

STATEWIDE BLENDED ADVANCED STANDING MSW PROGRAM

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FORM

A. Documentation and affirmations required before your application can be reviewed.

MILEAGE – To be eligible for the program, applicants must live more than 30 miles from the East Lansing, Oakland and Mid-Michigan program locations, and if out-of-state, within 50 miles of the Michigan border. Please indicate below the distance from your residence to the East Lansing, Oakland and Mid-Michigan program locations using Mapquest. (Please upload copies of the printouts documenting the distances.)

Miles from your residence to Michigan State University, 655 Auditorium Rd., East Lansing, MI 48824

_____ miles

Miles from your residence to Oakland University, 2200 N. Squirrel Rd., Rochester, MI 48309.

_____ miles

Miles from your residence to Mott Community College, Northern Tier Center, 4082 W Vienna Rd, Clio, MI

_____ miles

Michigan Resident: Yes No → _____ miles from Michigan border

HIGH SPEED INTERNET ACCESS – Applicants must have easy access to high speed Internet service on a regular basis. Homework, assignments, etc. will frequently require work at night and on weekends. Without easy access, it will not be possible to manage course requirements and complete the program. If you meet this requirement, please initial the statement below.

_____ Yes, I have easy access to high speed Internet service on a regular basis.

QUIET WORKSPACE FOR VIDEOCONFERENCE SESSIONS – Applicants must have a quiet workspace without distractions designated for the monthly videoconference sessions that will occur during the second year of the program. These videoconference sessions should be treated as formal class sessions, which means no children, partners, background music/television, etc. If you can commit to this requirement, please initial the statement below.

_____ Yes, I have a quiet workspace with no distractions for the videoconference sessions.

ATTENDANCE AT ALL REQUIRED SESSIONS – Applicants must be able to participate in ALL of the following required activities:

- 1) Face-to-face orientation/instruction during one-week intensive MSW Summer Institute on the MSU campus in East Lansing each summer for two years (generally mid-August)
- 2) Online coursework during all six semesters of the program (courses during the Fall and Spring semesters of the first year of the program are entirely online; during the second year of the program, courses will have a synchronous videoconference requirement – see #3 below)
- 3) Videoconference sessions one Saturday per month during Fall and Spring semesters of the second year of the program – attendance is mandatory and points will be deducted for absences
- 4) Considerable time in the online environment (averaging 8-12 hours per week per course) every fall, spring, and summer semesters for two years to complete academic courses
- 5) Active participation in a field agency (guided by a learning contract) for two days a week during normal business hours for 2½ semesters during the second year of the program

If you are able to commit to these activities, please initial the statement affirming this.

_____ Yes, I am able to commit to ALL of these instructional activities

B. Affirmations required for Phase 2.

If all of these requirements are met and the application is complete, it will first be reviewed according to normal admissions review procedures established by the School of Social Work. If the application meets the general requirements for admission to the MSW program, applicants will receive information concerning the Phase 2 requirements for the Statewide Blended Program.

ONLINE LEARNING COURSE – A considerable component of the academic work of the program will be delivered in an online course management system. To insure that applicants are aware of, and prepared for, the online learning environment, in Phase 2 applicants will be required to complete a free orientation on how to learn effectively in the online environment. Information about the orientation will be provided to applicants who are deemed admissible to the MSW program by the admissions committee. Failure to complete this online learning course within the time allotted (2 weeks) will result in the application to the Statewide Blended Program being sent back to the admissions committee. If you are able to commit to completing this orientation, please initial the statement below.

_____ Yes, I am able to commit to a free online learning orientation prepared by the School, and I will do this within the time specified in the e-mail notification.

PERSONAL INTERVIEW – Applicants must be willing to participate in a personal interview (if requested). When the School has verified that the online orientation has been completed, the applicant may be contacted for a personal interview if any questions regarding fit with the program remain. These interviews will be conducted via Zoom videoconference software; applicants will NOT have to travel to campus. If you are willing to participate in a personal interview, please initial the statement below.

_____ **Yes, I am willing and able to participate in a personal interview**

Thank you for providing the information and committing to the relevant expectations. Be sure to upload this this form to the Student Portal as part of your complete application. Incomplete applications will not be forwarded for review.

Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____