

PERSONAL STATEMENT

The Social Work Personal Statement assists the BSW Admissions Committee in assessing the applicant's understanding of the field of social work and suitability for the profession. Your **Social Work Personal Statement** should give careful consideration to academic writing, personal/professional experiences that have led you to pursue a social work degree, personal attributes and how they will contribute to your future social work practice, as well as, how you identify with the values and ethics of the profession.

Please answer each question without exceeding 3-4 double spaced pages (12pt. font) in total for all questions. Upload your Personal Statement within the BSW supplementary documents section of your application.

1. Describe the life experiences and/or events influencing your desire to become a social worker. If you are a member of an equity seeking or marginalized group, how does this impact your desire to pursue this career?
2. Discuss any personal strengths that may enhance your ability to become a successful social worker. Please also comment on what individual qualities you would like to develop further within your BSW education .
3. Share any personal, volunteer, professional and/or employment experiences that would be relevant to your becoming a social worker and how it has prepared you for a career in this field.
4. After completion of the BSW program, what client population do you want to work with and what is your preferred geographical location for social work practice?
5. Describe two pressing issues facing individuals/communities within Nova Scotia. Please discuss your views on these issues and how you might use your strengths as a social worker to address these issues from a social justice perspective.
6. Include your name at the bottom of your personal statement to verify that the responses to questions were developed and written by yourself.