____
(date) (initial)