



Master of Social Work Advanced Track Application Checklist

- Application:** It is very important that you **APPLY** first in order to create a file for your application materials.
- Official Transcripts:** IWU requires the official transcript from the institution where you earned your baccalaureate degree, any institution where you have earned graduate credit and any transcript that contains prerequisite credit. *Note: A transcript is only considered official if IWU receives it in a sealed envelope directly from the school you attended. You may order an official E-Transcript if your institution provides that option.*

Transcript Mailing Address:
Indiana Wesleyan University
Maxwell Suite 222
4201 S. Washington St.
Marion, IN 46953

E-Transcript Email Address:
admissionsforms@indwes.edu

- Recommendation Forms:** 2 professional recommendations are required from individuals qualified to judge your expertise, character, and capacity for graduate level learning. Students must use the required recommendation form.
- Personal Statement:** Please see provided document with specific instructions for the structure and the content of the Personal Statement. Please see page two for specific details.
- Final Field Evaluation:** Submit a copy of the final field placement document from field placement experience during the Bachelor of Social Work program (**note - this step is for Advanced Track applicants only**).



PERSONAL STATEMENT GUIDELINES

Please follow the guidelines and carefully address each question.

GUIDELINES

- a) Typed (Times Roman 12 point font), double-spaced, professionally written, evidence of forethought, carefully proofed and convincing language and phrasing.
- b) Please be sure to number each page and include your name in the header
- c) Maximum of 5 pages. (Part 1 should comprise 2-3 pages)

QUESTIONS

Part 1-Write an autobiographical statement explaining why you would like to become a social worker. Your response should provide a full description of characteristics that distinguish you as a potential candidate for IWU's MSW online program. The academic review committee is interested in evidence of your ability to synthesize professional/ personal experiences through the following statements.

- Describe your motivation in seeking an MSW degree. Include family experiences, relationships, cultural and religious values and practices that have had a direct impact on your decision to obtain your MSW.
- Discuss how your life and work experience, personal values and goals fit with the mission and vision of IWU's MSW online degree program.
- Describe your commitment to social justice and social change
- Describe your preparation and readiness for IWU's MSW community-based field placement and how you plan to secure your field hours while balancing other life commitments.

Part 2 – Identify and discuss a social problem that you believe is significant to the social work profession. Include: definition of the problem, identification of societal issues that may have created or contributed to the problem and potential intervention and/or solution to the problem.