

Requesting Approval to Apply for the Advanced Standing Program

If you completed your BSW more than seven years ago, you must request approval to be considered for the Advanced Standing MSW Program.

Applicants must submit a written request that provides a detailed account of their (a) professional social work experiences since graduation from their BSW program, (b) relevant trainings and continuing education workshops, (c) involvement in relevant professional social work activities, and (d) reasons for seeking admission to the MSW Advanced Standing program rather than the 2-year Full-time or 3-year Distance Education MSW Programs. In addition, applicants must submit their current CV or resume and academic transcripts (unofficial copies are acceptable); please attach these documents to the written statement.

The information provided will assist us in determining your eligibility for entering the UNC Chapel Hill School of Social Work as an Advanced Standing student. If your request is denied for consideration for the Advanced Standing Program, you may apply for the Full-time or the Traditional Distance Education Program. (Applicants may only apply to one program per year.)

Requests must be submitted by email or mail prior to completing your MSW application and sent to:

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