Appendix G

Social Work Program
Application to the Social Work Major
Personal Narrative Content Requirement

Pre-major students are required to write a personal narrative of four to five double-spaced pages. Rather than just responding to each item listed below in a numeric form as listed, the narrative should be written in essay form with the correct structure including a cover page, an introduction, a thesis statement, the narrative body, the conclusion and reference page.

Students are to apply writing skills learned in SW 225 ‘Writing for the Social Work Profession,’ course and utilize appropriate in-text citations for references used in the narrative. Writing support resources are available through E-Tutoring and/or the CCSU writing Lab. The personal narrative must address following points. Identify and describe three personal qualities that will make you a good social worker.

1. When you hear the words “professional social worker” what significance does it hold for you as a pre-major preparing to be a social work major? Discuss your commitment to social work referring to the Council on Social Work Education Professional Competencies from your course syllabi and include reference to the NASW Code of Ethics (2006).

2. What have you learned thus far from your 70-hour volunteer field work experiences about the social work professional competences required? Provide examples of ways you demonstrated practice behavior learning outcomes based on the CSWE competencies.

3. What have you discovered about yourself (self-awareness) as a developing social work professional in terms of CSWE competency 2.1.1 Identify as a professional social worker and conduct oneself accordingly?

4. What is the relevance of diversity, populations-at-risk, and cultural competence for social work practice? Provide two examples from class or from volunteer field experiences that demonstrate your beginning understanding CSWE competency 2.1.4 Engage diversity and difference in practice and NASW (2007) Indicators for Cultural Competence in Social Work Practice.

5. Identify personal and academic strengths and challenges and ways you engaged in critical thinking to overcome the challenges. Use CSWE competency 2.1.3 as your guide, “Apply Critical Thinking to Inform and Communicate Professional Judgments.” Note how do you plan to address these challenges? Please be specific.

6. Identify and describe three expectations you have regarding your vision of your professional development as you continue forward in the Social Work Program. You may refer to specific CSWE competencies

7. Provide additional information that you believe enhance your application to the social work program.