

Appendix B: MSW Admissions Rating Scales

PRE-SCREENING – MSW APPLICATION

Applicant: _____ Full Part 3 or 4 Unk

ADMIT (date) _____	WAIT LIST	DENY				
STATUS:						
___ CLASSIFIED						
___ CONDITIONAL	BA/BS	GPA	HB	DATA	DIV	

1. Pre-requisites coursework:

	Met by (course title)	Sem or Qtr/Year
Data analysis		
Human Bio Development over the Life Span		
Diversity/culture		

Liberal Arts base: OK No

Spring/summer 2010 grad: Y N

Applying to/Interest in: Title IV-E PMHS PPS

GPA: Cum GPA/ Major: _____ 60 unit GPA: _____

Post Bac GPA: _____ (min of 12 units);

- 5 = 3.75+
- 4 = 3.5 – 3.74
- 3 = 3.25 – 3.49
- 2 = 3.0 – 3.24
- 1 = 2.75 - 2.99

INTERNSHIP: Internship (min 1 semester supervised)

3 = Social Work or related human services (2 semester/15 hour/week)

2 = Other human services related (e.g, psych, teaching – 1-2 sem/15 hour/week)

1 = Other type of “internship” where worked with people (e.g., business incubator) OR less than 15hr/week for 1 semester equivalent

0 = none

Comment: _____

WORK: Total years of human services work/volunteer experience: _____

_____ Points for years experience on 0-5 scale

Comment: _____

REFERENCES Mean: _____ [1] _____ 2) _____ 3) _____

Committee Evaluation Meeting Date: _____

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION
MSW PROGRAM MSW RATING SCALE FOR STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

APPLICANT NAME: _____

EVALUATOR: _____

Background for field of social work SCORE _____

- 3 = overall good personal and/or professional background for field.
- 2 = indicates some good points in terms of background for the field.
- 1 = touches upon background issues but fails to elaborate.
- 0 = little or no discussion of pertinent background for social work.

Interest/Motivation – Statement of purpose appears to indicate: SCORE _____

- 4 = extensive thinking about becoming a professional social worker.
- 3 = some thought about becoming a professional social worker
- 2 = superficial thinking in choosing the career of social work.
- 1 = undirected thinking in terms of the career of social work.
- 0 = little or no thinking in the career choice.

Congruence between professional values and career goals (Total of 5 points possible)
SCORE _____

- 1 point for identifying values of profession
- 1 point for identifying professional/career goals
- 0 points if does not address

Subtotal _____

Up to 3 points for linking values and goals

Subtotal _____

Links 3 Pillars to life experiences SCORE ____

- 4 = Integrates own experience with all three pillars and links to the social work program mission
- 3 = Integrates own experience with one or two pillars and links to the social work program mission
- 2 = States definition only of all 3 pillars and mission
- 1 = States definition only of 1-2 concept (out of 3 pillars and mission)
- 0 = Shows no understanding of the concepts; just names pillars

Plan to manage graduate school SCORE _____

- 2 = well expressed strategy for making it through the program.
- 1 = presents a strategy but there are potential issues.
- 0 = little or no discussion of a strategy to make it through the program or unrealistic

Writing Skills (*technical – circle number*)

SCORE _____

- 4 = Spelling/grammar errors rare; excellent sentence construction
- 3 = Spelling/grammar errors rare; good sentence construction throughout
- 2 = Occasional spelling/grammar errors; in general, good sentence construction
- 1 = Frequent spelling/grammar errors; occasional lapses in sentence construction
- 0 = Frequent spelling/grammar errors; poor sentence construction throughout

Organization and content of statement given outline - (*circle number*)

SCORE _____

- 2 = Excellent organization, conceptualization, focus on topic/follows instructions
- 1 = Good organization and focus on topic; conceptualization limited
- 0 = Marginal or lacks organization, conceptualization, focus; does not follow instructions

SUBTOTAL (24 MAX POSSIBLE) _____

SUMMARY:

Exceptional Asset Concern/Lack/Reservation

COMMENTS:

Academic/GPA	1. ()	1. ()
Experience	2. ()	2. ()
Writing (technical)	3. ()	3. ()
Conceptual (pillars/values)	4. ()	4. ()
Integration (pillars/values/goals)	5. ()	5. ()
Judgment	6. ()	6. ()
Motivation	7. ()	7. ()
Special circumstance	8. ()	8. ()

From: the NASW Code of Ethics

The mission of the social work profession is rooted in a set of core values. These core values, embraced by social workers throughout the profession's history, are the foundation of social work's unique purpose and perspective:

- service
- social justice
- dignity and worth of the person
- importance of human relationships
- integrity
- competence

This constellation of core values reflects what is unique to the social work profession. Core values, and the principles that flow from them, must be balanced within the context and complexity of the human experience.