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**Shippensburg University BSW Program
Instructions for Professional Status Applications**

- 1. Complete the application cover page.**
- 2. Write an essay using the instructions below.**
- 3. Arrange a meeting with your Academic Advisor, in advance of the application due date, to discuss your completed application and have the Academic Advisor sign your application packet.**
- 4. Sign and attach a copy of the SU BSW Program Student Admission Contract Code of Conduct.**
- 5. Submit the application by the due date and time to your SWK270 course instructor. Announcements will be made in the department regarding the due date.**

Professional Status Essay Instructions – Put your SU Student ID# on each page of the essay, but do not put your name.

As part of your application for Professional Status to the BSW Program, you are to write a statement that addresses the three areas listed below. This statement will be used as a method of assessing your basic writing skills and to aid the Professional Status Committee in making a decision about your application for admission. Your typewritten statement in a separate paper should be no longer than three double spaced pages in length. Please use headings based on the questions below to organize your written statement. The three areas that you are to address in your statement are:

1. What are some experiences that will make you an effective social worker? Please include reflection on your volunteer experiences.
2. Based on your previous life experiences, what do you think will be most challenging for you in social work practice?
3. Culturally competent practice places an emphasis on respecting a diversity of values, heritages, customs and orientations:
 - a. What experiences have you had that will help you work effectively with people from populations at risk related to religion, race, age, ethnicity, gender, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, gender identity, and/or different abilities?
 - b. Of the populations at risk listed in 3a, which group will be most difficult for you to work with and why? Please be specific and keep in mind that the definition of populations at risk is, “
 - c. What are your plans to address the area(s) or difficulty that you mentioned in section 3b? Please be specific by identifying at least 3 steps you will take to address this issue?

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Application Cover Sheet for Professional Status**

I. Personal Information

Name: _____ SU ID #: _____

SU Email: _____ Advisor: _____

Preferred Phone Number: (____) _____

II. Application Information

Date of Application: _____

What semester & year did you become a social work major at SU? Fall, 20__ Spring, 20__

Overall GPA: _____ Do you meet the overall GPA of 2.50? _____ Yes _____ No

Semester Hours Completed: _____ Semester Hours Enrolled: _____

Are you a transfer student from another college or university? _ Yes _____ No

If yes, what semester and year did you start at SU? _____

III. Social Work Courses. Please give the grade you earned in the following courses. If currently enrolled in the course, please indicate semester and year.

SWK 102 = _____ SWK 150 = _____ SWK 250 = _____ SWK 265 = _____

IV. Other Requirements – Please indicate your responses, but note that it is only applicable for full professional status for students who entered the major Fall 2013 or later.

Did you complete the Criminal History Clearance submit it to the dept.? _____ YES _____ NO

Did you complete the Child Abuse History Clearance and submit it to the dept.? _____ YES _____ NO

Have you completed at least 40 hours of volunteer service and turned in the volunteer service forms to the department? _____ YES _____ NO

By signing below, I certify that the above information is correct. Further, I agree to follow the SU BSW Student Admission Contract Code of Conduct and NASW Code of Ethics. Please attach a signed copy of the BSW Student Admission Contract Code of Conduct.

Student Signature _____ **Date** _____

Advisor Signature* _____ **Date** _____

*Indicating only that you have met with student