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B.S.W. Degree Program Admission Criteria Checklist

1. Complete an application.

2. Submit a resume.

3. Complete SOC 2213 Intro to Sociology, PSY 1 1013 Intro to Psychology,  ENGL 1013 Composition I, ENGL 1023 Composition II, and CIS 2223 Microcomputer Application & SWK 2123 (Introduction to Social Work)

4. Have a 2.00 cumulative GPA as identified on a UAM transcript.

5. Have a 2.5 cumulative GPA in social work courses. (Only social work courses with a C or better will count towards completion of the BSW)

6. Have completed at least twenty hours of volunteer service with a social or human service agency.

7. Submit a personal narrative of at least eight pages of content (not including title page or any reference pages) that covers the following:

   a. Your understanding of the social work profession, including its historical development, the NASW Code of Ethics and its purpose, the profession’s mission and values, and how the profession differs from sociology, psychology, psychiatry and counseling.

   b. How do you personally feel about the core values listed in the NASW Code of Ethics? Is there any value with which you have any particular difficulty? What influence, if any, has the Code of Ethics had on your decision-making in the past? Give at least one example of this. How do think you can apply the Code of Ethics in your decision-making process in the future?

   c. Discuss why you want to enter the social work profession. Include in this a discussion the following: what drew you to the profession, any personal experiences you have had with social workers, what specific aspect of the social work profession do you most strongly identify with (for example, you may see yourself as a natural advocate, or you are drawn to policy).

   d. What populations are you most interested in working with? Is there a population with which you would prefer not to work? Why would you not want to work with this population? Are you aware of any personal characteristics or experiences that contribute to your hesitancy to work with this population?

   e. Discuss what the ecological paradigm (person-in-environment perspective and biopsychosocial approach to clients) means to you. What is your understanding of generalist social work practice?
f. Discuss three of your personal strengths and three of your weaknesses. How will your strengths help you become a professional social worker? How do you plan to overcome your weaknesses to become a social worker?

g. What is your understanding of the importance of self-care for professional social workers? Do you currently have a self-care plan? If so, what is it?

h. Discuss your future goals as a professional (for example, graduate school or social work employment). How do you see your social work career path unfolding, and what is your life-long learning plan?

8. Two letters of reference. These must be either academic or work-related references.

9. Be willing to consent to a criminal background check if instructed to do so.

10. Complete an interview with social work faculty.

Human Service/Social Service Work and/or Volunteer Experiences
(Be sure to list your required 20 hours of human or social service volunteer experience.)

NOTE: Your time sheet(s) and volunteer experience evaluation form is required and must accompany this application

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Criminal History

Have you ever been charged with, have a pending charge, or ever been convicted or plead guilty to a:

- Felony __________ Yes __________ No
- Class A or B Misdemeanor __________ Yes __________ No
- Class C Misdemeanor (Other than Traffic Tickets) __________ Yes __________ No

Please explain any pending charge(s) or the final disposition of charges including dates.
NOTE: Revealing any criminal history does not automatically disqualify you from being accepted as a B.S.W. degree program student, but failing to reveal such experiences constitutes a violation of the NASW Code of Ethics and may be grounds for termination from the B.S.W. degree program. You have an obligation to report any changes in your criminal history to the Department of Social Work’s Director within one week of the change. **You should be aware that a criminal record may not disqualify you from being accepted into the B.S.W. degree program, but may disqualify you from certain field practicum opportunities, licensure, and/or some employment opportunities.** It is **your responsibility** to determine if any criminal history will disqualify you from licensure or any employment opportunities. Additionally, you should be aware that agencies may require a background check for social work interns or new hires at their discretion. You will bear any costs associated with such background checks that may be requested by agencies. X

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Demographic Information
(This information is needed for the Council on Social Work Education and for program planning. It is not mandatory that you complete this information; however, your doing so will be greatly appreciated).

Gender:  _____ Male
          _____ Female

Financial Aid:  _____ Yes
                   _____ No

Ethnicity:  _____ Anglo American/Caucasian
           _____ Hispanic American/Latino
           _____ African American
           _____ Native American/American Indian
           _____ Asian American/Pacific Islander
           _____ Other, Please Specify: _____

Classification at the University of Arkansas at Monticello:

           _____ Freshman
           _____ Sophomore
           _____ Junior
           _____ Senior

Marital Status:  _____ Never Married
                  _____ Married
                  _____ Divorced
                  _____ Widowed

Work Status:  _____ Full-Time  Number of Hours Working Per Week:  _________
            =______ Part-Time  Number of Hours Working Per Week:  _________
            =____________ = Not Employed
Student Agreement (STUDENTS MUST INITIAL EACH ITEM BELOW)

1. ______ I understand that the B.S.W. degree program at the University of Arkansas at Monticello received Full Accreditation Status with the Council on Social Work Education starting in 2000 (http://www.cswe.org/Accreditation/organizations/18910.aspx) through October 2013. The program is presently pursuing reaffirmation with the CSWE.

2. ______ I agree to adhere to the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Code of Ethics.

3. ______ I agree to adhere to the University of Arkansas at Monticello’s Academic Code of Conduct and other policies found in the UAM Student Handbook: http://www.uamont.edu/pdf/Student%20Handbook.pdf.

4. ______ I agree to join the NASW as a B.S.W. student member as soon as I gain acceptance into the B.S.W. degree program, and remain a current student member until I graduate the B.S.W. degree program.

5. ______ I understand and agree to obtain student liability insurance at the 1,000,000/3,000,000 level at my own expense when instructed to do so by the Social Work Field Education Director.

6. ______ I understand that I must be advised by a social work faculty member prior to registration for each semester.

7. ______ I agree to attend all mandatory student orientation sessions and other mandatory meetings required by the social work faculty (date and time to be announced).

8. ______ I understand that I may be dismissed from the B.S.W. degree program by the Department of Social Work’s Director for a violation of the NASW Code of Ethics, policies and procedures found in the UAM Student Handbook, repeated occurrences of unprofessional performance, or a failure to fulfill any items in this student agreement.

________________________________________________________________________
Student Name (Printed)                                                  Date
________________________________________________________________________
Student Signature

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