



# Doctor of Social Work (DSW)

*"Pursue Your DSW Degree  
While Working Full Time"*



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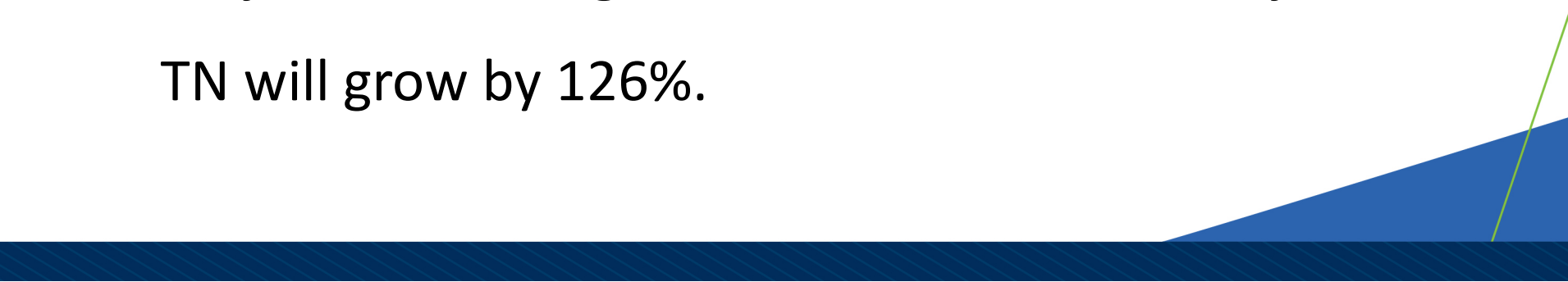
School of Social Work





# Response to Community Need



- Need for more practitioners who have the ability to evaluate outcomes.
  - Need for more social workers who are prepared for leadership & management positions.
  - Projection that higher education social work jobs in TN will grow by 126%.
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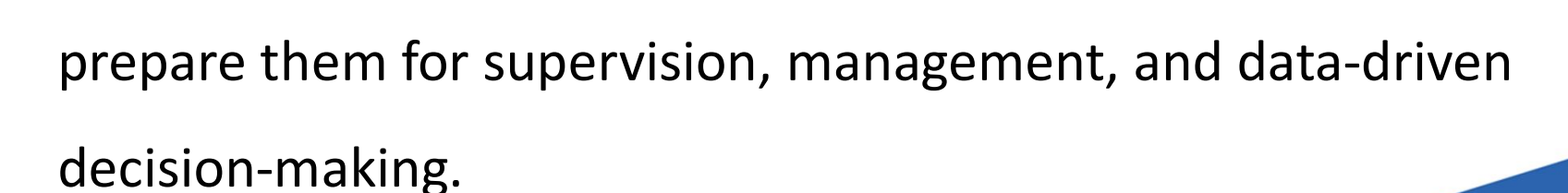
# Program Mission & Goals



The mission of the DSW program is to:

- Prepare practitioner-scholars who can generate new social work knowledge and respond to increasingly complex practice environments.

The DSW program seeks to:



- Enhance the professional skills of practicing social workers and prepare them for supervision, management, and data-driven decision-making.
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# Program Learning Outcomes



**The program learning outcomes for the DSW are to:**

- 1) Evaluate social work services and practice environments using twenty-first century skills in data-driven analysis and informatics.
  - 2) Demonstrate social work leadership and management skills to respond to complex practice environments locally, nationally, and globally.
  - 3) Educate the next generation of social workers through supervision and training to be leaders in a changing practice environment.
  - 4) Demonstrate leadership skills in interdisciplinary environments in collaboration with diverse clients and communities.
  - 5) Contribute to social work knowledge through research and practice.
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# Features of the Program

- Fall admission only
- Cohort of about 10 students
- Part-time
- Online
  - ✓ Synchronous meetings
  - ✓ 1 week residency each year
- Approximately 3 years
- Dissertation required



# One Week Residencies



- Year one: Statistics and Research Boot Camp  
(August 9-14, 2021)
  - Year two: Management Boot Camp
  - Year three: Dissertation Boot Camp
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# Coursework

## DSW Study Plan



### Year 1

<b>Fall</b>	PADM 8600 Admin Theory & Ethics	3
	SWRK 8040 Advanced SW Theory	3
<b>Spring</b>	SWRK 8020 Quantitative SW Research	3
	SWRK 8060 Develop. Fund. Proposals or SWRK 8075 Reflective Supervision	3
<b>Summer</b>	SWRK 8050 Writing for Publication or Elective	3
	SWRK 8030 Qualitative SW Research or Elective	3

Total 18

### Year 2

<b>Fall</b>	SUAP 8100 Public Policy Statistics	3
	SWRK 8055 Informatics & Data-Driven or Elective	3
<b>Spring</b>	SWRK 8060 Develop. Fund. Proposals or SWRK 8075 Reflective Supervision	3
	SWRK 8080 Managing SW Practice or Elective	3
<b>Summer</b>	SWRK 8050 Writing for Publication or Elective	3
	SWRK 8030 Qualitative SW Research or Elective	3

Total 18

### Year 3

<b>Fall</b>	SWRK 8055 Informatics & Data-Driven or Elective	3
	SWRK 9000 Dissertation	3
<b>Spring</b>	SWRK 8080 Managing SW Practice or Elective	3
	SWRK 9000 Dissertation	3

Total 12



# Certificate Opportunities



- Quantitative Studies in Education
- Qualitative Studies in Education
- Health Analytics
- Higher Education Teaching (proposal in progress from education)
- Clinical Methods (Proposal in progress for MSW or DSW students)





# Funding



- Graduate assistantship for teaching & research
    - ✓ May not pay for all expenses
  - Opportunities through the Graduate School  
[https://www.memphis.edu/gradschool/current\\_students/fellowships/awards\\_current.php](https://www.memphis.edu/gradschool/current_students/fellowships/awards_current.php)
  - Opportunities through Student Affairs  
<https://www.memphis.edu/academicsuccess/students/assistantships.php>
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# How does this degree fit with your talents?

- Are you strong in research? Do you have basic algebra skills?
- How are you with completing self-directed projects without set deadlines? This will impact your ability to finish a dissertation.



# What Are Your Career Goals?




- PhD is more marketable than a DSW in higher education settings, particularly research universities.
  - Universities don't typically hire their own graduates for tenure-track positions.
  - How do you shape your DSW experience to accomplish your career goals?
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# Who Are Eligible?



Admissions eligibility includes:

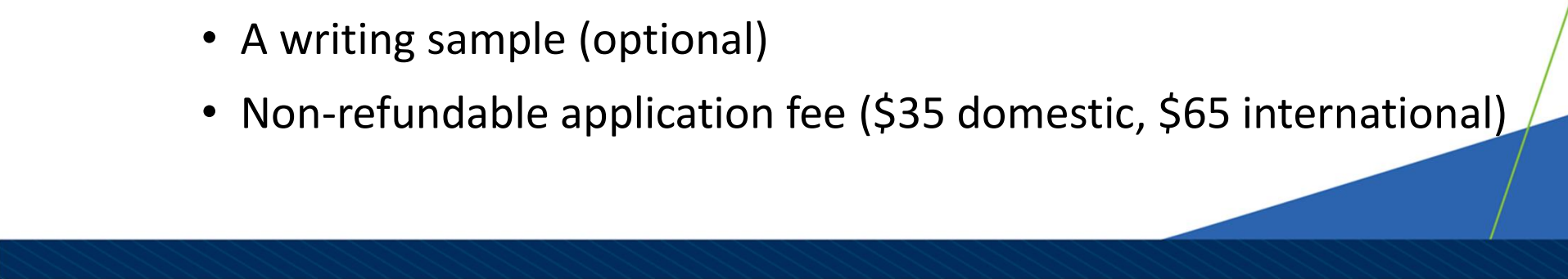
- An MSW degree from a CSWE-accredited program
  - A minimum of two-year post-MSW work experience
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# How To Apply?



What you will need includes:

- Online application  
([www.memphis.edu/graduateadmissions/future/apply\\_grad.php](http://www.memphis.edu/graduateadmissions/future/apply_grad.php))
  - Official transcripts
  - Official Graduate Record Examination (GRE) score (and TOEFL score, if international)
  - Three (3) professional references
  - Professional goal statement
  - A writing sample (optional)
  - Non-refundable application fee (\$35 domestic, \$65 international)
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# How To Apply?

Click “APPLY NOW: ONLINE APPLICATION”



The screenshot shows the website for the School of Social Work at the University of Memphis. The header includes the university logo, a search icon, a menu icon, and a 'NATIONALLY RANKED' badge. The navigation bar lists 'About', 'Programs', 'Apply Now', 'Students', 'Faculty & Staff', 'Research', and 'Community'. The main content area is titled 'How to Apply for the Doctor of Social Work' and lists requirements for the application. A red circle highlights the 'APPLY NOW: ONLINE APPLICATION >' button in the 'TAKE ACTION' section.

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SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

About Programs **Apply Now** Students Faculty & Staff Research Community

**APPLY TO ONE OF OUR PROGRAMS**

- BA APPLICATION
- MSW APPLICATION
- SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK CERTIFICATE APPLICATION
- DSW APPLICATION**

**TAKE ACTION**

- LEARN MORE ABOUT SOCIAL WORK
- EXPLORE THE SCHOOL OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC POLICY
- SUPPORT SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION
- CONTACT US

Home > Social Work > Apply Now > DSW Application

## How to Apply for the Doctor of Social Work

### What you will need

- A completed application to the Graduate School
- Non-refundable fee (\$35 domestic, \$65 international)
- Official transcripts from ALL universities you have attended (MSW degree required)
- Official Graduate Record Examination (GRE) score and TOEFL score (if international)
- Three professional references on the online application
- Completed professional goal statement (submitted as part of the online application)
- A writing sample (optional)

We are currently only accepting applications for the Fall semester

Deadline: April 1

### APPLY HERE

Graduate School Application Information >

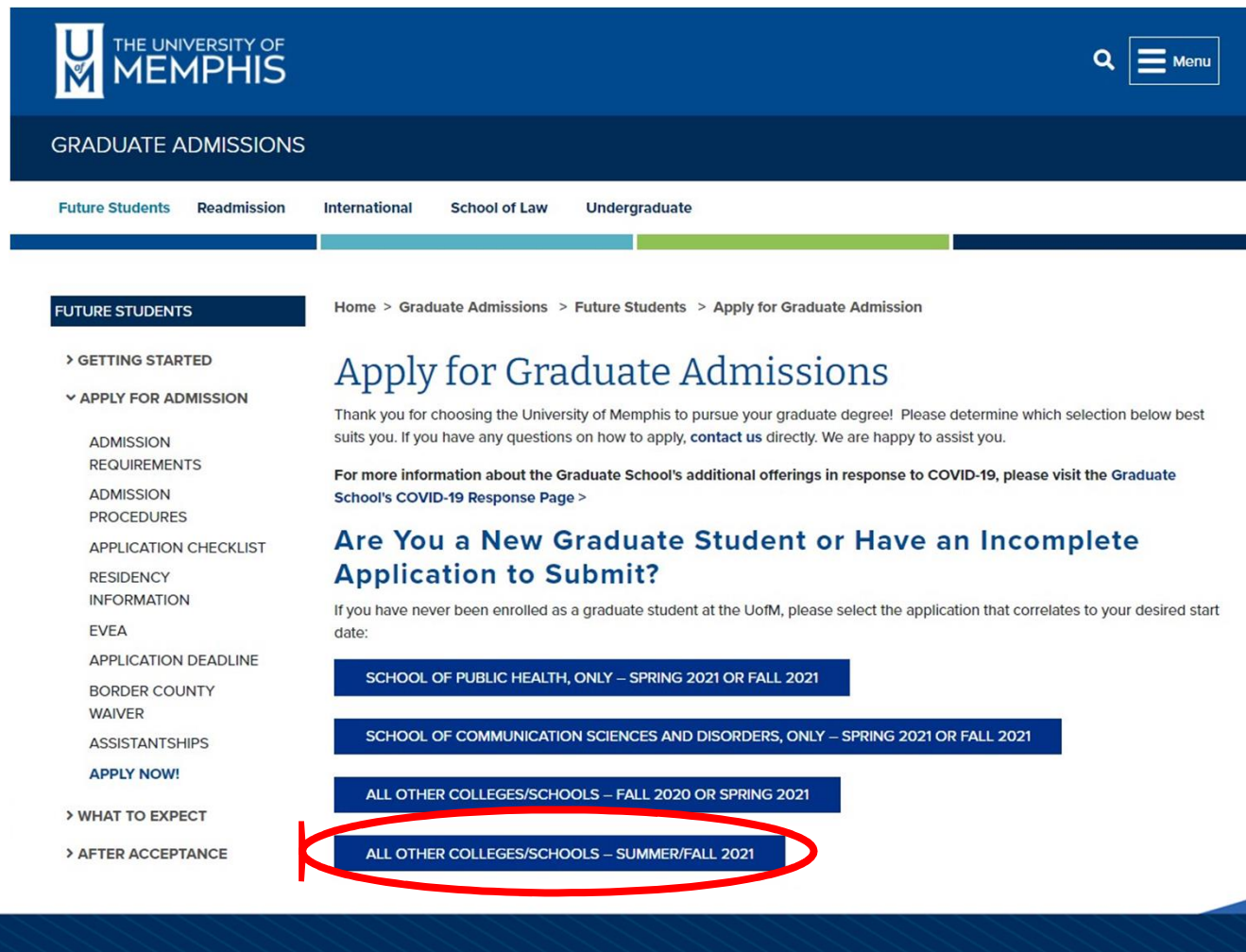
**APPLY NOW: ONLINE APPLICATION >**

Find the DSW application under College/School: College of Arts and Sciences, School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy.

# How To Apply?



Click “ALL OTHER COLLEGES/SCHOOLS SUMMER/FALL 2021”



The screenshot shows the University of Memphis Graduate Admissions website. The header includes the university logo and navigation links. The main content area is titled 'Apply for Graduate Admissions' and provides information about the application process. A red circle highlights the 'ALL OTHER COLLEGES/SCHOOLS – SUMMER/FALL 2021' button.

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GRADUATE ADMISSIONS

Future Students Readmission International School of Law Undergraduate

**FUTURE STUDENTS**

Home > Graduate Admissions > Future Students > Apply for Graduate Admission

## Apply for Graduate Admissions

Thank you for choosing the University of Memphis to pursue your graduate degree! Please determine which selection below best suits you. If you have any questions on how to apply, [contact us](#) directly. We are happy to assist you.

For more information about the Graduate School's additional offerings in response to COVID-19, please visit the [Graduate School's COVID-19 Response Page](#) >

### Are You a New Graduate Student or Have an Incomplete Application to Submit?

If you have never been enrolled as a graduate student at the UofM, please select the application that correlates to your desired start date:

- SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH, ONLY – SPRING 2021 OR FALL 2021
- SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS, ONLY – SPRING 2021 OR FALL 2021
- ALL OTHER COLLEGES/SCHOOLS – FALL 2020 OR SPRING 2021
- ALL OTHER COLLEGES/SCHOOLS – SUMMER/FALL 2021**

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

- ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
- ADMISSION PROCEDURES
- APPLICATION CHECKLIST
- RESIDENCY INFORMATION
- EVEA
- APPLICATION DEADLINE
- BORDER COUNTY WAIVER
- ASSISTANTSHIPS
- APPLY NOW!**

**WHAT TO EXPECT**


- WHAT TO EXPECT
- AFTER ACCEPTANCE



# How To Apply?

Click “Create an Account”



 Graduate School

## Welcome to UofM Graduate School

[Important Login Instructions](#)

Thank you for your interest in University of Memphis graduate programs!

[All Spring 2020 applicants click here.](#)

All other applicants wishing to add a new program, log in to the right.

First time here? Click **Create an Account** to get started.

Having trouble locating your application? [Login here](#) or [contact Customer Service.](#)

For help, contact Graduate Admissions Customer Service at 617.612.2943 (8 AM - 4 PM CT, Monday - Friday) or email: [uofmgradunicas@liaisoncas.com](mailto:uofmgradunicas@liaisoncas.com).

Sign in with your username and password below. First time here? Select **Create an Account** to get started.

**Sign In**

**Create an Account**

[Forgot your username or password?](#)

[Reapplying to UofM?](#)



# How To Apply?

Click “Add Program”



My Application   **Add Program**   Submit Application   Check Status

Notes: For applicants seeking dual degrees, please submit your first application prior to applying for your second degree.

To start a new search, select a different option and then click Search

\* Student type: U.S. Citizen / Permanent Resident Search

Program Level: Doctoral/PhD  
College, School: College of Arts and Sciences, School of Urban ...  
Concentration: Concentration  
Start Term: Fall  
Program Name: DSW - Social Work

Show ☒ Available Programs ☐ Past Programs ☐ Future Programs Reset Filters

PROGRAM NAME	DEGREE LEVEL	START TERM	START YEAR	CONCENTRATION
College of Arts and Sciences, School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy				
✓ DSW - Social Work	Doctoral/PhD	Fall	2020	
+ DSW - Social Work	Doctoral/PhD	Fall	2020	

# How To Apply?



## Online application: “My Application”

The screenshot shows the 'My Application' dashboard. At the top, there is a navigation bar with four tabs: 'My Application' (highlighted with a red circle), 'Add Program', 'Submit Application', and 'Check Status'. Below the navigation bar, the main content area is titled 'My Application' and includes a brief description: 'This dashboard is your application home providing access to each part of the application you need to complete and a high level overview of your progress.' On the left side, there is a 'Latest Notifications' section with two items: 'UofM Graduate School application - Welcome!' (dated 'Last week') and 'Reference Submitted' (dated '02/12/2020'). A 'View My Notifications' button is located below the notifications. The main content area is divided into four quadrants, each representing a section of the application: 'Personal Information' (0/6 Sections Completed), 'Academic History' (0/3 Sections Completed), 'Supporting Information' (0/1 Sections Completed), and 'Program Materials' (0/1 Sections Completed). Each quadrant features a circular progress indicator with a checkmark and a folder icon.

My Application

This dashboard is your application home providing access to each part of the application you need to complete and a high level overview of your progress.

Latest Notifications

- UofM Graduate School application - Welcome! Last week
- Reference Submitted 02/12/2020

View My Notifications

Getting Started?  
Speed up your application by entering your colleges attended first.

Personal Information  
0/6 Sections Completed

Academic History  
0/3 Sections Completed

Supporting Information  
0/1 Sections Completed

Program Materials  
0/1 Sections Completed

# How To Apply?



Select “My Application / Personal Information”

A screenshot of the UofM Graduate School application dashboard. The top navigation bar includes links for 'My Application', 'Add Program', 'Submit Application', and 'Check Status'. The main heading is 'My Application', followed by a description: 'This dashboard is your application home providing access to each part of the application you need to complete and a high level overview of your progress.' Below this is a 'Latest Notifications' section with two items: 'UofM Graduate School application - Welcome!' and 'Reference Submitted' dated 02/12/2020, with a 'View My Notifications' button. The main content area is divided into four quadrants: 'Personal Information' (0/6 Sections Completed), 'Academic History' (0/3 Sections Completed), 'Supporting Information' (0/1 Sections Completed), and 'Program Materials' (0/1 Sections Completed). The 'Personal Information' quadrant is circled in red. A 'Getting Started?' tip at the top right suggests entering colleges attended first.

# How To Apply?



## “My Application / Personal Information”

The screenshot shows a web application interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with four tabs: "My Application", "Add Program", "Submit Application", and "Check Status". The "My Application" tab is selected. Below the navigation bar, the main content area is divided into two sections. On the left, the "My Application" section has a heading and a description: "This dashboard is your application home providing access to each part of the application you need to complete and a high level overview of your progress." Below this is a "Latest Notifications" box with two items: "UofM Graduate School application - Welcome!" and "Reference Submitted" dated 02/12/2020. On the right, the "Personal Information" section is highlighted with a red circle. It features a circular progress indicator showing "0/6 Sections Completed" and a list of six items: "Release Statement", "Biographic Information", "Contact Information", "Citizenship Information", "Race & Ethnicity", and "Other Information".

My Application

Add Program

Submit Application

Check Status

### My Application

This dashboard is your application home providing access to each part of the application you need to complete and a high level overview of your progress.

**Latest Notifications**

- UofM Graduate School application - Welcome! Last week
- Reference Submitted 02/12/2020

[View My Notifications](#)

### Personal Information

0/6 Sections Completed

- Release Statement
- Biographic Information
- Contact Information
- Citizenship Information
- Race & Ethnicity
- Other Information

# How To Apply?

Select “My Application / Academic History”

The screenshot displays a web application dashboard titled "My Application". At the top, there is a navigation bar with four tabs: "My Application" (selected), "Add Program", "Submit Application", and "Check Status". Below the navigation bar, the main content area is divided into several sections. On the left, there is a "Latest Notifications" box containing two items: "UofM Graduate School application - Welcome!" and "Reference Submitted" with a date of 02/12/2020. A "View My Notifications" button is located below these notifications. The main content area is divided into four quadrants, each representing a different section of the application process. The top-left quadrant is "Personal Information" with a progress indicator of 0/6 sections completed. The top-right quadrant is "Academic History", which is circled in red, with a progress indicator of 0/3 sections completed. The bottom-left quadrant is "Supporting Information" with a progress indicator of 0/1 sections completed. The bottom-right quadrant is "Program Materials" with a progress indicator of 0/1 sections completed. A "Getting Started?" tip is located at the top right of the main content area, stating: "Speed up your application by entering your colleges attended first."

My Application

Add Program

Submit Application

Check Status

## My Application

This dashboard is your application home providing access to each part of the application you need to complete and a high level overview of your progress.

**Latest Notifications**

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[View My Notifications](#)

**Getting Started?**  
Speed up your application by entering your colleges attended first.

### Personal Information

0/6 Sections Completed

### Academic History

0/3 Sections Completed

### Supporting Information

0/1 Sections Completed

### Program Materials

0/1 Sections Completed



# How To Apply?



## “My Application / Academic History”

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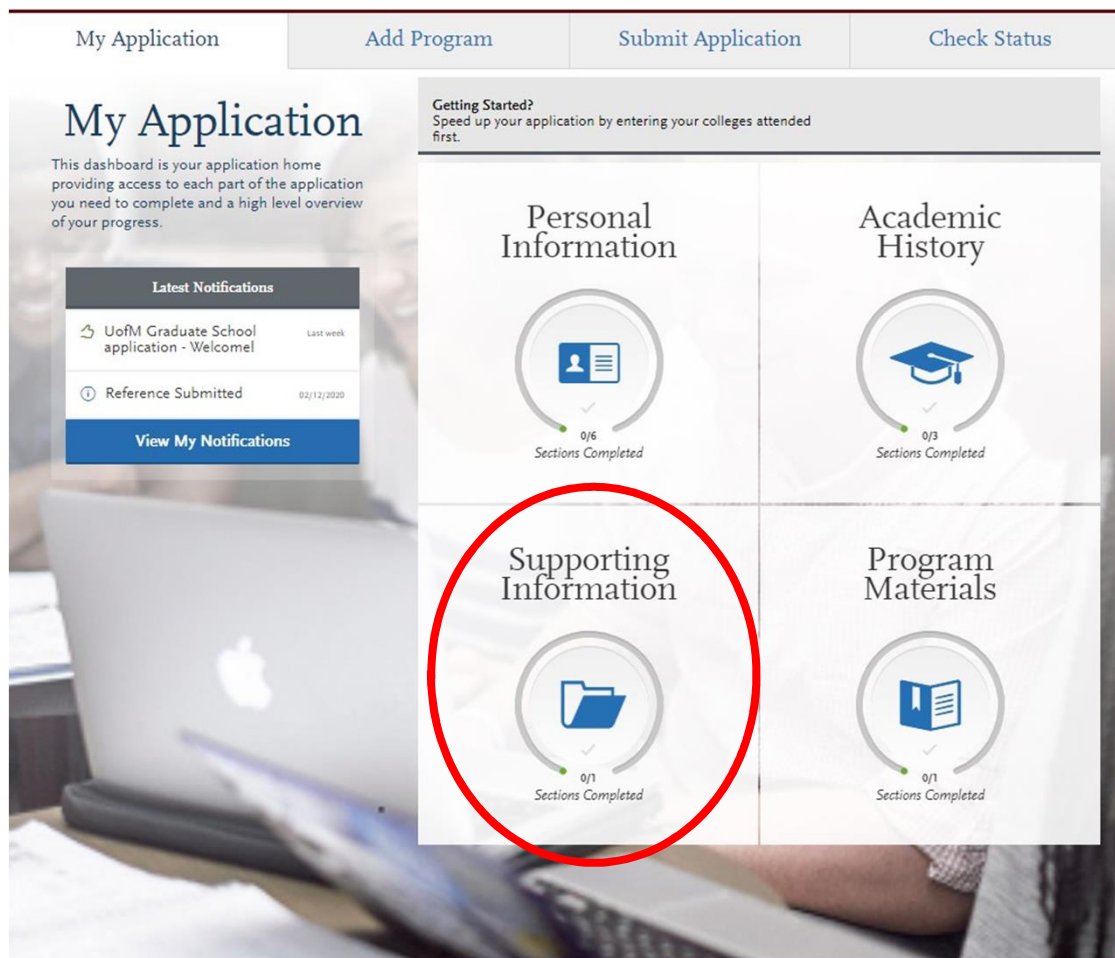
Under the "My Application" tab, there is a section titled "My Application" with a description: "This dashboard is your application home providing access to each part of the application you need to complete and a high level overview of your progress." Below this is a "Latest Notifications" section with two items: "UofM Graduate School application - Welcome!" (dated "Last week") and "Reference Submitted" (dated "02/12/2020"). A "View My Notifications" button is at the bottom of this section.

To the right of the notifications is a section titled "Academic History" with a progress indicator showing "0/3 Sections Completed". Below this title is a list of three items: "Colleges Attended", "GPA Entries", and "Standardized Tests". This list is circled in red.

The background of the dashboard shows a person working on a laptop.

# How To Apply?

Select “My Application / Supporting Information”



# How To Apply?



## “My Application / Supporting Information”

The screenshot shows the 'My Application' dashboard. At the top, there are four tabs: 'My Application', 'Add Program', 'Submit Application', and 'Check Status'. The 'My Application' tab is active. Below the tabs, the dashboard is divided into two main sections. On the left, there is a 'My Application' section with a description: 'This dashboard is your application home providing access to each part of the application you need to complete and a high level overview of your progress.' Below this is a 'Latest Notifications' section with two notifications: 'UofM Graduate School application - Welcome!' and 'Reference Submitted'. On the right, there is a 'Supporting Information' section with a progress indicator showing '0/1 Sections Completed'. Below the progress indicator is a blue button labeled 'Documents', which is circled in red. Below the 'Documents' button, there are two sections for adding documents: 'Affidavit of Financial Support' and 'Bank Statement or Other Evidence of Financial Support'. Each section has a progress bar and a blue button labeled '+ Add Document', both of which are circled in red. At the bottom of the 'Bank Statement' section, there is a link that says 'I Am Not Adding Any Documents'.

My Application

Add Program

Submit Application

Check Status

### My Application

This dashboard is your application home providing access to each part of the application you need to complete and a high level overview of your progress.

#### Latest Notifications

- UofM Graduate School application - Welcome! Last week
- Reference Submitted 02/12/2020

[View My Notifications](#)

### Supporting Information

0/1 Sections Completed

[Documents](#)

#### Affidavit of Financial Support

[+ Add Document](#)

#### Bank Statement or Other Evidence of Financial Support

[+ Add Document](#)

[I Am Not Adding Any Documents](#)



# How To Apply?

## “My Application / Program Materials”

The screenshot displays a web application dashboard titled "My Application". At the top, there are four navigation tabs: "My Application", "Add Program", "Submit Application", and "Check Status". The "My Application" tab is active.

Below the navigation tabs, the main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains a "My Application" header with a description: "This dashboard is your application home providing access to each part of the application you need to complete and a high level overview of your progress." Below this is a "Latest Notifications" section with two items: "UofM Graduate School application - Welcome!" (dated "Last week") and "Reference Submitted" (dated "02/12/2020"). A "View My Notifications" button is at the bottom of this section.

The right column features a "Getting Started?" tip: "Speed up your application by entering your colleges attended first." Below this is a 2x2 grid of progress indicators for different sections:

- Personal Information:** 0/6 Sections Completed (indicated by a person icon and a progress bar).
- Academic History:** 0/3 Sections Completed (indicated by a graduation cap icon and a progress bar).
- Supporting Information:** 0/1 Sections Completed (indicated by a folder icon and a progress bar).
- Program Materials:** 0/1 Sections Completed (indicated by a book icon and a progress bar).

The "Program Materials" section is highlighted with a red circle, indicating it is the current focus of the application process.

# How To Apply?



## “My Application / Program Materials”

The screenshot shows a web application interface for managing an application. At the top, there is a navigation bar with four tabs: "My Application", "Add Program", "Submit Application", and "Check Status". The "My Application" tab is active.

Below the navigation bar, the main content area is titled "My Application". It includes a sub-header "Program Materials" with a progress indicator showing "0/1 Sections Completed". A red circle highlights a blue button labeled "DSW - Social Work" with the text "College of Arts and Sciences, School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy" below it.

On the left side of the dashboard, there is a "Latest Notifications" section with two entries:

- UofM Graduate School application - Welcome! (Last week)
- Reference Submitted (02/12/2020)

A "View My Notifications" link is located at the bottom of the notifications section.

# How To Apply?



## “My Application / Program Materials / Questions”

[My Application](#)[Add Program](#)[Submit Application](#)[Check Status](#)

0/1  
Sections Completed

DSW - Social Work  
College of Arts and Sciences, School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy

College of Arts and Sciences, School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy

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DSW - Social Work

To complete the Doctor of Social Work Application you need to be ready to:

- Report your GRE scores (Verbal, Quantitative, Analytic) and overall GPA score.
- List institutions attended with dates, degrees (MSW required), and majors.
- Supply e-mail addresses and telephone numbers for three recommenders recommendation after the recommendation request is saved.
- List academic honors and awards.
- List social work publications (a writing sample optional).
- List social work related work experiences (a minimum of 2-year post-MSW).
- Provide no more than three double-spaced pages of Professional Goal statement.

**Program Details**

Start Term: Fall	Program Name: DSW - Social Work
Concentration:	Degree Level: Doctoral/PhD

**Prior-Conviction and Ability-to-Practice Social Work**

★ Have you ever been convicted of a felony or crime(s) other than a minor traffic violation? A positive answer will not necessarily preclude your acceptance into the program. However, it may prevent placement in some field practicum agencies and/or licensure in certain states.

If your answer is "Yes" to the above question, Explain.

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★ Have you ever been denied licensure for the profession for which you might apply for licensure or had discipline imposed by another state's licensing board?

If your answer is "Yes" to the above question, Explain.






# How To Apply?




“My Application / Program Materials / Recommendations”

[My Application](#)[Add Program](#)[Submit Application](#)[Check Status](#)



0/1  
Sections Completed

DSW - Social Work  
College of Arts and Sciences, School of Urban  
Affairs and Public Policy



College of Arts and Sciences, School of Urban  
Affairs and Public Policy

DSW - Social Work

Deadline: 04/01/2021

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## Recommendations

Please remind Your three (3) Recommendation Letter Writers of addressing at least one of the follows in the letter:

1. Skills and ethics in social work practice
2. The potential of research on social work areas.

Once you have saved an electronic recommendation, an email request will automatically be sent to the recommender on your behalf. Please advise your recommender to look for this email in their inbox, as well as their spam or junk-mail folder, as emails do occasionally get filtered out.

LOR Upload

3 required - 4 total allowed


+ Request LOR Upload Recommendation



# How To Apply?



## Documents: Resume/CV

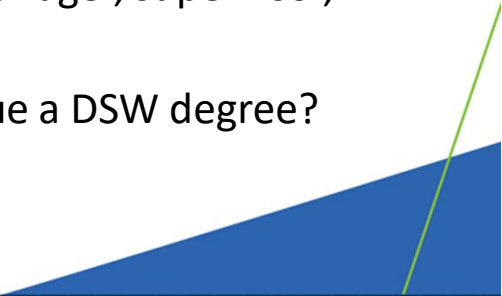

- All institutions attended with dates, degrees (MSW required), and majors.
  - All paid or unpaid social work related work experiences: A minimum of 2-year post-MSW work experiences required.
  - All academic honors and awards.
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## Documents: Personal Goal Statement


- No more than three (3) double-spaced pages in length, with 1-inch margins and 12-point Times New Roman font
  - Answer the following questions:
    - Describe the primary population you have been serving and the problem of social work interest (e.g., social injustice, poverty, health disparities, etc.).
    - Identify your theoretical approach to direct and/or macro practice as it relates to the identified population and problem of interest, and then discuss how you applied the theoretical approach to your practice.
    - What motivates you to pursue a DSW at this time in your career and how will a DSW help you to achieve your professional goals as manager, supervisor, researcher, or evaluator?
    - Why did you choose the University of Memphis to pursue a DSW degree?
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## Documents: Writing Sample (optional)

- Presents your critical thinking and writing capacity.
    - A peer-review journal publication,
    - A capstone paper, or
    - In-class assignment paper, etc.
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# How To Apply?



## Documents: Recommendations


- Three (3) recommendation letter writers that address at least one of the follows:
  - ✓ Skills and ethics in social work practice
  - ✓ The potential of research on social work areas.





# When Is Due?



- Deadline: April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 for Fall 2021 Admission
  - Fall admissions only
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# Contact for Questions

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