

REFERENCES

I am submitting sealed letters of reference from the following three persons with this application: **Note:** References from personal sources will not be reviewed. References should be from employment, educational, professional or supervisory sources. Reference letters should be sought from people who have specific knowledge of the applicant's readiness for graduate education in social work.

Name of Reference	Address	Position
_____	_____	_____
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SPECIFIC PREVIOUS COURSE WORK: Previous course work in human growth and development across the life span is required as a prerequisite for admission. List courses you have completed or are in the process of completing that contain this course content.

Course title	Date completed	Grade
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Previous course work in human biology is required as a prerequisite for admission. List courses you have completed or are in the process of completing that contain this course content.

Course title	Date completed	Grade
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Previous course work in applied statistics is required as a prerequisite for admission. List courses you have completed or are in the process of completing that contain this course content.

Course title	Date completed	Grade
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OTHER APPLICATIONS: List any other schools of social work to which you have applied and the status of those applications.

Name of School	Date of Application	Disposition (Pending/Accepted/Rejected)
_____	_____	_____
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OTHER RELEVANT QUALIFICATIONS/INFORMATION: Please list and/or describe qualifications not covered elsewhere--such as honors received, membership in school, community, or professional organizations. List offices held, publications, etc. Continue on an additional sheet if necessary, and/or include comprehensive resume.

MSW PERSONAL STATEMENT

Statement must be typed and double spaced, and must be included in the application packet submitted to the UAA School of Social Work.

GUIDELINES FOR THE PERSONAL STATEMENT

- Respond in essay format, reviewing carefully for errors in grammar or spelling.
 - Responses must be typed, double-spaced. Do not exceed eight pages in total length for this personal statement.
 - Please re-state the question at the beginning of each answer.
1. Describe some of the life events, career experiences, relationships and values that have contributed to the development of your interest in a career in the helping professions.
 2. Identify what you perceive to be your strengths and your limitations--intellectually, physically, emotionally, and spiritually--in relation to pursuing a career in social work.
 3. Indicate how your formal education and your work, volunteer, community, and other life experiences have specifically prepared you for master's level social work education.
 4. Discuss why you are applying for graduate education in social work at this time, and identify major work, volunteer and personal/family responsibilities you will have while in school, and how you propose to manage those responsibilities. Also indicate any limitations, concerns or issues which should be taken into consideration when planning your graduate program.
 5. Describe any particular aspects or fields of practice within social work that especially interest you and identify some of your expectations of graduate education in terms of your own development and career goals.
 6. Discuss your views about social justice, empowerment and human diversity as they relate to professional social work practice.

CRIMINAL HISTORY

1. Have you ever been adjudicated or convicted of a violation of ANY local, state, federal, Canadian or international law (other than non-moving motor vehicle violations)? No Yes

If the answer is "Yes" please provide complete details with this application.

STUDENT STATEMENT

I understand that withholding information requested on this application or giving false information may make me ineligible for admission to the UAA MSW degree program, or subject to dismissal. With this in mind, I certify that the above statements are correct and complete to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the UAA School of Social Work to contact any and all listed references or prior employers or field supervisors. I understand that application documents and materials become property of the UAA School of Social Work.

I understand that full-time status in the MSW program requires enrollment in 15-16 credits per semester.

I agree to abide by the published policies, rules and regulations of UAA and the UAA School of Social Work, and the Code of Ethics of the National Association of Social Workers. I understand that from the time I file my application with the UAA School of Social Work, it is my responsibility to know the policies and requirements of the School of Social Work and the NASW Code of Ethics. I further understand that I will be asked to provide information on any criminal or civil adjudication/conviction, as well as information about behaviors, conditions, illnesses or addictions which might impact upon my ability to function as a social work graduate student in a social welfare agency. This will occur prior to establishment of the field practicum.

Signature

Date

Applicants for Advanced Placement: See page 4 for additional application requirements.

APPLICANTS FOR ADVANCED PLACEMENT REVIEW

Additional information is required of applicants requesting advanced placement in the UAA MSW program. Please review the following requirements carefully.

1. Include among the letters of recommendation one from the BSW program coordinator or chair, coordinator of the field work/practicum coordinator or from a prior academic advisor.
2. Provide copies of field work / practicum evaluations from the prior BSW program or a letter from the coordinator of field work/practicum coordinator or program head describing the applicant's demonstrated ability to successfully accomplish the goals and objects of field work.
3. Provide Field Experience Summary completed by the BSW Field Work/Practicum Coordinator. The Field Experience Summary Form is included in the application packet.
4. Respond to all five Advanced Placement Review statements below. Responses must be typed and double-spaced and adhere to length requirements: please repeat the question at the beginning of each statement.
5. The professional resume included in the application should include dates and describe range and extent of all social work experience, paid and volunteer.
6. Be sure that you have indicated on the first page of this application whether or not you wish to be considered for the full two-year program if the Admissions Committee denies your application for advanced placement.

Responses to the following items will constitute the Advanced Placement Statement. It is intended to provide information to the Admissions Committee to demonstrate that you have achieved sufficient mastery of BSW level coursework to justify entry into the Concentration curriculum of the MSW program. Acquisition of a BSW degree from an accredited BSW program does not in and of itself ensure that the applicant is ready for advanced placement to the Concentration curriculum

Failure to provide this information will automatically result in a denial of the request for advanced placement review.

LIMIT YOUR RESPONSES TO ONE PAGE PER QUESTION/STATEMENT. RESPONSE MUST BE TYPED AND DOUBLE-SPACED. PLEASE RE-STATE THE QUESTION OR STATEMENT AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH ANSWER.

1. Identify the foundation practice theory you were taught in your undergraduate social work program and assess your current mastery of that practice theory. In doing so, also indicate how your undergraduate practicum/field work assisted you in learning how to apply theory in real situations.
2. Assess the strengths and limitations of your mastery of the theory and application of research methods and discuss learning needs you may have as you undertake graduate level research coursework.
3. Give dates and describe all professional development and continuing education you have undertaken since completion of your BSW degree.
4. Discuss the range and scope of your involvement in the community and in professional organizations as a social work professional since receipt of your BSW degree.
5. Discuss your strengths and limitations as a social work professional and as a learner as they are relevant to your specific request for advanced placement to the second year of the MSW degree program at UAA. Discuss factors which you believe demonstrate your readiness for advancement to second year course work rather than completion of the full two-year degree program.