

## **GUIDELINES FOR PREPARING YOUR PERSONAL STATEMENT**

### **Instructions:**

Your statement should address each of the areas listed below. Your Personal Statement should be typed and no longer than one page per prompt, double-spaced. Please answer each of the questions in the order given. Use of headings/subheadings is strongly encouraged.

1. What is your motivation for becoming a social worker? Please share any relevant work, volunteer, or life experiences.
2. What are your career goals and how will your strengths and limitations impact these goals?
3. What is your understanding of the influence of white supremacy, power, and oppression in our society? How do you intend to use your opportunities and resources to further the social work profession's commitment to social justice and the dignity and worth of the person?
4. Indicate any areas of social work practice, demographics, or issues where you would not feel comfortable working, as well as how you would address this discomfort.
5. *Optional:* Please include any additional information you believe to be relevant to your application for admission to the BSW Professional Core.

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