 <p>GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK</p>	<p>BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK Candidacy Application</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 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 due **Friday, January 26, 2018 at 5pm**. The information is to be submitted to the School of Social Work office in its entirety. There is a locked box in the department to drop off completed applications

List of Requirements

1. Application: Please provide a typed response to each question of the application.
2. Personal Statement: Your personal statement should be no more than 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. After reviewing the NASW Code of Ethics (click link below application to read), describe the assets or qualities you believe you bring to the social work profession that will demonstrate behavior that is consistent with the NASW Code of Ethics
3. Resume: One page resume. Please consult with the GVSU Career Services for lay-out and design ideas if needed.
4. Due Date: **Friday, January 26, 2018 by 5pm submitted to address below.**

**School of Social Work - BSW Program
Attn: Michelle Hodde
401 W Fulton St Suite 391C
Grand Rapids, MI 49504**

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I. Identifying Information

Name of Student

(Last)

(First)

(Middle Initial)

Student G Number:

Local Address:

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

Permanent Address:

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

Telephone:

Cell Phone:

Email:

Did you transfer to Grand Valley State University? YES

NO

If so, what semester did you (or do you plan to) start at GVSU?

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.

If you plan to complete classes during the summer, please list them here as well as where you plan to take them:

III. Background Checks

As part of field education, field education sites often require students to complete criminal background and child abuse clearances before securing an internship placement. Please indicate if you have a felony or misdemeanor conviction, pending criminal charges, or are on the central registry with the State of Michigan. As an affirmative answer to either of these may impact potential placements for field education, we may contact you for additional information for this purpose. An affirmative response does not necessarily preclude achieving candidacy status in the Bachelor of Social Work program.

Felony or Misdemeanor Conviction/Pending Criminal Charges: Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor or do you have criminal charges that are pending?

Yes No

Central Registry through the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. Names of individuals are placed on the statewide Child Abuse and Neglect Central Registry if there is a preponderance of evidence that the individual has abused or neglected their child and the future risk to the child is high or intensive (based on the structured decision making risk assessment tool). http://www.michigan.gov/dhs/0,4562,7-124-7119_50648_48330-159490--,00.html To your knowledge are you currently on the central registry?

Yes No

IV. Other Comments

Additional comments you may wish to make.

V. 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:

Professional Expectations for Social Work Students

Students in the School of Social Work are required to adhere to the following expectations, which are linked to their ability to become effective social work professionals. Students in the School of Social Work are expected to:

1. Maintain an acceptable total institutional GPA (2.5 in the undergraduate program).
2. Successfully complete prerequisites for social work courses.
3. Demonstrate honesty and integrity by being truthful about background, experiences, and qualifications; doing one's own work; and refrain from plagiarizing.
4. Demonstrate behavior that is consistent with the NASW Code of Ethics and other social work Codes of Ethics, as applicable, the University's Student Handbook and established laws both on and off campus.
5. Demonstrate behavior that is consistent with professional standards of care in agency settings, to include reporting to agencies on time, properly dressed, and ready to provide service to the organization and its clients.
6. Demonstrate responsibility in classroom obligations, i.e., consistent and timely attendance in classes and at agencies, complete assignments within time frames given, appropriate conduct in the classroom, and following up on recommendations of instructors for skill improvement.
7. Demonstrate respectful attitudes, appropriate behavior, and effective interpersonal skills in interactions with peers, faculty, University and agency staff, and clients. Students should also use appropriate channels for resolving conflicts.
8. Refrain from attending class or agency settings under the influence of alcohol or other mood altering substances, except where medication is deemed necessary by a licensed physician.
9. Exhibit behavior that demonstrates respect for and avoids discrimination against any person, group, or class on the basis of age, class, color, disability, ethnicity, gender, marital status, national origin, race, religion, and/or sexual orientation.
10. Demonstrate clear, appropriate and culturally sensitive boundaries. Refrain from sexually harassing others; making verbal or physical threats; becoming involved in sexual relations with clients, supervisors, or faculty; abusing others in physical, emotional, verbal, or sexual ways; or participating in dual relationships where conflicts of interest may exist.

I hereby agree to abide by the expectations outlined in this document. I understand that adherence to these expectations may be required for continuation in the School of Social Work. Disciplinary sanctions for violations of these expectations will be considered including, but not limited to dismissal from the BSW Program.

Signature of Student

Date

Print Name

Please submit a printed copy of the Bachelor of Social Work Candidacy Application packet to the School of Social Work office at:

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