

CASE SUMMARY

Required for BSW Applicants and for MSW Transfer Students (This format replaces copy found on pages 14 – 17 of our paper applications.)

To the Applicant: This is an opportunity to give the Admission Committee a sense of the level and intensity of clinical work you have been doing.

Using the outline below as a guide, and taking care to *disguise all identifying information*, please describe your work with a current or recent client. Please identify the systems within which the client is involved, the issues and variables affecting the client, and the client's strengths and vulnerabilities. Please then describe your goals and the nature of and rational for your intervention. Finally, evaluate your intervention and the outcome for the client. If there was a particularly significant or meaningful interaction between you and the client, tell us about it and explain why you felt it was particularly important.

Please submit the Case Summary as word-processed document, double spaced, no more than 6 – 8 pages.

Case Summary Format:

- I. **Agency context** (setting in which client was seen)
- II. **Client information**
 - Describe the client (i.e., gender, class, race, religion, ethnicity, employment, finances, etc.)
 - Describe presenting problem/concern about which the client is seeking help
 - Describe systems within which the client is involved (i.e., family, church, community, spouse, etc.)
 - Describe variables affecting the client (i.e., personal history, medical history, family background, etc.)
 - Describe the specific strengths/vulnerabilities of the client
- III. **Intervention**
 - Drawing upon the client information you provided above, please assess the client and the presenting problem, attending to issues of the client's current functioning, relevant developmental issues, social-cultural context, environmental factors and clinical diagnosis.
 - Please describe your intervention plan and the goals of your intervention
 - Why did you choose this intervention?
- IV. **Evaluation**
 - Stepping back, how would you assess the effectiveness of your intervention?
 - What impact did the intervention have on the client, particularly with regard to the presenting problem you have defined above?
- V. **Significant Interaction** (describe a specific session or part of a session that was particularly meaningful to the formulation of your intervention or that had a significant impact on your relationship with the client.)