

## Instructions for Application for Social Work Major

### For students taking SWRK 101-Intro to Social Work at Grand View:

- Complete of SWRK 101-Introduction to Social Work, with a grade of C or better
- Complete 30 hours of shadowing (“Introductory Agency Exposure”)
- Score 80%+ on evaluation of professional behavior during Introductory Agency Exposure
- Demonstrate suitability for the profession, evidenced by:
  - Assessment of interpersonal relationships and performance during Introductory Agency Exposure, as reported by agency supervisor
- Complete application to the social work program
- Recommendation from a person who is familiar with your accomplishments, educational abilities, and/or your potential for professional achievement. Recommendations from personal friends and relatives will not be accepted.
- Successful personal interview at the discretion of social work faculty
- Complete prerequisite courses, with a minimum of a C in each  
\_\_\_\_\_ ENGL 101                      \_\_\_\_\_ PSYC 101                      \_\_\_\_\_ SOCS 101

### For students fulfilling SWRK 101-Intro to Social Work with courses at DMACC or other community college:

- Complete HSV 109-Introduction to Human Services + HSV 803-Human Services Internship, with a grade of C or better
- Apply to Grand View University (no application fee)
- Provide copy of evaluation by agency supervisor on performance in internship
  - Score at least 80% on aspects of the evaluation related to professional behaviors
  - Score at least 80% on aspects of the evaluation related to professional performance
- Complete application to the social work program, including recommendation from DMACC faculty member
- Successful personal interview at the discretion of social work faculty
- Complete prerequisite courses, with a minimum of a C in each  
\_\_\_\_\_ ENGL 106 or 108    \_\_\_\_\_ PSY 111                      \_\_\_\_\_ SOCS 110
- Provide transcripts for current and all previous colleges or universities attended

### Evaluation of Application for Admission & Notification of Decision

Students apply in the term in which they expect to complete either SWRK 101 or DMACC equivalent coursework and required prerequisite courses, and will have at least sophomore standing the next term. Students who complete SWRK 101 but not the prerequisites apply in the term in which those are expected to be completed.

Applications for the major are submitted through an online portal on the Grand View website. Applications are reviewed by social work department faculty, and assessed based on *thoroughness, thoughtfulness of reflection, potential as social work student, and quality of writing.*

Students are notified in writing via email and US mail of the status of their application within 7 days after grades are submitted for the term in which the student applied. Students may be a) accepted, b) accepted provisionally, or c) not accepted.

- Students *accepted* may enroll in additional social work courses, beginning the next term.
- Students *accepted provisionally* are provided with information as to the reason for the decision and what the student needs to do to remediate the provisional status. Provisional acceptance may be granted for students for the following reasons (and are not limited to these situations):
  - Writing skills in need of remediation. The student will enroll in and complete (grade of C or better) ENGL 252 or equivalent course. The student may be allowed to enroll in advanced social work courses while completing this requirement.

- Average score between 70-79% on SWRK 101 Professional Behavior Assessment completed during SWRK 101 or scores on HSV 803 internship evaluation. The student will complete an interview with social work faculty and develop a plan to improve Professional Behavior Assessment scores to 80% or greater in the next term in which the student is enrolled in social work courses. The student may be allowed to enroll in advanced social work courses while completing this requirement.
- Concerns noted in the Instructor Recommendation form. The student will work with their advisor to develop a plan to remediate concerns, to be reviewed one term after application for the program. The student may be allowed to enroll in advanced social work courses while completing this requirement.
- Students *not accepted* will be provided reasons for the decision. Students may file a grievance as to the decision, following the procedure discussed in the Social Work Student Handbook.

## General Information

The questions below are addressed by entering into text fields in the application portal.

1. List any volunteer or paid experience you have had that is relevant to the field of social work. Include a description of your activities, and how this work influenced your interest in social work.
2. Do you have any personal concerns – either past or present – that might impact your work as a social worker? These may include learning or physical disabilities, substance abuse and/or recovery, emotion or behavioral difficulties, etc. Identify your current and future plans for addressing these concerns. You are not required to share this information, but doing so will allow social work faculty to provide reasonable accommodations and support you as a student both personally and professionally.
3. Have you ever been dismissed from an undergraduate program for academic or nonacademic reasons? If so, please describe the situation.
4. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? If the answer is yes, please describe the situation. Having a felony record does not automatically mean you will not be accepted into the social work program. However, certain criminal convictions can prevent you from placement in certain field education settings, and can impact your ability to be licensed. Please feel free to discuss response to this question in person with the social work faculty.

## Personal Essay

The questions below are to be addressed in essay format, using no more than three double-spaced pages. Upload the completed essay to the application portal.

1. Discuss your personal qualities and values relevant to the field of social work, including what motivates you to pursue a social work career, and why are you choosing social work instead of another avenue for helping people.
2. How do your own values correspond with the values listed in the NASW Code of Ethics?
3. In what ways do you see yourself working to promote the social work value of social justice? What experiences do you have working with people who are economically or socially disadvantaged, marginalized, or oppressed?