

You may apply to the MSW Program in the School of Social Work at Portland State University by submitting a single application online. All application materials, resume, reference information, and statement of purpose, must be submitted electronically. You will want to have all of the materials prepared and ready when submitting the application online.

Program Option

- Choose one program option to apply to.
- Portland and Online students must also choose between doing the program in 2 years (full-time) or 3 years (part-time)

Employment and Experience

- Record all employment and experience directly in the application form (do not rely solely on the attached résumé).
- Click “Add Another Employer” as many times as needed to reflect all experience.

Résumé

- Document prior work and volunteer experience in social services on your résumé.

Recommendations

- Submit email addresses for three references in the application. Emails will go out after you hit the “Send to Recommender” button in the application.
- Inform recommenders they only need to complete the questionnaire link that will be sent to them via email; a separate letter is not required.
- Verify recommenders are from work, educational, or volunteer experiences (do not use relatives, therapists, or personal friends).
- Ensure at least one reference can speak to your ability to handle graduate-level academic work.

Statement of Purpose

- Write a short essay, between 250 (minimum) and 300 (maximum) words, for each of the four prompts.
- All questions and instructions are found [here](#)
- Include a reference page for questions 3 and 4.

Other Application Requirements

- [Transcripts](#): Unofficial transcripts are accepted at the time of application. If an admissions offer is made, official transcripts will be required to start the program.
- [English proficiency](#): Applicants with bachelor’s degrees from outside the US will need to demonstrate English proficiency
- Minimum GPA requirement: For regular admission, applicants must have a minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of 2.75 or the equivalent of a graduate GPA of 3.0.