

## **PERSONAL STATEMENT INSTRUCTIONS MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** All applicants must answer questions # 1 through 3. Advanced Standing applicants must also answer question # 4. Your personal statement should be 4 to 5 pages in length total, double spaced with one inch margins, in 12 point font.

1. We want to know more about you – your life, your goals, your path, your challenges, and your strengths. We also want to know why you are choosing social work as a career.
2. We are committed to cultivating a vibrant environment in which we attract and foster the success of diverse students, and prepare them for a career of working successfully across differences. Please share specific experience(s) and/or leadership efforts that you have had that showcase your awareness of, and commitment to, individuals or groups *from whom you differ* in one or more of the following: religion, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, socioeconomic status, immigration status, or ability/disability status. Be sure to address race/ethnicity as part of your response.
3. You are applying to a program with a single concentration in disability studies. Please explain your personal values, beliefs, and experiential insight, if any, regarding disabilities.

*If you are applying for Advanced Standing, please answer the following question.*

4. How would you go about making your agency more welcoming to a transgender colleague?