



MS in CFS Letter of Intent Instructions

Submit to cfs@lsu.edu

The Master of Science in Child and Family Studies (CFS) graduate degree, housed within LSU's School of Social Work, prepares highly competent, effective, and ethical individuals to serve children and families within communities, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, and various social service agencies.

The letter of intent is a critical part of the application. It is the first writing sample an applicant submits to the CFS faculty. Reviewers will consider both the content and writing skills of the applicant based on this letter of intent.

Respond to each area listed below in paragraph format. The length of your letter of intent should be approximately 2-4 typed and double-spaced pages, not to exceed four. Your name should appear in the upper right-hand corner of each page. This letter of intent needs to be submitted electronically to cfs@lsu.edu as a PDF document.

I. Career Goals

- a. Why are you interested in pursuing the MS in CFS degree program?
- b. How did this interest develop?
- c. In what special fields or topics of CFS do you have an interest?
- d. What are your career goals? What do you hope to accomplish by successfully completing the MS in CFS degree?
- e. If you trained for or worked in another field, why are you proposing to get a MS in CFS degree?

II. Experiences Related to CFS

- a. Describe your experiences working with children and families.
- b. How have these experiences contributed to your interest in CFS?
- c. What experiences have you had working with diverse family structures and individuals, and how have these experiences impacted you?

III. Graduate School Readiness

- a. Graduate school is time consuming and academically challenging. How do you plan to balance the demands of your personal life with the academic demands of graduate school?
- b. What are your strengths that will help you stand out in the CFS graduate program?
- c. What professional areas do you plan to target for growth in the CFS graduate program?