**STUDENT PERSONAL STATEMENT AND ESSAY QUESTIONS -** As part of your BASW Program Admission Application, please answer the questions below. This is a critical part of your application. Consider it your opportunity to communicate with the Admission Committee about yourself and your interest in social work. Review your answers carefully and make sure that you fully address each question prompt. *Social Work is a writing intensive discipline. Make sure you edit your answers and ensure they reflect your skills as a writer.* We will b evaluating your wiring for potential success in the social work curriculum.

**IMPORTANT NOTES ON FORMAT**

Please answer all 5 questions in one document. Please note the length guidelines for each question. Please answer the questions in the order they are listed and use headings to separate your responses. Begin that section of your paper with the question number you are answering. Use APA style for your essay (12pt font, 1-inch margins, double spaced).

When completed, you **MUST save your file as a PDF**. This is the only file format that can be uploaded. To do this in your word document, navigate to the file tab. Select “SAVE AS” once you select the location for your document to be saved, save file name **LASTNAME-Admit-Essay** and select the file type from the dropdown as **PDF.** The filename should now be LASTNAME-Admit-Essay.PDF

**5 Essay Question Prompts and Required Length**

1. **Understanding of Professional Social Work** (Length 1-1.5 pages)

What is your understanding of the social work profession? What makes social work different than other helping professions? What are the structural barriers and social issues social workers address? Provide at least two clear examples of the ways in which social workers address these challenges.

1. **Motivation for Social Work** (Length 1-1.5 pages)

What lead you to pursue a major in Social Work? What specific social issues are you passionate about? How do these social issues relate to your future career goals? How will a social work degree help you achieve these goals?

1. **Social Work Values** (Length 1-1.5 pages)

As a future social worker, what do you see as your role in promoting social and racial justice? Why are these essential to social work practice? How will your own identities influence your work (strengths and challenges) in this area?

1. **Social Work Professionalism** (Length 1.5 - 2 pages)

For this prompt you will need to review and reflect on the professional markers listed in the *Social Work Professionalism and Ethics Agreement* provided in the application materials.

1. Which two markers do you identify as current strengths? Describe how you have demonstrated these strengths so far and how will continue to build on them during your time in the program.
2. Next, identify two markers you see as opportunities for growth. How might these areas impact your social work education, and what specific steps will you take to grow and address these challenges?

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1. **Academic Journey** (Length as much space as needed)
2. We know everyone has a unique academic journey to completing an undergraduate degree. Do you believe your current GPA accurately reflects your ability to successfully complete the BASW Degree? Please explain.
3. What challenges and successes have you had in taking the seven prerequisites for the program?
4. What strengths have you demonstrated in your academic journey so far? What limitations might you need to address to be successful in completing your undergraduate studies? How will you go about addressing those to ensure your success?