

# TRU Bachelor of Social Work 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 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 prepare your answers to the questions below and post them to the [web form](#). This form will be sent to the TRU Admissions Office. **Please do not put your name on your Admission Statement.**

- You will have a new or existing TRU ID number that is referred to with your Social Work application. Include this number on the web form so that it can be added to your application file.
  - 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. Draw on the CASW Code of Ethics in your response. Identify one policy relevant to the social issue, and explain how the policy might impact the issue.
  2. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC) submitted its final report in December 2015. What does truth and reconciliation mean to you in light of your social location? What has been your engagement with truth and reconciliation to date? For example, engagement may include activities such as attending events in the community, sitting with significant unlearning, developing relationships with Elders, etc. What shifts in your perspective and understanding have you experienced through this engagement?
  3. The National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) published the final report, *Reclaiming Power and Place*, in 2019, with 18 sections of detailed calls in the Calls for Justice. The TRC (noted in question 2) included 94 Calls to Action. Identify one of the MMIWG Calls for Justice or one of the 94 TRC Calls to Action and explain its significance to your future social work practice. What gaps will you need to address in your educational experience at TRU in responding to the selected Call for Justice or 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.