MASTERS IN SOCIAL WORK INDIGENOUS SPECIALIZATION
FACULTY OF HUMAN AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
Program Entry: MAY 2014

Personal Statement

The personal statement is an important part of the application process. It provides an opportunity for the applicant and the Admissions Committee to consider the degree of compatibility between the MSW Indigenous Specialization Program and the applicant's preparation and aspirations.

Please submit a two to three page statement that addresses the following questions:

1. In light of your personal and professional life, please reflect on the School's Mission Statement and curriculum to explain what has led you to apply for this specific MSW program, as opposed to other graduate programs.

2. Please identify and explain at least one area of critical inquiry that you are interested in exploring during your graduate education. Describe why you have identified this inquiry/these inquiries and your connection (personal and/or professional and/or scholarly) to them.

3. Given the time and intellectual demands of the program, please indicate in practical terms how you plan to balance the requirements of education and other responsibilities (work, home, etc.) that you may have. These demands include: approximately 9 hours work per week in each course plus class or online time; approximately 600 hours for the course-based completion option, including 450 full time practicum hours; approximately 600 hours of scholarly and research work for the thesis completion option.

   The "Self-Assessment" document on the School's website (http://www.socialwork.uvic.ca/prospective/msw/index.php) may assist you in preparing your response.

4. The program requires applicants to have a minimum of two years Social Work practice experience in an Indigenous social service setting. Briefly describe how you meet this criterion.

ALL application documents (including the Personal Statement) must be submitted electronically with your online application through Graduate Admissions and Records by the December 1st deadline for your file to be considered complete.