Required Application Materials:

1. **Application Fee:**
   A $45.00 non-refundable application fee ($60.00 non-refundable application fee for international applicants). Call the Cashier Office with credit card at 910.521.6410 or 910.521.6206 or pay in person in the Cashier Office with cash, check, money order, or credit card.

2. **Application Deadlines:**
   A. March 1st: Advanced Standing track (Bachelor of Social Work degree required for consideration)
      April 15th: Full-time and Part-time tracks
   B. The MSW Program may accept applicants throughout the academic year, yet there are specific start dates for required courses:
      1) Advanced Standing Track: Summer Session
      2) Full-time and Part-time Tracks: Fall Semester

3. **Application Form:**
   Create an account for the web-based graduate application [Click Here](#) on the Graduate Admissions website then follow the instructions.

4. **Transcripts:**
   A. Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended.
   B. Grade Point Average (GPA) requirements:
      1) Full-time and Part-time tracks (start date: fall semester) minimum required GPA of 3.0 in major or 2.5 overall.
      2) Advanced Standing track (start date: summer session) minimum required GPA of 3.2 in major or 3.0 overall.

5. **Test Scores:**
   A. The Department of Social Work will waive the Miller Analogy Test (MAT) or Graduate Record Examination (GRE) for applicants with:
      1) An overall undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher for the Full-time and Part-time tracks.
      2) An overall undergraduate GPA of 3.2 for the Advanced Standing track.
      *Yet, the MAT or GRE can be used to enhance the application package.
   B. Submitted MAT or GRE scores cannot be over 5 years old.
   C. There is no cutoff score but a higher score may enhance the application package.
D. MAT testing is offered through UNCP Counseling and Psychological Services:
James B. Chavis University Center, room 243
Office hours: Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Phone: 910.521.6202
Fax: 910.521.6786
Email: counselors@uncp.edu
E. MAT score reporting: The UNCP institutional code for score reporting is 1363
GRE score reporting: The UNCP institutional code for score reporting is R5534

6. Master of Social Work Program-Specific Requirements
A. Required undergraduate prerequisites for the MSW program
   1) Six liberal arts prerequisite requirements that must be completed prior to full
      admission to the MSW Program:
      a. Human Biology or Anatomy & Physiology
      b. Economics
      c. Political Science or American Government
      d. Introduction to Psychology
      e. Introduction to Sociology
      f. Statistics

B. Three professional and academic letters of recommendation from professional
   supervisors or university faculty who are not members of the UNCP Department of
   Social Work.
C. An essay
   1) Approximately four to six pages in length.
   2) Demonstrates the applicant’s ability to thoroughly construct an argument, indicates
      the applicant’s professional and academic goals, and reflects congruence with the
      values and ethics of professional social work practice as specified through the
      National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics Click Here
D. Criminal Background Check
   1) Contact the School of Graduate Studies for instructions Click Here
E. Reference Materials
   1) Advisement Guides/Study Plans for Full-time, Part-time, and Advanced Standing
      tracks can
      be located on the UNCP Department of Social Work website Click Here
   2) Liberal arts/general education prerequisite course requirements can be located on
      the UNCP Department of Social Work website Click Here
   3) National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics Click Here
UNCP Master of Social Work Program

General Education Prerequisite Requirements for Application

In order for an applicant to receive full admission to the Master of Social Work program, the following prerequisite requirements must be completed (in addition to other application requirements). Any courses listed by the applicant as an “equivalent” prerequisite must be reviewed and approved by the MSW Program Director.

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<td>Human Biology</td>
<td>☐ BIO 1030 Basic Human Biology, or ☐ PED 3490 Anatomy and Physiology, or ☐ BIO 2110 Human Anatomy and Physiology I</td>
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<td>Economics</td>
<td>☐ ECN 1000 Economics of Social Issues, or ☐ ECN 2020 Principles of Microeconomics, or ☐ ECN 2030 Principles of Macroeconomics, or ☐ ECN/GGY 2060 Economic Geography</td>
<td>Or equivalent economics course</td>
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Course Equivalent:
UNCP Master of Social Work (MSW) Program
Application Essay Requirements

The required essay should display a critical thought process, address both topics described below, and demonstrate the ability to write at a level appropriate for graduate work. The essay must be double-spaced, typewritten, and meet the specified page length. Any form of plagiarized work will not be accepted. The essay should coherently incorporate both of the elements below:

A. Autobiographical Statement (2-3 pages)
Write an autobiographical statement explaining why you would like to be a master’s level social worker. Social work practice is concerned with behavior in the context of the social environment. Your response could integrate important family and community influences, as well as a description of characteristics that distinguish you as a potential candidate for the Master of Social Work degree. Those reviewing your essay are evaluating evidence of your:

1. Commitment to social justice
2. Leadership abilities
3. Notable achievements and accomplishments (academic work or volunteer)
4. Perseverance in the face of adversity, oppression, socioeconomic disadvantage, and /or discrimination
5. Significant experience in diverse communities
6. Bilingual skills (including American Sign Language)
7. Disadvantaged background

It is important to communicate how you have developed as a result of these experiences, what knowledge you have gained, and how these experiences will affect your approach to your social work education and professional practice. Include comments on the factors that contributed to your choice of graduate level social work education and why are you making this choice at this time. Discuss your career goals and what you expect to be doing within five years and ten years.

B. Social Problem (2-3 pages)
Describe a social problem that you perceive as significant. Discuss it in relation to the following four areas:

1. Describe the societal contributions to the origin and maintenance of this problem.
2. Clearly discuss reasons this problem deserves public attention and resources.
3. If relevant, integrate any personal experiences that have contributed to your identification with and understanding of the problem.
4. Identify and explain possible methods of addressing the social problem, including social work leadership roles you might undertake.