FALL 2015 APPLICANT CONTRACT
REGARDING ETHICS AND PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

All applicants to the CSUN MSW Program should read and confirm their understanding of the following: (Please sign your initials next to each area indicating that you have read, understand and agree to the terms and conditions stated.)

1. Participation and successful completion of a graduate, professional social work program requires a significant commitment of time, energy, financial resources, and physical and emotional health. The two-year MSW program includes fifteen units of coursework per semester and sixteen hours per week (first year) and twenty-four hours per week (second year) of field work to be performed during regular business hours (Monday-Friday). The three-year MSW program includes six to nine units of coursework per semester (including summer sessions) and sixteen hours per week of field work (first and second years of the program for Fall, Spring and Summer terms). For three-year program students, one of the field internship days must be scheduled on a week day during regular business hours. Program schedules are subject to change based on University and Department resources.

2. Based on faculty and administration educational and/or professional judgment, the MSW Program reserves the right to reject an applicant, or to dismiss an admitted student, whose academic record or performance in field practicum does not meet minimum expectations, or whose performance is not consistent with the accepted standards for professional behavior. If admitted, applicants will be required to complete the MSW field application process which includes an on-campus field interview. The applicant agrees to accept the field placements assigned by the field faculty. The applicant agrees to make him/herself available during and between semesters for interviews and other necessary field placement processes.

3. If admitted, the applicant understands that it may be necessary to complete field practicum prerequisites in order to confirm a field placement site. Placement agencies may require security background investigations, fingerprint checks, random drug screens, physical examinations, TB tests, immunization verification, a valid CA driver’s license, etc. The applicant should understand that they are responsible for the costs associated with field practicum prerequisites. Failure to meet prerequisite requirements and/or secure a field placement may result in dismissal from the MSW Program.

4. The MSW program offers a generalist approach to working with urban families and focuses on educating and training students to be competent professional social workers with a diverse set of skills and experiences. As such, students may have placements in micro, mezzo and/or macro settings.

5. The MSW Program requires applicants and subsequently admitted students to maintain and abide by the Professional NASW Code of Ethics (click here) and maintain a record void of misdemeanors, convictions, felonies, or disciplinary actions by any regulatory or licensing board in any state, from the time the application is submitted through the completion of the MSW Program. Once admitted, the student agrees to notify the MSW Program of any prior and/or pending convictions, misdemeanors, felonies, or disciplinary action (including alcohol/drug related driving infractions) taken by any regulatory or licensing board in California or any other state.

6. If admitted, the applicant acknowledges that s/he has reliable vehicle and auto insurance so s/he may be able to meet the MSW field obligations. Applicant understands that field placements may be located a considerable distance from campus, which may require unreimbursed travel up to one hour each way.

My signature below certifies that I have carefully read, reviewed, and agree to all information and statements contained in this contract. I acknowledge that all materials submitted as part of my application are complete and accurate and that the content and writing of the personal statement is original and of my own creation.

Signature __________________________ Name __________________________ Date __________________________

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