

Professional Statement

Upload a well-edited, 7–10 page, double-spaced document introducing yourself to the Ph.D. committee. Answer all of the following questions within the application using the headings provided below to differentiate your answers:

- **Describe Your Motivation:** Detail why you are drawn to pursue a Ph.D. in Social Work at the University of Oklahoma. Discuss the specific research questions you aim to explore using advanced research skills.
- **Describe Your Professional Qualifications:** Discuss how your professional strengths and experiences have prepared you for success in a research-based Ph.D. program. Explain how your aptitude in research and related areas will contribute to your achievements within the program.
- **Discuss Past Research Experiences:** Reflect on your previous research experiences. Describe the projects you have worked on, the methodologies you utilized, and what you learned from these experiences.
- **Detail Current Research Interests:** Explain your current research interests and discuss the journey that led you to these topics. What specific aspects of these areas are you looking to explore further through your Ph.D. studies?
- **Research Impact:** Detail how you envision your research contributing to the advancement of the values outlined in the NASW Code of Ethics. Discuss how your work will promote service, social justice, dignity and worth of the person, the importance of human relationships, integrity, and competence.
- **Career Plan Alignment:** Describe how obtaining a Ph.D. in Social Work aligns with your five-year career plan. Discuss how this degree will facilitate your professional objectives and prepare you for the roles you aspire to in the future.
- **Discuss Career Aspirations:** Discuss your career goals and explain how obtaining a Ph.D. in Social Work will help you achieve these goals.
- **Career Path Preferences:** Describe the type of job you envision obtaining after completing your Ph.D.. Include any geographical preferences you have for your post-graduation career and whether you are leaning towards academia or a different career path.