

Have you ever had a substantiated case of child abuse and/or neglect? YES or NO

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, list all criminal convictions you have received, as well as any current pending criminal charges that have been filed against you.

Failure to disclose criminal background is grounds for dismissal from the certificate program. If an applicant has a criminal history or other previous professional/legal challenges, he or she must discuss these circumstances with the certificate program Education Committee. Challenges may impact practicum placement, employment, as well as his or her future licensure.

ACADEMIC RECORD

Individuals applying to the Sport Social Work Certificate Program must have a strong academic record at the undergraduate and graduate (if applicable) level. The Education Committee requires a minimum overall GPA of 2.75 from an undergraduate program and graduate program (if applicable). By signing and dating below you are indicating that your academic standing is suitable for admissions. If your GPA does not meet this requirement you are still able to apply for admission into the certificate program. The Education Committee can consider your application on the basis of work experience, community involvement, and other factors as determined appropriate by the Education Committee.

Student Signature

Date

EMPLOYMENT AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Please submit a current copy of your resume with your application. Your resume should outline all professional work and volunteer experiences. You might also list co-curricular experiences that influenced your decision to pursue this certificate. Co-curricular experiences include membership in student and professional organizations, leadership activities, athletic experience, etc.

PERSONAL NARRATIVE

Prepare a personal narrative, not to exceed four (4) typed pages in length (double spaced, 12-point font, and one-inch margins). For this narrative, respond to ALL the items listed below. This narrative is a critical part of your application packet. Consider it your opportunity to communicate with the Education Committee about yourself. Please utilize APA style to format the paper and cite sources (if necessary).

Part One: Explain your interest in the Sport Social Work Certificate Program. Elaborate on both personal and environmental factors that have influenced your decision to pursue this certificate. This can include any life experiences that have influenced your decision.

Part Two: Discuss your understanding of the Sport Social Work field. Describe the skills you believe a successful Sport Social Worker must possess.

Part Three: Demonstrate self-awareness by discussing your strengths and weaknesses as it relates to working with the athlete population. How do you believe this certificate program will enhance these strengths and address areas of weakness?

SOCIAL WORK CODE OF CONDUCT

The Social Work Code of Conduct is designed to promote the growth of ethically responsible applicants and future Sport Social Work professionals by setting standards for academic integrity and overall ethical conduct. The purpose of this Code is to instill a sense of individual responsibility on the part of each applicant and to foster a culture of honor and trust. By way of this Code, applicants are challenged to rise to academic excellence, with professional ethics as a central feature of academic expectations. Academic standards in the certificate program include those that are scholastic and professional in nature; in combination, both are seen as the primary indicators of readiness for professional practice in the field of athletics.

In addition to this Code of Conduct, all applicants are expected to know and follow the ethical standards established by the National Association of Social Workers.

<http://www.socialworkers.org/pubs/code/code.asp>

REFERENCES

A minimum of two reference is required from an individual who has knowledge of your academic and/or professional qualifications. The applicant should list the name and email address of the references below:

Reference One: _____ (name) _____ (email)

Reference Two: _____ (name) _____ (email)

SIGNATURE

My signature below indicates that I have read this document carefully and fully understand its contents. It also verifies the accuracy of the information provided.

Applicant Signature

Date