



Master of Social Work
University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point

MSW Application Checklist

- 1. Submit University of Wisconsin System Application**
 - a. Pay the \$56 nonrefundable fee
 - b. Order all necessary Official Transcripts (required for the University of Wisconsin System approval)
- 2. Submit UWSP MSW Program Application.**
 - a. Include Resume
 - b. Upload carefully written personal statement
 - c. Identify professional references
- 3. Complete your FAFSA, if applying for Financial Aid**

MSW Program Application Instructions

Prepare to apply to the MSW Program by gathering all documents and information. Please note that **all** materials, including references, must be submitted by the application deadline. You will need the following:

- 1. Contact information**
- 2. Enrollment preference:** Part-Time Regular Standing, Full-Time Regular Standing, Part-Time Advanced Standing, or Full-Time Advanced Standing. *(Note: we are now accepting applications only for Part-Time Regular Standing students who will start Fall 2025. Applications for Part-Time and Full-Time Regular Standing students who wish to start Summer 2026 will be accepted November 1, 2025-March 1, 2026. Applications for all cohorts, including Part-Time and Full-Time Advanced Standing students, who wish to begin in Summer 2027 will be accepted November 1, 2026-March 1, 2027.)*
- 3. Resume (pdf):** Your resume should include your educational background, professional experience, community service experience, and any additional information that is appropriate.
- 4. Personal Statement (pdf):** Your personal statement should be approximately 4-5 pages in length, double-spaced, using Times New Roman font. Your statement **MUST** be in your own words. The use of AI to generate any component of your statement is prohibited. Your answers should build upon information provided in your resume, not repeat it. The following topics should be distinctly addressed:
 - a. What is leading you to pursue a graduate degree in social work? Please discuss the reasons you want to be an advanced practice social worker. Please describe how any internship, employment, volunteer, or other experiences have laid a foundation for your pursuit of this degree. Please discuss your goals as they relate to this career path.
 - b. How will earning an MSW at UWSP allow you to advance equity, inclusivity, and/or social justice? Briefly, yet critically, describe a social issue or problem that is important to you and discuss how pursuing an MSW will help you to address it in your future career. Please also discuss any experiences you have had that will help you to serve clients from diverse backgrounds and to advance equity, inclusivity, and/or social justice.
 - c. What is your understanding of the core social work value “the dignity and worth of the person?” Discuss how your attitudes and values align with this value, as expressed in the NASW Code of Ethics. Describe a situation in which you have reflected this value in your personal or professional life.
- 5. Professional References**
 - a. Provide contact information (name, organization, position/title, relationship, telephone and email address) for two (2) academic/professional references. If you graduated with an undergraduate degree within the past five years, you are strongly encouraged to have an academic reference from a professor or advisor. Other appropriate references include field/internship supervisors, employment supervisors, and other individuals who know you strictly in a professional capacity. References will be asked to rate your strengths and challenges as an aspiring MSW student and advanced practice social worker.
 - b. After receiving your program application, the UWSP MSW Office will email references with instructions on how to complete the reference request and submit a letter of recommendation. Be sure to submit your program application at least 2-3 weeks before the deadline to allow your references sufficient time to respond to the reference request.