

APPLICATION FOR ADVANCED MAJOR STATUS – Spring 2016

Oglala Lakota College

Department of Social Work

Date due: Friday, May 6, 2016, 5:00 p.m.

When you declared social work as a major, you were admitted provisionally as a tracking major pending the successful completion SOWK 203. Students completing the core requirements and wishing to pursue the BSW degree must apply for admission into the advanced major. Only those students accepted into the advanced major may enroll in the upper division (300 and 400 level) social work courses.

If you wish to apply for admission into the advanced major, please complete this application and submit it for review by the BSW faculty. Following this review, the Department Chair will notify you in writing whether or not you have been admitted as an advanced major. Students not accepted as advanced majors may appeal the Department's decision. For more information, please consult the Social Work Student Handbook.

All items on the application must be complete and submitted by the due date/time. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. Completed applications must be submitted via e-mail to moapple@olc.edu.

Students must meet the following criteria to be admitted as advanced majors:

1. Must earn a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.50 on all OLC course work
2. Must have most of the non-social work core (OLC and Lakota Studies core) courses successfully completed prior to being admitted to the advanced major
3. Must have all professional requirements successfully completed
4. Must have earned a C or better in all required courses
5. Must agree to adhere to the NASW *Code of Ethics*.
6. Must have no documented instances of academic dishonesty on their records
7. Criminal convictions or child abuse or neglect findings may result in a student's inability to complete the program. Students whose criminal conviction history will preclude completion of the degree requirements will be so advised and will not be admitted into the advanced major.

Please type all responses:

Application Date: _____

Name: _____

Overall GPA (from Jenzabar): _____

Email _____

Contact telephone number: _____ Back-up contact number: _____

Address: _____

Criminal Background Information

Many field practicum agencies require a background check and may have restrictions based upon past criminal convictions. The more details you can provide, the better we can assess your ability to obtain a field practicum placement and complete the program.

Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offense? Yes No

If yes, please answer the following:

- a. Was this a: Misdemeanor Felony
- b. What was the conviction (crime)? _____
- c. When was the conviction? _____
- d. What was the disposition? _____
- e. What is the current status? _____
- f. When was the sentence complete (all requirements of the sentence): _____
- g. Please explain the circumstances (what, when, where):

Child Abuse or Neglect Information

Many field practicum agencies require a background check and may have restrictions based upon past child abuse or neglect findings. The more details you can provide, the better we can assess your ability to obtain a field practicum placement and complete the program.

Have you ever been investigated for child abuse or neglect? Yes No

What were the findings? _____

What was the date of the findings? _____

What is the current status? _____

Was the record expunged? _____

Please explain the circumstances (what, when, where):

Essay Questions

Please thoroughly respond to all the following questions (you may attach a separate document if you wish).

- 1) The transition to the junior year, and to the social advanced major, requires a disciplined approach to academics.
 - a. What additional challenges do you see in front of you?
 - b. How do you intend to address them in order to successfully complete the BSW program?

- 2) Discuss how you will meet these challenges:
 - a. Balance personal, work, and school time and expectations
 - b. Demonstrate professional behavior
 - c. Time management (be on time, complete assignments on time, etc.)
 - d. Take initiative if you have issues or concerns
 - e. Communicate with your instructors

As an aspiring social worker, I agree to follow the NASW *Code of Ethics*. I understand that any violations of the social work *Code of Ethics* may result in dismissal from the OLC BSW program. _____

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As an aspiring social worker, I agree to not exhibit behavior that will infringe on my present and future ability to fulfill professional responsibilities as a social work professional. _____

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Student Signature
(Original signature in ink only; no computer signatures)

Date

E-mail the completed application to moapple@olc.edu. College centers can scan and e-mail signed forms.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Monique Apple, Chair, at moapple@olc.edu or 605-455-6055.