

Hello All,

Today, our speaker, Felicia Hilson- The Director of Admissions and Recruiting told us about . . .

The Master of Social Work Program at VSU

Admission

Admission requirements ask that your overall GPA be a 2.5 or better and that in the last 60 hours you maintained a 2.0 or better. They accept scores from either the **MAT (Miller Analogies Test)** and **GRE (Graduate Record Examination)**.

For the **MAT- the score should be at least 390**. This test costs \$80 and tends to last for an hour. One may call the testing center as late as the day before MAT was scheduled to be taken. For an older version of the **GRE- the verbal score minimum is 146 with a 3.5 in analytical**. For a newer version, the **verbal score should be a 400 with a 3.5 in analytical**. This test costs \$185 and lasts 4 hours.

The deadline for admissions into MSW was March the 15th. Had the office received your application by then but it was held late awaiting transcripts, the office may wait as long as a month for those organizations that are outside of the student's control. However, the position may not be available. [Only 25 may enter the program annually.]

1. If you are ready to begin applying for next fall, you may submit the application as early as **June 1st**.
2. You need to finish the **online application**
3. You need to finish the **supplemental application** as well.
4. You need **three recommendation** letters on your behalf and they must relate to MSW.
5. You need to provide **all** of the secondary school's **transcripts** that you have attended.
6. You need to provide proof that you attended these schools if they are in the state of Georgia

While a bachelor's of social work can be attained at other facilities, the MSW program will accept any bachelor's graduate that meet or exceed their expectations.

Why you should trust this program

As of last year 95% of the MSW students graduated. The national graduation average for the MSW program is 72%. This program is also in the state of Georgia. Georgia and Florida are the two hardest states to achieve licensure. All licensure standards are the same but the timeframe within them can vary. Georgia wants you to complete the 60 hours of social work and 60 hours in another close field

(or 120 hours of social work) within a 36 month period. Florida wants you to complete the 120 hour requirement in 2 years, putting an emphasis on psychopathy.

Assistantships from this program pay well (approx.. \$2,000 annually) in addition to covering your tuition. You are only expected to find your own housing, books and a \$36 difference it cannot cover. One such assistantship is My Friend's House which works with Alzheimer's patients. Still it encourages that you apply for all assistantships which you qualify.

82% of all who applied last year **were accepted** this past year. By 2014, it is expected that the MSW program will have its own access to **the clinic in the Health Sciences building**. Tentatively, that client is to be used for grieving and bereavement therapy. The first year, classes are held 4 nights a week and the years after that the classes can be as little as three nights per week. All of these classes begin after 5pm. There is a Web-Based Program that functions as a hybrid between class time and online assignments. They meet on Weekends and run in 3-4 our blocks.

The VSU program provides an "Advanced Generalist Degree" which is made to prepare students for the broad **lateral movement** they will be doing in the field. A **MSW is a terminal degree** and ends in the license LMSW with updated CEU's. Students in the past have been placed at

Federal Law Enforcement Correctional Facility
Fort Stewart
Turning Point
GA. Pines Mental Health &
Green Leaf

Students must face **2 practicum internships for a total of 1,000hrs** concurrent with their school work. The first is foundational and no choice is given to you. The second internship allows room for your selection, though no internship is more than an hour away from the student's residency. Often, the place of internment eventually becomes the place of employment. For veteran affairs, the student must have completed the first internship.

How it benefits you

Owning a LMSW will earn you \$15,000 increase in salary annually. While the economy has seen some with this degree go, it has also seem the field grow. Those with a license for Clinical Supervision can work directly with insurance companies eliminating a middle man in private practice. *The field as varied from hospice to gerontology to veteran affairs to individual/family/marriage counseling to substance abuse to child welfare to truancy to private practice to being a community organizer.* While many in DFCS may not hold MSW's yet, if one is looking to become a supervisor, he/she must obtain this degree. In the future, Social Work will be more streamlined with credentials and so it helps to prepare. You can be licensed as a clinical social worker (LCSW) as well.

The Theme for our Relay for Life Tent had these nominations for the theme of a significant event or invention in the past century. We will discuss further to be sure of our choices but whatever the theme, it must be marketable, easy to pitch to the Relay for Life board, and have happened within the last 100 years. Decades were avoided because it was assumed others would have taken decades. We need several plans for a theme so that we do not duplicate another when the list makes it to our officers.

Brainstormed Themes

1. SPSS
2. Moon Landing
3. Karaoke Revolution
4. Twitter

The Drawing is still in effect. As you continue to sell tickets, keep in mind these tips.

- 1) All the ticket money will be donated to Relay for Life
- 2) 15 prizes have been gathered for the bait in the drawing
- 3) 2 for \$1 ticket prices
- 4) If you get a letterhead, business card or other emblem from them
 - a. They get free advertisement
 - b. We get them on event T-shirts!

Psych Club Bingo is playing a quick game of catch-up. By next week's meeting, it is expected that you will hand-in your filled-out bingo sheets. ***If you cannot make it to the meeting, but believe you have a bingo- contact Genesis Lewis in an e-mail.***

If you are interested in attaining the prize for bingo and have a conviction for finishing what you started look on your bingo sheets for the following questions.

Question 1 – People who suffer from this condition tend to be self-destructive. They may use drugs, or engage in promiscuous sexual activities.

Question 2 – What emotion state does the gesture of narrowed eyes convey?

Question 3 – Scientists differentiate what three basic types of memory, based on the duration of memory retention.

Question 4 – A person with this disorder has fluctuating levels of orientation.

Question 5 – Memory is closely related to these essential human abilities.

Question 6 – Laughter is one of the first expressions of emotions babies learn to convey. At what age do babies start to laugh?

Question 7 – In what country is showing a negative facial expression avoided because they are considered impolite?

Question 8 – People suffering from this mental illness manifest a psychiatric condition as a physical complaint.

Question 9 – Depression can cause brain damage.

Question 10 – Experiments prove that men usually are better at decoding facial expressions than women.

Relay for Life Events It is customary to camp out during the event and at least two people spend the night on the grounds. We will be doing shifts to man the station, but we do need to show that overnight support. Contact me if you can make time to do so from the late night of **April 9th 2013** to daylight. We will have a tent and two queen sized air mattresses.

Second, we need a sheer banner for the event as well. When I discover the theme or the painting event, I can properly send the information to you willing volunteers that helped us make the v-day grams last time. (By the way, thank you).

Upcoming Events

You know where and you know when P.B. 1302 @ 12:30pm

Apr-02 Joshua Waters----MFT program presentation

Apr-08 Kris Jensen-----President of FORTUNE Personnel Consultants

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