

MSWI STATEMENT OF INTENT

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

School of Social Work

FACULTY OF HEALTH

Program Entry Term: **SEPTEMBER 2026**

Submit this form under the STATEMENT OF INTENT section in the online application

The School of Social Work is accredited by the Canadian Association of Social Work Education. Our undergraduate (BSW) and graduate programs (MSWF, MSWA, MSWI) nurture accountable and critically engaged social work education, research and practice in the advancement of decolonization, anti-racism, Indigenous resurgence, feminism, 2SLGBTQ+ liberation struggles, disability justice and other social justice struggles.

The School welcomes and is actively recruiting applicants from communities that experience historical and present-day systemic discrimination and marginalization, and who are committed to social justice, equity, anti-racism and decolonization. In our admissions decisions, we will apply a decolonial equity framework which includes an intersectional lens and will prioritize applicants who are Indigenous, Black and other racialized people.

In the **STATEMENT OF INTENT** address the following four (4) points:

1. Readiness & Program Choice

Please explain what led you to apply to this specific MSWI program as opposed to other MSW programs. The MSWI program requires a significant commitment of time and energy for coursework in addition to completing either a practicum and capstone course or thesis research. Please describe your plan for navigating the commitments and responsibilities of your potential studies in the MSWI program.

2. Intentions, Motivations & Learning Goals

Please reflect on how who you are, where you come from, and your lived and practice experience informs your intentions, motivations, and goals in applying to the MSWI program.

3. Decolonization Practice

Describe how your previous experiences and work with Indigenous peoples have informed your decolonization practice. Non-Indigenous applicants to the MSWI are also asked to reflect on your lived experience of working in solidarity with Indigenous peoples.

4. Non-Indigenous Applicant Practice Requirement

Non-Indigenous applicants to the MSWI program are required to have a minimum of four years or equivalent of full-time experience (approximately 6000 hours) in an Indigenous human services setting. Please briefly describe how you meet this criterion and offer a critical reflection describing how your previous practice experience in an Indigenous context has informed your understanding of decolonization. Please note that meeting the minimum experience requirement does not guarantee admission; applicants are assessed on their overall readiness and alignment with the MSWI program's goals.

** Please do not type past the boundaries of the text box – when saved in the application system we cannot scroll up and down*

NAME:

STUDENT/APPLICANT NUMBER:

STATEMENT OF INTENT – maximum of 1000 words

