



VANCOUVER ISLAND
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Social Services Diploma Program

Guidelines for the Development of a Personal Statement

The application procedure to the Social Services Diploma Program at Vancouver Island University requires that you complete a personal statement relating to your interest in the field of social services.

The following are the required content areas in the development of a personal statement and must be between 3 - 5 typewritten pages maximum, 12 font, double spaced:

- Describe a significant life experience that has had an impact on you, which may have influenced your interest in applying to the Social Services Diploma Program
- Describe what you have learned about yourself and others as a result of this life experience
- Reflecting on your paid or volunteer work, discuss your potential contribution as a social service worker
- Identify a social problem and discuss what you believe causes this problem and what actions might resolve it

Your personal statement is considered confidential. However, it will be read and rated by faculty in the Social Services Diploma Program during the admissions process.
