

## Supplemental Questionnaire for Distributed Learning Program Application

Please answer the following questions in short essay format (250-500 words each). Based on your answers, the admissions committee may request a follow up telephone interview in order to complete evaluation of your application.

- 1.** The DL SW degree programs at HSU require students to have access to a computer (preferably less than 3 years old), webcam, headset with microphone, Internet access and basic word processing and Internet research skills. Please describe your access to the technology necessary to be successful in this program. In addition, discuss your level of confidence in using these technological tools- including solving simple problems, checking email and accomplishing basic tasks.
- 2.** Using your academic or professional experience, describe your ability to work independently, to manage your time, to communicate with faculty and colleagues and to develop appropriate study strategies. Discuss your own problem-solving strategies and how you might address issues of confusion around expectations, lack of clarity or communication, competing demands, etc.
- 3.** How do you understand your own learning style? How will this help you to be successful in a distributed learning education program? How will it challenge your success? Discuss potential barriers that may arise for you and strategies to mitigate these barriers.
- 4.** There are many issues that impact an individual's attitude and motivation in regards to learning. Consider the ways in which you experience your own attitude and motivation in a learning environment. What increases your motivation? What hinders it? Discuss the supports that you have in your life that will increase your ability to succeed in this program (i.e. family, friends, professional, financial, cultural, etc). Discuss the obligations in your life that will make this program more challenging (i.e. family, friends, professional, financial, cultural, etc.). How will you make space for your education in your life (i.e. physical space or study environment, emotional space, psychological space, spiritual space, financial space, etc.)?
- 5.** Our programs emphasize work with rural and Indigenous communities. If you are not currently residing in a rural area or working with Indigenous communities, how will our DL MSW program be relevant to your social work career goals?
- 6.** Our Distributed Learning MSW program was developed in part to improve access to social work education. If you reside in an area with an existing social work education program, please describe why you have chosen to apply to our program.
- 7.** Write a brief statement sharing why you are choosing to complete your degree in an online/ distance/ distributed learning program. Specifically, why are you choosing to apply to the distributed learning Social Work degree program at Humboldt State University? Please address the emphasis of our program and how it fits for your individual learning goals.