



Personal Statement Requirements

In the Program Documents section of SocialWorkCAS, please upload a PDF of your personal statement that fully discusses the questions below. Paste each question into your document and then provide your response below the question. Your statement and each question do not require an introduction and conclusion. Your statement should not exceed 6 pages in length and formatted using page numbers, a 12pt Times New Roman font, double-spacing and one inch margins.

1. What are your objectives for studying social work? What are your long-range professional goals? What work do you see yourself doing and where do you see yourself practicing social work five years from now?
2. Describe briefly some of the major social issues and problems that you are particularly concerned with in your community and country. Include your perception of the role of social workers in dealing with these issues and problems.
3. Discuss your views on the importance of cultural & social diversity in social work practice. Elaborate on experiences that you have had working with diverse populations. Describe the impact that you believe these experiences will have on your practice as a professional social worker.
4. If you have worked or volunteered in a human service agency, describe one case or experience that you feel illustrates the type of work you did. If you have not had any work experience in the area of human services, describe your interest and participation in activities in the community or in college that illustrate how you have been personally involved with people. Specify your duties and responsibilities. *Please protect client confidentiality.*
5. Why is the Thompson School of Social Work & Public Health at the University of Hawai'i of particular interest to you?