

School of Social Work Essay and Resume

Applicants to the Bachelor of Social Work or the Social Work Diploma program must complete the following Essay and Resume form. This form requests you provide information on social work practicum/field placements (if applicable), volunteer, and paid work experiences. In the practicum, volunteer, and/or paid work experience(s), you must indicate a **minimum of 70 hours** of human or social service experience. Although only a minimum of 70 hours is required, you should indicate additional practicum, volunteer, and/or paid work experience(s) relevant to human and social services. The form also asks you to respond to seven essay questions related to the profession of social work.

Both, **Part 1 – Resume** and **Part 2 – Essay Questions**, must be completed for your application to be evaluated. This information will be assessed by faculty from the School of Social Work as part of the application process. Space provided for each question/component is limited to 350 words.

Admission to MacEwan’s Social Work programs is competitive. Please answer the questions below as completely as possible.

Submit documents as soon as possible and no later than the document deadline date posted on the [website](#). Review of completed files begins in November.

Applicant’s Full Name:	
Program Applied to: (Choose one only in the drop down menu)	

Part 1: Resume	
Education	
Identify your highest level of education (choose one only in the drop down menu)	
If you responded with ‘other’ above, provide an explanation:	
Title of post-secondary credential	
Name of Institution where you received the certificate, diploma or degree	

<p>Date the certificate, diploma, or degree was awarded</p> <p>Indicate Month and Year (e.g. June 2018)</p>	
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<p>Social Work Practicum Complete this section if you completed a post-secondary Alberta Social Work Diploma Program practicum(s)</p>
<p>In the space provided below (limit of 350 words), describe your practicum experience(s) and include the following information for each social work practicum completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name of Educational Institution • Name of Program • Practicum Role Description • Name of Agency • Name of Supervisor • Total Hours Completed • Start and End Dates (MM/DD/YYYY)

Other Practicum(s) Completed

Complete this section if you have completed a post-secondary program that included a field placement/practicum(s):

In the space provided below (limit of 350 words), describe any other practicum experience(s) and include the following information for each practicum completed:

- Name of Educational Institution
- Name of Program
- Name of Diploma or Degree Awarded
- Practicum Role Description
- Name of Agency
- Name of Supervisor
- Total Hours Completed
- Start and End Dates (MM/DD/YYYY)

Volunteer Experience

Complete this section if you have relevant volunteer experience(s) in human or social service areas.

Summarize your volunteer experience, relevant to human or social services, and include the following information in the space provided.

- Role Description
- Name of Agency
- Name of Supervisor
- Number of Hours Volunteered
- Start and End Dates (MM/DD/YYYY)

Note: you can identify up to three volunteer experience(s) relevant to human or social services (3 spaces are provided below – one space for each experience). Limit of 350 words/space.

Volunteer Experience 1

Volunteer Experience 2

Volunteer Experience 3

Paid Work Experience Relevant to Human or Social Services

Complete this section if you have relevant paid work experience in human or social service areas.

Summarize your paid work experience, relevant to human or social services, and include the following information in the space provided.

- Position
- Job Description
- Name of Agency
- Name of Supervisor
- Number of hours per Week
- Start and End Dates (MM/DD/YYYY)

Note: you can identify up to three paid work experience(s) relevant to social work or human services (3 spaces are provided below – one space for each paid work experience). Limit of 350 words/space.

Paid Work Experience 1

Paid Work Experience 2

Paid Work Experience 3

Part 2: Essay Questions

Answer each of the following seven (7) questions in the spaces provided. Use complete, concise sentences and proper punctuation. Any references used must be cited. Cite your references using APA style: https://libguides.macewan.ca/ld.php?content_id=35713036

Each essay response is limited to 350 words.

Question #1:

Why are you interested in social work?

Question #2:

Review the Social Work Code of Ethics ([Code of Ethics - printable poster.pdf \(casw-acts.ca\)](#)).

Reflect and describe how the values and principles in the Code of Ethics align with your own values.

Question #3:

Studies of social work include learning about traumatic human experiences and injustices, which can trigger our own challenging memories or those of peers-classmates.

- a. Share how you managed or healed from some difficult experience(s) in your life (*Only mention what you are comfortable sharing*).
- b. Reflect and describe the kinds of support or resources that could be helpful for you to be successful in the social work program.

Question #4

How have your related volunteer or work experiences helped prepare you for social work study?

Question #5:

Social workers are committed to implementing the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action (https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/british-columbians-our-governments/indigenous-people/aboriginal-peoples-documents/calls_to_action_english2.pdf.)

Describe how you believe you might engage with these Calls to Action.

Question #6:

Describe your experience(s) with equity-seeking groups (e.g., older adults, persons with disabilities, religious communities, racialized communities, BIPOC, LGBTQ2S+).

Describe how you envision yourself working with these groups.

Question #7:

How does your GPA/academic grades reflect your skills and abilities?
If your academic grades do not reflect your skills and abilities, please explain.