



## **SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT PERSONAL NARRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS**

(REQUIRED FOR ACCEPTANCE TO THE BSW PROGRAM)

### **Narrative is due with application to the BSW Program**

Please complete a formal narrative of 2-3 pages that provides the Social Work Department faculty with information about yourself. This information will provide the department with the knowledge of where you're coming from, where you are, and where you want to be.

Please use the outline (on back of page) to complete your narrative. If there is additional information you would like to provide that does not seem to fit the outline, please include it in the section that you think is the most appropriate. Take time to reflect before you write and please be open and honest.

If you have questions about the application process, please contact the BSW Coordinator, Dr. Sarah Collins, via phone: (262) 243-2191 or e-mail: [Sarah.collins@cuw.edu](mailto:Sarah.collins@cuw.edu), or the admission counselor at your preferred Accelerated Learning Center below.

Please submit your narrative as follows:

**Traditional Mequon Campus Students:** Submit in person to the Social Work Administrative Assistant, Kristin Maas, in HS 110, along with your other application materials.

**Adult Accelerated Learning Center Students:** Submit to your admission counselor via email or in person along with your other application materials:

Miller Park Way Center:  
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Executive Center II  
1150 Springhurst Dr. – Suite 101  
Green Bay, WI 54304  
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## NARRATIVE OUTLINE

### A. Description of self

1. Include personal information that will provide insight on who you are.
2. Describe your present significant relationships, people who have had a strong influence on you, and role models.

### B. Life experiences and socialization

1. As you think about your life, what is important to you?
2. What is your employment and volunteer history, including mission trips, church programs, community outreach, etc.?

### C. Choosing social work as a career

1. What experiences inspired your interest in social work and what prompted your final decision to pursue the BSW degree?
2. Why did you choose Concordia University Wisconsin?
3. In what ways do you think you are particularly suited to becoming a social worker?

### D. Long range goals

1. Are there particular areas of social work practice that interest you? Why those areas?
2. What are your goals once you complete the BSW degree?

### E. Criminal History\*

1. Do you have any criminal charges pending against you, or were you ever charged and/or convicted of any crime anywhere? Please explain.
2. What have you done since the incident(s) to make positive changes in your life?

\*For all prospective social work students, a criminal background check will be completed. Section E is your opportunity to be completely honest and explain items that may show up on your background check. If you do not have any criminal history, you may omit this section.