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?