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Texas Woman's University - University of North Texas

Joint Master of Social Work Program Preliminary

Generalist Application Screening Checklist

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To apply, please submit the following items to socialwork@twu.edu.

_____ Complete JMSW Application

_____ Personal Statement

_____ Current Resume

_____ 3 Letters of Recommendation

- Recommendation 1 _____
- Recommendation 2 _____
- Recommendation 3 _____

_____ If currently or previously enrolled in another MSW program

- MSW Program Recommendation _____

_____ ALL Official or Unofficial Transcripts

_____ International applicants only: Official TOEFL or IELTS

NOTE: Applicants will be informed as to whether or not they pass the Preliminary Screening Process. If you pass the Preliminary Application Screening process, you will be notified via email and given specific instructions for the formal application.

TWU – UNT Joint MSW Program

Preliminary Application Screening

Application to the Generalist (60 credit) MSW Program Full- time/ Part- time

ATTENTION APPLICANTS: Both Last and First Names MUST match the name used on all official documents.

1. General Information

Name:

(First)

(Middle)

(Last)

Preferred First Name:

Address:

(Number & Street)

(Apt. Number)

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

Country of Citizenship:

2. Contact Information

Phone Number: __ (____) _____

E-mail Address:

Cell Phone Number: __ (____) _____

Gender _____

Date of Birth _____
(MM/DD/YYYY)

3. Are you, a spouse, or parent currently employed at the University of North Texas **Yes** **No**

Are you, a spouse, or parent currently employed at Texas Woman's University? **Yes** **No**

How did you hear about the TWU-UNT Joint Social Work Program?

4. Indicate the program of study in which you are applying:

- Full-time (2 yrs.) 60 Credits
- Part-time (4 yrs.) 60 credits

5. Academic Background

Please provide ALL transcripts (official or unofficial) from each college or university that you have attended.

- a. Academic Institution: _____
 - i. Location of University: _____
(City, State if in U.S., and Country)
 - ii. Type of Degree if applicable: _____
(eg., BA, BS, BArch, MA, MS, PhD, etc.)
 - iii. Major: _____
 - iv. Total GPA: _____
 - v. GPA in last 60 credit hours if applicable: _____
 - vi. Dates Attended: _____
(MM/YYYY - MM/YYYY)
 - vii. Graduation Date: _____

- b. Academic Institution: _____
 - i. Location of University: _____
(City, State if in U.S., and Country)
 - ii. Type of Degree if applicable: _____
(eg., BA, BS, BArch, MA, MS, PhD, etc.)
 - iii. Major: _____
 - iv. Total GPA: _____
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 - vi. Dates Attended: _____
(MM/YYYY - MM/YYYY)
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- c. Academic Institution: _____
- i. Location of University: _____
(City, State if in U.S., and Country)
 - ii. Type of Degree if applicable: _____
(eg., BA, BS, BArch, MA, MS, PhD, etc.)
 - iii. Major: _____
 - iv. Total GPA: _____
 - v. GPA in last 60 credit hours if applicable: _____
 - vi. Dates Attended: _____
(MM/YYYY - MM/YYYY)
 - vii. Graduation Date: _____

- d. Academic Institution: _____
- i. Location of University: _____
(City, State if in U.S., and Country)
 - ii. Type of Degree if applicable: _____
(eg., BA, BS, BArch, MA, MS, PhD, etc.)
 - iii. Major: _____
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 - v. GPA in last 60 credit hours if applicable: _____
 - vi. Dates Attended: _____
(MM/YYYY - MM/YYYY)
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Please Note: If you need to list more institutions please attach a separate sheet with the information.

6. Publications/Honors

List any publications or scholarship honors:

7. Extracurricular, Community, or Professional Activities

List Your Major Service Roles:

(List any office(s) held, indicate if elected or appointed, date(s), responsibilities).

8. References (Professional or Academic only)

Please list the people from whom you have requested a letter of recommendation, their institution, email address, phone number, and their relationship to you. **Do not use relatives, therapists, or personal friends.**

- e. Reference 1 Name: _____
- i. Reference 1 Title: _____
- ii. Reference 1 Organization/Business Name: _____
- iii. Reference 1 Relationship to You: _____
- iv. Reference 1 E-mail address: _____
- f. Reference 2 Name: _____
- i. Reference 2 Title: _____
- ii. Reference 2 Organization/Business Name: _____
- iii. Reference 2 Relationship to You: _____
- iv. Reference 2 E-mail address: _____
- g. Reference 3 Name: _____
- i. Reference 3 Title: _____
- ii. Reference 3 Organization/Business Name: _____
- iii. Reference 3 Relationship to You: _____
- iv. Reference 3 E-mail address: _____

9. Please note, if you have been or are currently enrolled in another MSW Program, you must provide an additional letter of recommendation from the chair person or MSW Program Director.

- i. Reference 4 Title: _____
- ii. Reference 4 Institution: _____
- iii. Reference 4 Role: _____

10. Graduate-level education requires significant time, effort, and commitment. Thoughtful planning and preparation for successful graduate studies are essential. Please describe a specific plan for managing and balancing your education, family, work, and personal life during the MSW program. Also, include plans for practicing self-care.

11. **Please attach a current resume** that addresses your educational, employment, volunteer, and other experiences that have prepared you for graduate study in the field of Social Work

12. The personal statement portion is a very important part of your application. The personal statement will be assessed based on content, grammar and writing skills. This personal statement should be double spaced and typed and in accordance with basic APA guidelines (<http://www.apastyle.org/>). The response to all the questions combined should be between 1250 and 1500 words in length.

Please address the following questions in your personal statement:

- A. What key experiences have inspired you to pursue the social work profession? What ways do you feel your experiences have prepared you for this profession?
- B. How do you feel your undergraduate degree prepared you for a graduate program and career in Social Work?
- C. Identify your personal strengths and areas that need improvement.
- D. Discuss your professional interests and goals? What contributions do you hope to make in the field as a social worker? What populations or issues would you find challenging to work with. Discuss your views on the importance of cultural and social diversity in social work practice. Elaborate on experiences that you have had with diverse populations. Describe the impact that you believe these experiences will have on your practice as a professional social worker.

In addition, the Admissions Committee will consider the following in their review of your personal statement:

- Critical thinking skills
- The ability to write at the level of a professional with appropriate grammar, spelling, and structure
- Thoroughness and organization of responses
- The applicant's display of reasonable knowledge about themselves and the goodness of fit with the profession
- The applicant's professional readiness and emotional suitability for the field of Social Work

13. After graduate school I plan to (check one)

- pursue a career in social work.
- Pursue an academic or research career.
- I don't know at this time.
- Other. Please explain _____

14. Criminal Background: Applicants need to be aware that employment in most Social Work fields of practice and most employment agencies require criminal background checks. Past convictions do not necessarily preclude admissions to the JMSW program, however, they may impact availability of required field placements and future employability. It is also important to note that social work education prepares students for licensure and professional practice. The Texas State Board of Social Work Examiners application for licensure and others states' applications require disclosure and evaluation of criminal background. Applicants have a responsibility to investigate how this information may apply to their circumstances. Applicants should expect to have a criminal background check before entering field.

15. If you have been enrolled in another MSW Program, will you be seeking to transfer course credits if you are accepted to the JMSW Program? **Yes No N/A**

Transfer credits are limited in accordance with graduate school guidelines of up to 12 semester credits and are subject to JMSW approval. Please note that credit acceptance is not guaranteed, once admitted to the program, students would formally submit course syllabi and be notified of the outcome in writing.

Course Number	Course Name	Grade
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

*Note: By submitting this application and attachments, you are indicating that the information you have provided is true and complete. You are further indicating that you understand that if you are admitted and the information is found to be false or incomplete, you may be dismissed from the joint MSW program. In addition, by submitting this application to the joint MSW program, you authorize information regarding your educational records and progress to be shared between TWU and UNT faculty and other university personnel.

*** Application materials will not be returned to the applicant ***