 <p><b>GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY</b> <hr/><b>SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK</b></p>	<p><b>BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK Candidacy Application</b></p> <p><b>Summer of 2011</b></p>
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**Procedure/Policy and Practice**

Social Work majors formally apply to the School of Social Work for admission to the program by completing the Bachelor of Social Work Candidacy Application Packet. This is typically done in the spring and summer prior to the student's junior year.

The Social Work Candidacy Application Packet serves as an application for the student to be considered for acceptance into the BSW program. After completing the application packet in its entirety, a student is granted Full Candidacy, Provisional Candidacy, or Denied Candidacy based on satisfactory completion of the eligibility requirements. Each completed student application packet is reviewed by the social work faculty and evaluated based on the academic record, personal statement, resume and, on occasion, a personal interview which focuses on the student's maturity and readiness for professional education. The Director of the BSW Program then communicates the acceptance decision to each student.

The Candidacy Application Packet is to be submitted on **Friday, May 27th, 2011 for early consideration. After May 27<sup>th</sup> Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until Friday August 19<sup>th</sup>. Applications will be reviewed within 4 weeks of receipt.** The information is to be submitted to the School of Social Work office in its entirety. Students are to submit **one paper copy of the application packet and one electronic copy via e-mail.** Electronic copies are to be sent to [bsw@gvsu.edu](mailto:bsw@gvsu.edu). The picture does not need to be included in the electronic copy.


## Candidacy Eligibility Requirements

1. Completion of required General Education courses, including Basic Skills, WRT 150 and MTH 110, and all cognate courses, except STA 215.
2. A minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of **2.5** (4.0 scale).
3. Earned a minimum grade point of **B-** (2.7 GPA) and not have repeated the following courses more than once: **SW 150; PLS 102; PSY 303; PSY/SOC 360; SOC 280, 382, 384, 385, & SW 300.**

NOTE: Though it is recommended that PSY303; PSY/SOC360; and SOC382/SW300 be completed prior to the candidacy process, you may complete these courses concurrently with the SW Core courses outlined in the third year. They **MUST** be satisfied prior to beginning the fourth year. (Senior Year – Field Practicum)

## List of Requirements

1. Application: Answer each question of the application.
2. Personal Statement: Your personal statement is one of the essential documents you will complete during your social work education. The statement should be around 1000 words, typed in font size 12, and have 1 inch margins, and be double spaced. In your statement, please answer the following questions thoroughly:
  - A. Describe how you came to the decision to pursue an education in social work.
  - B. What assets or qualities do you believe you bring to the social work profession?
  - C. What kind of skills and abilities do you expect to gain from your education?
3. Resume: One page resume. Please consult with the GVSU Career Services for lay-out and design ideas if, needed.
4. Student Photo: Submit 1 picture (hard copy only) of yourself along with your application packet.
5. Due Date: **Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011 for early consideration and until Friday August 19<sup>th</sup> for regular consideration. Submit packets to School of Social Work, 391C DeVos Center, Attention: Scott Berlin.**

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**I. Identifying Information**

Name of Student

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(Last)

(First)

(Middle Initial)

Student G Number: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

Permanent Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your class standing: FR\_\_\_\_\_ SO\_\_\_\_\_ JR\_\_\_\_\_ SR\_\_\_\_\_

Questions with an asterisk (\*) are optional.

## **II. Student Academic Records**

All applicants' academic records will be provided directly from the College of Community and Public Service Advising Center. **It is not necessary for you** to provide any academic records in this application packet.

## **III. Other Comments**

Additional comments you may wish to make.

## **VI. Validation**

I certify that all of the information given in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that this application will be used to determine my acceptance to the Bachelors of Social Work Program. I understand that this information will be shared with faculty of the School of Social Work. I agree to the release of information from my academic file for the purpose of School of Social Work matters.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please submit 1 hard copy of the Bachelors of Social Work Candidacy Application packet to the School of Social Work office at:**

**School of Social Work - BSW Program  
401 W. Fulton ST., Suite 391C  
Grand Rapids, MI 49504**

- **Email-copy of the application package should be sent to: [bsw@gvsu.edu](mailto:bsw@gvsu.edu)**
- **Please type the write "BSW Candidacy" under your email's subject line.**
- **Signature is not required on the electronic submission of your application packet.**

**For Official Response Only**

Release Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Grades Checked \_\_\_\_\_ Personal Statement \_\_\_\_\_

Application Reviewed on \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

Candidacy Recommendation: Full: \_\_\_\_ Provisional: \_\_\_\_ Interview: \_\_\_\_ Denied: \_\_\_\_

Comments: