



VANCOUVER ISLAND  
UNIVERSITY

## Bachelor of Social Work Degree Program

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### Personal Profile

**Purpose:** Admission into the BSW program is assessed through a number of criteria, including suitability for the profession. The Personal Profile is an opportunity for you to describe your personal suitability for social work in writing. Please answer the following questions in 3-4 pages, size 12 font, double spaced, 1.5 inch margins top and bottom.

1. Reflect on the values, ways of understanding and helpful practices that would apply to a specific social issue within your community.
2. Discuss your motivation, suitability and expectations for pursuing a professional degree in social work.
3. Explore what primary social and cultural influences on your personal identity (i.e. gender, socio-economic, ability/disability), have led you to a choice of social work education.

Personal Profiles will be evaluated with reference to dimensions of social work education that include the following: empathy, critical thinking, self-reflection, person in context, diversity, and effective writing and communication skills.

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