

**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS
MSW PROGRAMS
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY-PUEBLO**

Dear Applicant:

Please complete all of the application materials as requested and return to:

MSW Admissions Committee
Department of Social Work
GCB 310
Colorado State University-Pueblo
2200 Bonforte Blvd.
Pueblo, CO 81001

All materials will be reviewed by an Admissions Committee. Applications are due February 1st (or the first immediately following working day, if on a weekend). No late applications will be accepted. The Admissions Committee will meet no later than February 15th to consider applications. Applicants selected for admission will be interviewed no later than February 28th.

All students, admitted and declined, **will be notified of their status by email provided by the applicant and posted letter no later than April 1. Students must inform the MSW Admissions Committee of their acceptance or rejection of the offer of a seat in the MSW program by April 15. If notice is not given, an offer will be extended to the next eligible applicant.**

Note: Transcripts from all educational institutions attended must be presented as part of the application process.

Special note on recommendations: Students are required to submit 3 professional recommendations. Students from the CSU Pueblo BSW program may not use full-time faculty for recommendations. Instead, those students should submit an additional professional recommendation in place of the Academic Advisor's recommendation. A separate, fillable Letter of Recommendation form is linked below for your convenience.

**APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION
SPECIALIZED MSW PROGRAM
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY-PUEBLO**

Applicant Name: Date:

Email address: Phone:

Physical Address:

BSW ☐ Y ☐ N Where obtained and when:

College/University is CSWE-accredited institution: ☐ Y ☐ N Transcript include: ☐ Y ☐ N

Course in statistics completed: ☐ Y ☐ N Where and when:

A course in research methods completed: ☐ Y ☐ N Where and when:

Cumulative GPA: 120 hours of volunteer or paid work experience in a human services field (beyond field hours) in a 6-month period during the last 5 calendar years: ☐ Y ☐ N Where was experience obtained:

Most recent field evaluation is included: ☐ Y ☐ N

Please attach the following: (If you are an applicant from the Generalist program, you may not use the same summary.)

A 3-page summary of the role you expect your graduate studies to play in your professional and personal development. Be sure to state your employment history and goals, as well as your personal motivation. Note your strengths and needs as a graduate student of social work. Please address diversity in your statement. One way of defining diversity is as the sum of personal traits and qualities, as well a life experiences that affect development and beliefs. Diversity usually includes race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, disability, socioeconomic status, spiritual or religious beliefs, age, and other qualities, including geography and body weight. Experiences can include personal life experiences, such as career choice, individual challenges, and exposure to or working in cultures other than your primary culture. Even if you believe that you have had a small amount of experience with diversity in your life, please describe its impact on your social work plans.

Please provide references for three people: one from a professor, one from an academic advisor, and one from an employer or field supervisor. The references are to be provided to the individual, and they complete the reference, signing across the sealed back of an envelope, and returning to you or mailing directly to us. Make sure to complete the top part of the reference document before giving to individuals to complete.

Please return the completed form and personal statement to:
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Background Checks:

Almost without exception, social service agencies which meet our requirements for practicum placements require background checks as well as alcohol and drug testing at the student's expense. These policies are the policies of the social services agencies throughout this area, not Colorado State University – Pueblo policies nor the Department of Social Work policies. Having a criminal history may limit or prohibit a student's ability to obtain a field placement as well as limit or prohibit employment in social service agencies following graduation with a BSW degree or licensure if applicable.

It is recommended that any student who has concerns about undergoing a background check discuss the situation with his/her advisor or the Chair of the Department to determine the feasibility of pursuing admission to the Social Work Program before completing the process of application for admission into the Program.

By my signature below, I acknowledge understanding of the above and indicate my intention to apply for admission into the Social Work Program.

Have you ever been arrested or convicted of a crime? ☐ Yes ☐ No

*A "yes" answer here will not affect the decision to admit into the program. This question is only a prompt for the student to meet with the Field Coordinator to check availability of placement.

Student Signature

Date

Student Name (print)

**COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY – PUEBLO
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK**

Agency Drug Testing and Credit Checks

Students applying to the MSW program should be aware that some field placements conduct drug tests and credit checks on students who apply for internship. Although the State of Colorado has passed legislation affirming that they will not prosecute citizens who are in possession of a specific amount of cannabis, allow citizens to grow a specific number of plants, and allow dispensaries to sell cannabis for medicinal and/or recreational use, employers may still deny employment based on a positive drug test for cannabis. Likewise, internship agencies may deny an internship placement based on a positive drug test, even for cannabis. Further, holding a medical marijuana card will not protect the student if there is a positive drug test for cannabis and students may still be denied placement.

If you are aware that you may have a positive drug test, please speak with the field coordinator or your academic advisor, as you may be denied field placement from area agencies. Please note that the Department of Social Work at Colorado State University-Pueblo does not set these policies. It is the agency who sets the policy based on preferences, funding source requirements, type of client served, and other reasons. We cannot force an agency to change their policy.

Whenever possible, we will try to find you a placement with an agency that does not drug test or does not conduct credit checks, but we cannot guarantee that any specific agency will accept a student for placement.

By your signature below, you acknowledge you have read and understand the *Agency Drug Testing and Credit Checks* information above.

Student Signature

Date

Student Name (print)

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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK
Application for Admission to the Master of Social Work Program

Reference Request

Student Name:

The above student is applying for admission into the Social Work Program at Colorado State University – Pueblo and has requested a reference from you.

I hereby waive ☐ do not waive ☐ the right to view references.

Student's signature

Date

Reference:

Name:

Address:

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2. Do you have personal knowledge of the capacity of the applicant to perform the work required in social services? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please indicate the nature of this experience and your assessment of the applicant's performance.

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5. Are there any additional comments or concerns that you have?

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practicing social workers with BSW degree ☐ BSW graduates ☐ those with another bachelor's degree

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