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Dear Applicants,

Thank you for your interest in the MSW program. The MSW program is now accepting applications for the regular MSW program beginning in *Fall 2012*. Classes for the regular MSW program will be for 24 months (fall, spring, summer, fall, spring & summer), from August 2012 through July 2014.

Our program offers a cohort model and admits students to the regular program and advanced standing programs every other year. The next regular class will begin the MSW program in the *fall semester 2012*.

The next advanced standing class will begin the program in May 2013. Advanced standing applicants must be able to begin the program within 7 years of graduation with a BSW from a CSWE accredited program. The advanced standing program will be for 15 months (May 2013 through July 2014).

**Applications** for the fall 2012 class are *due December 1, 2011*. Please be sure to look at the list of frequently asked questions on the website. This list will answer many of your questions.

- Applications: All applications are sent directly to the graduate school. Once the application is completed and all transcripts and letters of recommendation are received the application will be forwarded to the Department of Social Work for review.
  - Please be sure to contact the graduate school to assure that your application has been received and is being processed.
  - To assure that your application is completed in time for the review by the admissions committee, we would encourage an early submission. Sometimes it takes time for all the material to be processed, transcripts to be ordered, etc. The sooner you apply, the sooner your application will be ready for review.
  - Please expect that the admissions committee will contact you to request an interview. We anticipate that you will be contacted to schedule an interview early in February.
- Prerequisites:
  - There are three prerequisites:
    - A course in biology with human biology content
    - A course in statistics
    - A course in human development across the life span.
  - If you question whether or not the courses you took as an undergraduate will qualify for the prerequisites we will be happy to assist you.
- Advanced Standing:
  - Deadline for Applications:

- The deadline for advanced standing applications will be posted in the spring 2012.
- Prerequisites:
  - Please understand that every MSW program is different with different prerequisite requirements. Even if you have a BSW, there may be prerequisites that you will need to take. If you have questions, please let us help you.

Sincerely,

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