SELECTION OF PROSPECTIVE SOCIAL WORK STUDENTS

Bachelors degree in Social Work (B SW)

1. INTRODUCTION

In order to be admitted to the B SW qualification in the Faculty of Health Sciences, prospective students must first meet the entry requirements as outlined in the Faculty calendar. They then have to undergo a selection process.

2. SELECTION

2.1 Selection takes place based on a selection model consisting of:

(a) an academic component (matric average) (prospective students must submit a certified or signed (by the headmaster) statement of their marks or symbols in the June or preliminary matric examination to the Admissions Office,

(b) a psychometric component (testing aptitude, interests, personality traits as well as study habits and attitude) (it takes approximately six hours to write the psychometric tests),

(c) a motivation essay (of least 250 but not more than 500 words) that motivates why you should be selected as prospective social worker, as well as an updated CV that, amongst others, includes any community service that you may have performed (you must bring these two documents with you if you are invited to the selection/psychometric tests), and

(d) a possible structured selection interview on a specified date.

2.2 With regard to the selection system, the following must be emphasised.

(a) The object of the selection of prospective social work students is to select persons that stand the best chance of passing the course and that would make a positive contribution to the social work profession and South African society. It also takes place within the context of the fact that there are a limited number of placements available for the internship of the fourth year.

(b) Selection does not replace, but rather supplements the minimum admission requirements for the B SW qualification as published in the faculty calendar (currently APS Score = 24) (note that this APS Score is subject to change from year to year).

(c) Particularly in the current economic climate, it is beneficial for prospective students to get an early indication of whether they will be able to successfully complete a particular qualification [in this case the B SW degree]. Candidates who, after the selection process, are not admitted to this qualification, are not being turned away; in fact, the University will make available its entire guidance service with a view to assisting them to plan an alternative career.
3. REQUIREMENTS

(a) Students are only provisionally selected on the basis of their preliminary matric examination marks (grade 12) and a successful selection process (see heading 4).

(b) Selection can, therefore, only be confirmed and finalised once the final matric marks have been received.

(b) It remains the responsibility of the prospective student to fax a certified copy of his/her matric statement of symbols, as soon as possible upon issuance thereof by the education department concerned, to Mrs H Freeke at 087 231 5275.

(c) Confirmation of selection will then be communicated by SMS during January 2014.

4. SELECTION PROCEDURE

4.1 Application

The closing date for applications for admission for the Selection Process is 30 June 2013. Send your application in time, preferably before 31 May 2013, so that it would reach us by this closing date at the latest.

4.2 Selection/Psychometric tests

(a) Successful applicants will be invited to the selection tests. The invitation should reach you within two weeks after the closing date for applications. Please ensure that your contact details on the application form are absolutely correct, otherwise the invitation may not reach you in time. It includes your telephone number and email address.

(b) Please notify Dr MM Steyn if you do accept the invitation. If you don’t do it, you keep the next candidate from utilising the selection opportunity. Contact Dr Steyn before 18 July 2013 at telephone number (018) 299-1684 or marie.steyn@nwu.ac.za in this regard. Please note that special arrangements will be made with candidates who live far from Potchefstroom.

(c) The selection/psychometric tests will take place on 20 July 2013.

(d) Please note that no selection tests can be done without an invitation.

4.3 Selection interview

(a) Selection interviews in general are not required. Interviews will only take place if the School director decides that it’s needed to follow up on the outcomes of the selection tests. This interview will be per individual arrangement with the student on 19 or 20 August 2013. Please note that special arrangements will be made with candidates who live far from Potchefstroom. Dr MM Steyn of Social Work or her delegate at telephone number (018) 299-1684 will confirm the specific arrangements with you.

(b) The result of the selection process is at the discretion of the panel members and their decision is final without stating reasons.

(c) Social Work will notify all candidates at the end of August 2013 of the outcome of the selection process in writing. Note that the selection can only be finalised once successful candidates had handed in all the required documents (see heading 3).

5. ENQUIRIES

Enquiries may be directed to Mrs H Freeke at telephone number (018) 299-2635 or in writing to the following address:
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POTCHEFSTROOM, 2520