

**THOMPSON RIVERS UNIVERSITY  
SOCIAL WORK SUPPLEMENTARY APPLICATION FORM**

(All applicants must complete the personal information below and return to the Admissions Office. For department use only)

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ TRU ID: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Surname) (Given Names)

2. Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Apt#, Box#, Street) (City/Town) (Province) (Postal Code)

3. Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Equity Admissions:

The Bachelor of Social Work Degree Program recognizes there are institutional processes and socio cultural differences that present barriers to some applicants in gaining equal access to programs, and views diversity as a strength. Given the Program's commitment to diversity, equity and social justice, 25% of program seats are reserved each year for students from equity seeking groups including, but not limited to:

- Indigenous people, (Aboriginal, First Nations, Metis, Inuit),
- Persons from racialized and/or ethnic minority groups,
- Sexual and/or gender minorities, and
- Persons with disabilities.

Students admitted to these reserved seats must meet all the requirements for admission to the BSW program.

If you apply for equity seating, please indicate the basis upon which you wish to be considered. All information is confidential and used solely for admission purposes.

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5. Please indicate (circle) if you are applying for:

Part-time studies (fewer than 3 courses/semester)	Yes	No
Full-time studies (3 or more courses/semester)	Yes	No

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# TRU Bachelor of Social Work

## The Admission Statement

Social work involves working directly with people with a wide range of needs, strengths, challenges and values. The Admission Statement is an opportunity to describe your understanding of contemporary 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 to date while at TRU to respond to the selected Call to Action?

**Admission Statements are evaluated according to the following criteria:**

### **Self-Evaluation**

- Demonstrates the capacity for open self-reflection.
- 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.

### **Preparedness for Indigenous Content/Practice:**

- Familiarity with reconciliation and social location
- Indicates learning needs to implement TRC calls to action as a social worker.