



MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

All application requirements must be submitted before your application can be reviewed.

Generalist Two Year Program Application

- An earned baccalaureate degree from a college or university accredited by a recognized regional accrediting organization
- Have a 2.5 or higher overall grade point average and 2.75-grade point average in the last 60 hours (provisional acceptance for applicants with lower GPAs will be considered on an individual basis);
- Submit three letters of reference (two from the student's academic program and the third from someone who knows the candidate well, preferably in a work or volunteer setting and is/was in a supervisory role with the candidate);

Advanced One Year Program Application

- Have an earned baccalaureate degree in social work from an accredited CSWE BSW program at a four-year institution no more than seven years before initial enrollment in the MSW Program;
- Have a 2.75 or higher overall grade point average and a 3.0-grade point average in the social work classes (in rare cases, a conditional status may be granted; this will be determined on a case-by-case basis by recommendation of reviewing faculty and consequently, the program director);
- Indicate Advanced Standing on the application;
- Submit three letters of reference (two from the student's academic program including one from a social work faculty member and one from the undergraduate faculty field supervisor; the third reference from either the agency field instructor or an employer/supervisor);

Requirements for Both Generalist and Advanced Applications

- Submit **ALL** official transcripts from **ALL** institutions attended
 - Can be emailed to masters@concord.edu or mailed to the following:

Admissions-MSW Program
PO Box 1000, D-127
Athens, WV 24712

- Please provide us with a personal statement addressing the areas identified below. Preparation of this material will help you reflect and better define your professional social work education plans. It will also allow us to know something about you and help us assess your potential and readiness for graduate education and the social work profession. Be mindful of your grammar, spelling, and syntax.
 - The personal statement should be double-spaced and typed, be 4-6 pages in length, include your name on each page, and number your answers (e.g., 1., 2., etc.). Your personal statement should address the following:
 1. What key life experiences have led you to select social work as a profession? In what ways do you think your experiences have prepared you for this profession?
 2. Describe briefly some of the major social issues and problems you are particularly concerned about within your community and country. Include your perception of the role of social workers in dealing with these issues and problems.
 3. What, if any, are your long-range professional goals? What work do you see yourself doing and where do you see yourself practicing after graduation? (What community? What agency/service? What population? What issues?)
 4. Have you worked or volunteered in a human service agency? How would you describe that experience? If you have not had any work experience in human services, describe your interest and participation in community activities or college activities that illustrate how you have been personally involved with people. Specify your duties and responsibilities.
 5. Why is the Concord University MSW online program of particular interest to you?
 6. A fully online graduate program can create unique challenges and opportunities for students. Describe the prior experience you have with online learning. Additionally, briefly describe your academic success strategies, including personal time management, interactions with faculty and other students, and faculty advisement.
- Provide payment of the application fee (\$30); and
- Although not required, applicants may submit a resume of work and related volunteer experience.

Other information:

- The GRE is *not* required.