As a part of your application to the MSW program, you are required to submit an essay, no longer than four (4) typewritten pages, covering the material outlined below. Please format your essay in double-spaced, 11 pt. font, Times Roman preferred, with one-inch margins on all sides.

Your application essay serves as a writing sample for the Admissions Committee. In addition, the essay is your opportunity to present the qualities that we look for in our graduate students: skills in writing and critical thinking; potential for interpersonal helping and for engaging with diverse populations; awareness of social issues; and commitment to the values and ethics of the social work profession.

Please respond to BOTH prompts:

1. Describe what the pandemic has exposed in our society – give examples of the ‘good’ and the ‘bad’. What role does social work play in our recovery?

2. How you will prepare for the demands of graduate social work education, including academic requirements and field practice? How will you prioritize all that has to be done, manage deadlines, keep up with the reading, handle stress, and find support?

* 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 and Professional Studies and/or the Department of Social Work does not meet competitive standards for admission to the MSW program.