APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM

Personal Statement

We ask that you submit a personal statement as part of your application to the MSW Program. The purpose of this statement is to obtain a clear understanding of your background, why you have chosen to enter the social work profession, your readiness for graduate education, and your motivation to apply to the Edinboro University of Pennsylvania Department of Social Work. Please describe how your academic, professional, personal, and volunteer experiences have prepared you for graduate studies in social work. This statement is considered a writing sample and is reviewed as part of your application for content and writing quality.

Your statement should be 2-3 pages, typed and double-spaced.

Please address the following areas in your essay (as applicable):

1. Please tell us something about yourself and how you chose to enter the profession of social work.
2. Discuss why you believe the Edinboro University of Pennsylvania Department of Social Work is best suited to meet your graduate education needs.
3. How do you believe you will manage the rigorous demands of coursework and field education during graduate study?
4. If you have low or inconsistent grades in undergraduate (or graduate) study or have attended multiple schools to earn a degree, please discuss any issues you may have faced to help us better understand your academic background.
5. Identify your strengths and areas in need of improvement that are relevant to the profession of Social Work.
6. What inspires you to pursue this profession?
7. If you have clear career goals please tell us what type of work you see yourself engaged in after earning the MSW.
8. If you have a BSW, tell us how your internship impacted your choice to pursue an MSW and the most significant things you learned at the internship

Transfer Applicants: please include a statement about why you are requesting transfer to Edinboro University of PA, department of social work