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A book from the publisher of THE NEW SOCIAL WORKER: THE MAGAZINE FOR SOCIAL WORK STUDENTS AND RECENT GRADUATES. Are you thinking about getting a master's degree in social work?

Find out from a former admissions director how you can improve your graduate school application.

In The Social Work Graduate School Applicant's Handbook, you will learn about the admissions process from an insider's perspective. You will discover what will help (and hurt) your chances of being accepted to the school of your choice, and you will find tips on deciding which school is right for you.

Read this book and find out:

- What factors to consider when determining your interest in a school of social work
- What admissions committees look for in an applicant
- Whether your GPA and test scores matter
- How to gain social work related experience that will help your application
- Who to ask for letters of reference (and who not to ask)
- What to include in your personal essay
- Which schools are accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, and why this is important
- Where to find out about social work licensing in your state.

SPECIAL FEATURE—schools of social work provide tips to applicants and tell the most common mistakes applicants make, and also provide information about their programs!

NEW IN THIS EDITION—now includes information on schools in the U.S. and Canada WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING...

My social work education and experiences...have been invaluable to me as an elected official.... Pursuing a career in social work, specifically at the master's level, deserves serious reflection, research and the utilization of as many informational resources as you can find. Mr. Jesús Reyes' book provides you with both general information and specific advice on how to make an informed choice on which educational institution to attend. I urge you to give yourself time to digest the information provided by Mr. Reyes and go with your heart, wherein your strength lies. *Ciro D. Rodriguez, Social Worker and Former Member of Congress*
(From the Foreword to the First Edition)

If you are applying to MSW programs, Reyes' guide...will quickly become a favorite resource. *Tara Kuther, Ph.D., About.com Guide to Graduate School*

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! This book was exactly what I needed and what I was looking for. It has the answers to my questions and helped alleviate some of my fears about applying to graduate school. *Janet Berch, BSW*

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