STATEWIDE BLENDED ADVANCED STANDING
CLINICAL MSW PROGRAM

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FORM

A. Documentation and affirmations required before your application can be reviewed.

RESIDENCE – To be eligible for the program, applicants must live more than 50 miles from the East Lansing, Oakland and Saginaw program locations. Please indicate below the distance from your residence to the East Lansing, Oakland and Saginaw program locations using Mapquest. (Please retain copies of the printouts showing the distances.)

Miles from your residence to Michigan State University, 655 Auditorium Rd., East Lansing, MI 48824

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Miles from your residence to Oakland University, 2200 N. Squirrel Rd., Rochester, MI 48309.

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Miles from your residence to Saginaw Valley State University, 7400 Bay Rd., University Center, MI 48710

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EXPERIENCE – Although not required, preference will be given to applicants who have experience in human services, either volunteer or paid. Please be sure to highlight this experience on the résumé you submit as part of your application materials.

EDUCATION – Applicants must have a bachelor’s in social work from a program accredited by the CSWE and granted within the last six years. Must also have a grade point average of at least a 3.25 (on a 4.0 scale) for the last 60 credits or two years of your undergraduate program. If you meet this requirement, please initial the statement affirming that the information to support this statement has been included.

_______ Yes, I have a bachelor’s degree in social work from an accredited CSWE program with at least a 3.25 gpa for the last 60 credits (two years) of my program.

HIGH SPEED INTERNET ACCESS – Applicants must have easy access to high speed Internet service on a regular basis. Homework, assignments, etc. will frequently require work at night and on weekends. Without easy access, it will not be possible to manage course requirements, and thus not be possible to complete the program. If you meet this requirement, please initial the statement affirming that you have such access.
_______ Yes, I have easy access to high speed Internet service on a regular basis.

ATTENDANCE AT ALL REQUIRED SESSIONS – Applicants must be able to participate in ALL of the following required activities:

1) Face-to-face instruction during one-week intensive Statewide Blended Program Summer Institute on the MSU campus in East Lansing each summer for two years (generally the last week of June)

2) Online coursework during all six semesters of the program (courses during the Fall and Spring semesters of the first year of the program are entirely online; during the second year of the program, courses combine face-to-face and online instruction)

3) Three-hour sessions at a regional location one Saturday each month (four times per semester) during the Fall and Spring semesters for the second year of the program.

4) Active participation in a field agency (guided by a learning contract) for two days a week during normal business hours for 2½ semesters during the second year of the program.

(Details on all of these activities are in the program information materials.)

If you are able to commit to these activities, please initial the statement affirming this.

_______ Yes, I am able to commit to ALL of these instructional activities

B. Affirmations required for Phase 2.

If all of these requirements are met and the application is complete, it will first be reviewed according to normal School admissions review procedures. If the application meets the general requirements for admission to the MSW program, you will receive information concerning the Phase 2 requirements for the Statewide Blended Program.

ONLINE LEARNING COURSE – A considerable component of the academic work of the program will be delivered in online learning communities. To insure that applicants are aware of, and prepared for, the online learning environment, in Phase 2 you will be required to complete a free orientation on how to learn effectively in the online environment. Information about the orientation will be provided after review of your application materials. Failure to complete these two components within the time specified in the e-mail notice about Phase 2 will result in the application to the Statewide Blended Program being sent back to the admissions committee. If you are able to commit to completing these activities, please initial the statement affirming this.

_______ Yes, I am able to commit to a free online learning orientation prepared by the School, and I will do this within the time specified in the e-mail notification.
PERSONAL INTERVIEW – All applicants must participate in a personal interview after the online orientation. When the School has verified that the online has been orientation successfully completed, the applicant will be contacted for a personal interview. According to the applicant’s preference, this may be conducted in person in East Lansing, or by videoconferencing from several sites around the state. Details will be provided when you are contacted for the interview. If you are willing, please initial the statement affirming your ability to participate in a personal interview.

___________ Yes, I am willing and able to participate in a personal interview

APPLICANT PREFERENCE – Choices available if you are not admitted to the program. It is possible that there will be more qualified applicants than can be admitted to the Statewide Blended Clinical MSW Program. If you reach Phase 2 but are in the group not selected, you have several choices for other MSW programs at MSU to which you can request admission. Please indicate the ONE program for which you wish to have your application materials reviewed if you are not admitted to the Statewide Blended Clinical MSW Program.

___ Advanced Standing (full-time) program, East Lansing
___ Advanced Standing (part-time) program, East Lansing (spread over two years)
___ Advanced Standing (full-time) program, Oakland University
___ Advanced Standing (part-time) program, Oakland Univ (spread over two years)
___ Advanced Standing (full-time) program, SVSU
___ Advanced Standing (part-time) program, SVSU (spread over two years)
___ No further academic review at this time.

PREFERRED E-MAIL ADDRESS – For follow-up questions, notifications, etc. Please include a complete e-mail address that you check at least every few days. This is the address to which documents, requests for more information, and official notices will be sent.

My best e-mail address is ________________________ @ ________________________

Thank you for providing the information and committing to the relevant expectations. Be sure to print out a copy of this form for inclusion with the remainder of the MSW application materials.

Date: ______________________

Printed Name: ______________________

Signature: ______________________