**Admissions Questions**

*Using professional writing, answer each question separately. Please provide clarity and supporting details to support each answer.*

* What is your definition of social work? How does your definition align with the National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics and mission of Kean University?
* Beyond helping people, what has influenced your decision to pursue a Master of Social Work degree?
* Kean University’s Master of Social Work program has a sole specialization, Direct Clinical Practice. Discuss how you career goals align with this specialization.
* Dignity and Respect for others is important in social work practice and in the Master of Social Work program. Share an example where you demonstrated respect for diversity and difference, and what did you learn from the experience?
* Identify a social, economic or environmental justice issue which is important to you. Next, briefly share how the issue may be addressed by professional social workers to promote advocacy.
* Challenges occur in life, and in graduate school. Hence, support is paramount to ensuring success. Discuss the support system you have and how it will serve helpful to ensure your academic, personal and professional success.
* The Master of Social Work courses are offered Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays from 4:30 pm – 10:15, and Saturdays 9 am – 3:15 pm. Students are expected to attend classes two of the listed days, which require a commitment to an afternoon, evening and weekend schedule, based on class availability. Explain how you plan to meet this expectation, if accepted in the Master of Social Work program.
* Field Education is the signature pedagogy of the Master of Social Work program. Each student is required to complete the practicum experience, which requires two – three days in a real world organization/agency to apply, demonstrate and integrate new graduate level social work knowledge, values, skills and cognitive and affective processes. *Students accepted in the 2 year Option:* complete the first practicum, known as the generalist practicum, in year 1 of the program, while enrolled in four courses, and the second practicum, known as the specialization practicum, in year 2 of the program. *Students accepted in the 3 year Extended Option:* complete only courses (three courses) in year 1, and in year 2 begin the generalist practicum while enrolled in two classes, and in year 3 compete the specialization practicum, while enrolled in three class.

*Student accepted in the Advanced Standing Option:* complete only the specialization practicum as the generalist practicum was completed during the senior year of the accredited undergraduate Social Work degree program.

**The generalist practicum** occurs in an organization/agency in one academic year. Students are required to complete 16 hours a week for 15 semester weeks in the fall semester, and 16 hours a week for 15 semester weeks during the spring semester for a total of 480 generalist practicum hours for the academic year. Only students accepted in the 2 year and 2 year Extended option complete the generalist practicum.

**The specialization practicum** occurs in an organization/agency different from the generalist practicum in the final year of the Master of Social Work program. Students are required to complete 20 hours a week for 15 semester weeks in the fall semester, and 20 hours a week for 15 semester weeks during the spring semester for a total of 600 direct clinical practicum hours for the academic year. All students enrolled in accepted in the Master of Social Work program complete the specialization practicum.

Explain how you plan to meet the requirements for the Master of Social Work field education practicum. Be specific in your response.

**For Applicants with an accredited undergraduate degree in Social Work and seeking admissions as Advanced Standing:**

Reflect on your academic and practicum experiences as a social work undergraduate student. Next, discuss a social work intern-client experience where you demonstrated Engagement, Assessment, Planning, Implementation, Evaluation, Termination, and Follow Up. What did you learn from the experience which can be useful in an advanced practicum experience where the focus centers on direct clinical practice?