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Advanced Standing for BSW Graduates Application for Admission Insert 2012

Applicants with a Bachelor's degree in Social Work (BSW) who have graduated from a CSWE accredited BSW program within the last five years can apply for the three semester, 12 month Advanced Standing Program. The program includes a 3 day per week field placement from September to August (13 credits) and 24 credits of advanced coursework.

Admissions Requirements:

- A BSW from a CSWE accredited program.
- A minimum grade of "B" in all B.S.W. course work.
- An overall GPA of 3.3.
- Completion of a clinically focused internship supervised by a MSW.
- Completion of the BSW within the last 5 years.

Please submit a completed application file which includes:

- All admission material for the MSW degree.
- One recommendation from the MSW supervisor of your BSW field placement (of the three required letters). **Recommendation forms for Advanced Standing Program are online at: <http://www.simmons.edu/ssw/admission/forms.shtml>**
- An addendum to your statement of professional and educational intent addressing B.S.W. learning and future learning goals.
- A copy of your most recent BSW field evaluation.

Recommendations:

The MSW application requires three letters of recommendation. For Advanced Standing applicants one of the three letters of recommendation must be from the MSW supervisor of a BSW internship. The letter should address the applicant's readiness for an advanced clinical internship.

Note: Applicants who have been employed in a clinical social work position for a minimum of 1 year post BSW, may submit a letter of reference from an MSW employment supervisor.

Advanced Standing Essay:

In addition to your statement of professional and educational intent please include a 2-3 page, double spaced, summary of your learning in your BSW internship. This should include:

- The social work models and approaches you utilized.
- A discussion of a case example in which you used theory to facilitate your understanding of the case and guide an intervention or develop a treatment plan.
- A self assessment of your learning to date, a statement of your learning goals and the challenges you anticipate encountering in an advanced clinical placement.

Field Placement Evaluation:

Please send a copy of your most recent field placement evaluation prior to the application deadline. *Your application folder will be incomplete without it.*

**** If all of your supplemental Advanced Standing materials are not included in your admissions packet, please explain in a letter what is not included, why and when we can expect to receive the missing materials. ****

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