

BASW Program Admission Application

Social Work Professionalism and Ethics Agreement

1. BASW Program Markers of Professional Behavior - Becoming a social worker is a process that begins upon entrance into the School of Social Work. Students are expected to commit to learning and modeling professional social work behavior, values, and ethics in the classroom, field education, campus events and beyond. Failure to demonstrate the markers of professional behavior may impede your progress in the program and may result in actions up to and including termination from the program. This differs from the academic review process in that it is not based on academic markers, but those that are necessary for professional development and behavior as a social work professional.

Markers of professional behavior include but are not limited to:

1. Treating your classmates as colleagues and extending professional communication, respect, value for diversity.
2. Timeliness in meeting deadlines for coursework, program requests and field education.
3. Understanding how excessive leaves and absences impact learning, relationships and work with clients.
4. Being on time and prioritizing responsibilities.
5. Practicing healthy work/life balance. Social work students should display an ability to deal with life stressors effectively, using proper self-care skills and advocacy skills with their colleagues, peers and others.
6. Being proactive in seeking out help and assistance prior to a deadline or a medical or emotional issue interfering with performance.
7. Utilizing effective and timely communication skills.
8. Accessing supportive MSU services when needed (i.e.,: RCPD, Counseling Center, Olin Health Center)
9. Exploring and understanding how one's own values, belief systems and past experiences impact work as a social worker, class assignments and activities.
10. Adhering to classroom expectations as outlined in course syllabi.
11. Displaying proper ethics and boundaries in and out of the classroom.
12. Proper and ethical use of social media and social networking, maintaining the guidelines of confidentiality at all times when writing about class experiences, field work, volunteer work or agency information.

2. Social Work Ethics and Values - The expectation of professional behavior is grounded in the NASW Code of Ethics. Please review the Code of Ethics <https://www.socialworkers.org/pubs/code/code.asp> at this time.

Statement of Agreement

I have reviewed the BASW Program Markers for Professional Behavior and the NASW Code of Ethics. I understand that failure to demonstrate the markers of professional behavior and/or social work values and ethics may impede my progress in the program and may result in actions up to and including termination from the program. I understand that this differs from the academic review process in that it is not based on academic markers, but those that are necessary for professional development and behavior as a social work professional and show my readiness for work in the field.

Date

Name