Admission Requirements for MSW Program

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Information related to the 2014 admissions process will be updated online by September, 2013. All dates, requirements, fees, etc. are subject to change. Applicants are required to (1) complete the Graduate School application and pay the $85 fee, (2) submit all required documents electronically, and (3) submit official Graduate Record Exam (GRE) test scores. Prior to applying, please check our website at http://ssw.unc.edu/ for the most up-to-date instructions and any changes to the application process.

Applicants can apply to only one social work program per year. All required documents MUST be received by the application deadlines noted below for the program in which you are applying.

January 14, 2014 – TENTATIVE MSW Application Deadline for Full-time Programs:
- Advanced Standing Program (for BSW’s) - 12-month program enrolling in May, 2014, in Chapel Hill
- Full-time Program - 2 academic years enrolling in Aug., 2014, in Chapel Hill

February 11, 2014 – TENTATIVE MSW Application Deadline for 3 Year Distance Education programs:
- Triangle Distance Education Program - 3 academic years enrolling in Aug., 2014, in Chapel Hill
- Winston-Salem Distance Education Program - 3 academic years enrolling in Aug., 2014, in Winston-Salem

We encourage all applicants to apply early! If Full-time applicants would like to be considered for the University Merit Assistantship or the Weiss Urban Livability Masters Fellowship, those applications should be submitted by December 10, 2013.

Application Requirements
For complete admission requirements and guidelines for the personal narrative, resume and recommendation letters, please visit our website at http://ssw.unc.edu/admissions/masters/apply_now . The following documents are required:

To be received electronically by The Graduate School Admissions Office
- The Graduate School application (online at www.gradschool.unc.edu )
- Application fee of $85 (paid online)
- An unofficial copy of all transcripts (official transcripts will be needed if offer of admission is made)
- Official GRE scores
- Personal narrative
- Resume
- Minimum of three (3) letters of recommendation (one should be an academic reference if applicant has attended school within the last five years)
- Interviews are required for all distance education and international applicants.

Please turn over for more details regarding Advanced Standing, 3-year Distance Education and international applicants, as well as Residency and GRE information.
If applying to a Distance Education program:
- One-page response to questions about your employment and communication with your employer about arrangements for time away from work.
- Interviews are required for all distance education applicants.

If applying to an Advanced Standing program:
- Recommendation letter from BSW program director or field education director
- If an Advanced Standing applicant has been out of school for more than seven (7) years, prior to submitting a formal Graduate School application, the applicant must complete a supplemental form describing their social work experience and continuing education activities in order to be considered for Advanced Standing. Please contact the SSW Admissions office for more information.
- Copy of final undergraduate field instructor’s evaluation of BSW placement will be needed if offer of admission is made.

If applying as an international applicant:
- Financial Certificate and supporting documents
- TOEFL scores
- Interviews are required for all international applicants

**GRE Requirements**: A Graduate Record Exam (GRE) score is required for admission. The GRE General Test must be taken within five years of application and should be taken early enough so that the scores will reach us by the application deadline. In addition to the verbal and quantitative sections, the analytical writing section is also reviewed. The computer-based version of the GRE is administered by most Sylvan Learning Centers nationwide.

Applicants that have obtained a JD or doctorate degree may request a waiver of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) requirement. They must submit a written request that provides details of their education and work experience; applicants must attach their current resume and a copy of their academic transcripts to the waiver request. Waiver requests must be submitted by **December 1st** in writing to the School of Social Work:

UNC Chapel Hill SSW
325 Pittsboro St., CB 3550
Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3550

Applicants who submit a GRE waiver request after **December 1st** risk not having adequate time to take the GRE if their request is denied. For more information on the GRE waiver policy, please visit [http://ssw.unc.edu/admissions/masters/apply_now](http://ssw.unc.edu/admissions/masters/apply_now).

**Note about Residency**: Any student admitted to and enrolled in a graduate degree program administered through The Graduate School, with an “undetermined” or “nonresident” status who wishes to be considered for in-state residency status for tuition purposes must complete a North Carolina Residency application. Paper residency applications are not accepted; you must apply online. For more North Carolina residency information, application instructions and filing deadlines, visit [http://gradschool.unc.edu/studentlife/resources/residency](http://gradschool.unc.edu/studentlife/resources/residency).