

**Austin Peay State University
Department of Social Work**

Application for Admission to the Program

Please type or print neatly using black ink.

Date: _____

Name: _____ Banner ID #: A _____

Mailing Address: _____ Phone: _____

City State Zip

APSU Student Email Address: _____

Gender: _____ Race; Ethnic Origin _____ Traditional/Non-Traditional Student: _____
(This information is not required but is requested in order to provide statistics to the Council on Social Work Education)

Advisor: _____

Do you drive? _____ Do you have a car available for field practice? _____

Are you presently working? _____ How many hours per week? _____
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Overall GPA: _____ (Minimum Overall GPA of 2.0 is required.)

Total semester hours earned by the end of the current semester: _____

List the social work courses you have taken including the grade you received in each course:

Personal Statement

The personal statement is designed to encourage honest and critical self-assessment and introspection. Social work values and ethics are critical guides to professional conduct and are important considerations in admission to the program. In your personal statement:

- 1) Discuss personal values and important life experiences that shaped who you are today.
- 2) Describe chronologically your volunteer/community service experiences and work experience relevant to social work.
- 3) Explain your interest in social work and how it developed.
- 4) Relate personal qualities which equip you for the social work profession as well as areas needing further development.

Communication effectively both orally and in writing is a crucial component of social work practice. Your statement will be reviewed with this in mind. Commitment to the goals and process of social work is also an important factor in the review of your application.

Word process your personal statement and attach to the application form. Save your personal statement to disk for later inclusion in your social work portfolio.

National Association of Social Workers *Code of Ethics* Statement

I hereby declare that I have read the *Code of Ethics* and promise to adhere to them as a social work major and future social worker.

Signature

Date

Honor Statement

I understand that to be a professional social worker, I must be honest and will conform my academic behavior to a standard of honesty. I will not lie, cheat, or plagiarize in my academic work. I understand that if I violate this pledge I may be terminated from the Social Work Program.

Signature

Date

Students are asked for voluntary disclosure of the following:

- Current alcohol and/or chemical dependency issues
- Current emotional problems and/or mental illness issues
- Conviction of any felony

Admission to the social work program differs from admission to other traditional academic majors in several ways. Because of the nature of social work and the potential to do harm, students are carefully selected to ensure that they possess appropriate attributes, skills and values to be successful in the program.

The NASW *Code of Ethics* stipulates that:

“Social workers should not allow their own personal problems, psychosocial distress, legal problems, substance abuse, or mental health difficulties to interfere with their professional judgment and performance or to jeopardize the best interests of people for whom they are professionally responsible. Further, social workers whose personal problems, psychosocial distress, legal problems, substance abuse, or mental health difficulties interfere with their professional judgment and performance should immediately seek consultation and take appropriate remedial action by seeking professional help, making adjustments in workload, terminating practice or taking any steps necessary to protect clients and others.”
(*Code of Ethics 4.05*)

This does not by any means disqualify anyone who has personal difficulties. Everyone experiences personal difficulties. It is the handling of those personal difficulties in a professionally responsible manner that is at issue.

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GPA: _____ Date: _____

Number of Credit Hours Earned: _____ Action Taken: _____

Grades in Social Work Classes: _____

Confidentiality Statement:

Members of the Admissions Committee do hereby commit to maintaining confidentiality as prescribed by the NASW *Code of Ethics*. Applications will be appropriately secured.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____