

Experience Profile

All applicants must complete this form. Please answer each question, following any specified word count limits. The purpose of the experience profile is to give you the opportunity to expand on the information included in your resume, including paid and unpaid/volunteer work. If you wish to share personal experiences, there is an opportunity to do so in the personal statement. The experience profile will be used by assessors to understand your motivation and readiness for graduate social work education, including a practicum which may require you to work with equity seeking populations, and a career in social services.

Please Note: “Relevant experience” refers to the elements of your past or current paid, unpaid, or volunteer work that have shaped you and which you believe make you a suitable candidate for the MSW Program and for a new (or continued) career in social work. Please be aware that assessors are particularly interested in your readiness to take action on issues of equity and decolonization and your capacity for critical thinking and reflexivity.

Paid Experience:

Please list, **in order of importance**, a minimum of 1 and a maximum of 10 different paid employment experiences or positions that have shaped you and you believe make you a suitable candidate for the MSW program and a career or continued career in social work.

In the “Description” box below, please indicate how your listed paid experiences collectively support your suitability and readiness for graduate social work studies and a career in social work. **Please do not provide a role description, but rather give evidence of the skillsets, self-awareness, and/or knowledge that you possess that prepares you for the MSW program and a career in social work.** You are welcome to provide examples from your work that demonstrate your skills, self-awareness, and/or knowledge; please respect the privacy and confidentiality of all concerned (i.e., do not include names or identifying information).

You may wish to include work that involved working with equity seeking groups (i.e. you may have worked as a counsellor at a summer camp for children with diverse abilities, as a barista with members of the homeless community, as a community organizer, or as a teacher’s aide in a primary school classroom). Experience can be in any work environment and area of practice; regardless of what job you occupied, what is important is that you clearly articulate why you believe that the work in which you were involved is meaningfully connected to areas of social work practice. Please note that two years or more of relevant experience is considered an asset. One year is equivalent to 1750 hours.

Total hours of **paid** experience:

Description of paid experiences (maximum of 350 words):

Unpaid Experience:

Please list **in order of importance** up to 10 different **unpaid** experiences (volunteer, practicum, unpaid internship, student placement, job shadowing, etc.) that support your application for graduate social work studies at Laurier and a career or continued career in social work.

In the “Description” box below, please indicate how your listed unpaid experiences collectively support your suitability and readiness for graduate social work studies and a career in social work. Please do not provide a role description, but rather give evidence of the skillsets, self-awareness, and/or knowledge that you possess that prepares you for the MSW program and a career in social work.

With regards to unpaid work, you may have been a youth leader within a community organization, a volunteer research assistant, or job shadowed at a food bank. What’s important here is to share elements of your volunteer experience which have helped you to acquire skills which you believe make you suitable for social work practice.

Total hours of **unpaid** experience:

Description of unpaid experiences (maximum of 350 words):

Total Hours of all experiences: