

School of Social Work (SSW) Admissions Questions/ Prompts

Statements should not exceed 6 typed, double-spaced pages. Please make sure that each section is properly identified and fully addressed.

Discussion of personal, educational and professional choice of social work as a profession and potential leader in the profession

Social work is a value laden, and justice-oriented profession that seeks to address the needs of historically marginalized, minoritized and oppressed groups.

- A. Discuss your educational/professional and personal history and your desire to pursue a graduate degree in social work.
- B. In this, please address how your leadership or volunteer experiences have shaped your paradigm/worldview in working with individuals, groups or communities.

Plans to advance Master of Social Work (MSW) in future goals and fit within Dominican's Social Work program

- A. Please discuss how your experiences, life challenges and life achievements have contributed to your understanding of social work and how you may contribute to the growing demands of the profession.
- B. Discuss your career goals: what you expect to be doing in five years and ten years. If you are interested in a particular track, please address why. If Not Sure/Still Deciding, please discuss your general interest in practice area or population served.

Commitment to Diversity, Justice and Human Rights

Being a culturally relevant and humble social worker entails critical self-reflection and an acknowledgement of the intersecting identities that each individual navigates. Dominican University's School of Social Work grounds its curriculum in issues of diversity, justice, human rights, and culturally appropriate practice.

- A. What does a commitment to these principles mean to you and how do you intend on engaging in this work in your social work career?

Understanding and awareness of social problem

Social workers are at the forefront of society's most pressing social, economic and political issues. The versatility of the profession enables social workers to address social problems from a unique lens. In this, please address

- A. A social problem or issue that you would like to address on a micro, mezzo or macro level (local or global)
- B. How can this issue be best understood from a human rights approach
- C. What would need to be done to address this problem and by whom
- D. What your role might be as a master's level Social Worker in addressing this social problem.