



This writing sample is a vital component of your application. It will be used to evaluate your writing skills as well as your ability to conceptualize and articulate your understanding of social work. This essay will provide the admissions committee with a clear picture of who you are, why you have chosen to enter the social work profession and what motivates you to apply to Widener University's graduate social work program. Please use the following outline to compose your essay, which should be 4-6 pages in length.

**Personal Background** — Describe significant life experiences that have led you to the development of your personality, your values, and your belief systems, and to your decision to pursue a career in social work.

**Career Objectives** — Describe your career aspirations within the field of social work. Explain what you hope to do with your MSW degree, what area of social work you would like to pursue, and what populations you would like to work with through the social work profession.

**Personal Evaluation** — Describe why you think you will make a good clinical social work student as well as an effective social worker. Discuss your readiness for rigorous graduate work, your ability to manage the heavy demands of graduate school with your other personal and professional responsibilities, your strengths and weaknesses, and why you think Widener's graduate social work program is a good fit for you.