

TRU Bachelor of Social Work

The Admission Statement

Social work involves working directly with people with a wide range of needs, problems and values. The Admission Statement is an opportunity to describe your understanding of social issues, and your expectations of social work education as a preparation for social work practice.

Please answer the questions below. Admission statement assessors do not know the identity of the applicant they are evaluating, as this is an anonymous process. **Please do not put your name on your Admission Statement.**

- Place your TRU student number, if you have one, on the first page in the upper right hand corner of your Admission Statement. If you do not yet have a TRU student number, one will be assigned to you by the Social Work Admissions Officer and placed on your Admission Statement.
- Please respond to each of the three questions with a 400 to 500 word response per question.
 1. Identify one important social issue within your community and explain the issue as informed by social work values and ethics.
 2. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC) submitted its final report in December 2015. What does reconciliation mean to you in light of your social location? What has been your engagement with reconciliation to date?
 3. The TRC included 94 Calls to Action. Identify one of the 94 Calls to Action and explain its significance to your future social work practice. What gaps will you need to address in your educational experience in TRU in responding to the selected Call to Action?

Admission Statements are evaluated according to the following criteria:

Self-Evaluation

- Demonstrates the capacity for open self-reflection.
- Has an awareness of strengths and limitations.

Evaluation of Social Issues

- Demonstrates sensitivity toward situations and conditions of disadvantage.
- Is able to articulate personal actions taken or social actions required using an ethical lens for evaluation.

Critical Analysis

- Demonstrates an ability to question commonly accepted 'truths'.
- Demonstrates the ability to make inferences from specific examples to abstract concepts.

Communication

- Excellent use of English grammar, spelling, punctuation and organization.
- Conceptualizes ideas and experiences well.