



Master of Social Work Program

at Southern Connecticut State University

GUIDELINES FOR WRITING PERSONAL ESSAY – FALL 2023 ADMISSION

As part of the admissions process, you are required to submit an essay, no longer than four (4) typewritten pages, covering the material outlined below. Please double-space, and use Times Roman font, no larger than size 11. This essay will serve as a writing sample for the Admissions Committee. It is your opportunity to present a well-constructed description of the qualities we look for in our graduate students: the ability to think analytically, and conceptually; clarity in self-expression; the ability to develop self-awareness and self-evaluation; ability to function creatively, independently, and responsibly.

Be sure to answer BOTH questions.

1. Describe the role of social work in dismantling systems of oppression in the United States.
2. Describe how you will ready yourself to take on the rigorous expectations of graduate school, including the two field placements that come with social work education. How will you prioritize all that has to be done, manage deadlines, keep up with the reading, handle stress, and find support?

Note: I understand that the Southern Connecticut State University Department of Social Work reserves the right to refuse admission and matriculation to an applicant who falsifies information on this application, or who, in the judgment of the School of Graduate Studies and/or the Department of Social Work, is not qualified to enter the program. Similarly, the Department reserves the right to require withdrawal of any student at any time for any reason deemed sufficient under the rules and policies of the University and the Department, as promulgated in the Graduate Studies Catalogue, the Social Work Department MSW Student Handbook, or the Social Work Department MSW Field Manual.