



Letters of Reference Guidelines

ICSW requires *three* letters of reference in support of your application. Choose references that can evaluate your preparedness for clinically focused, doctoral level education. You should choose professionals who are familiar with your:

Clinical Skills

Academic Skills

Research Skills *Only applicable if you have engaged in post-master's research.*

Current or former supervisors, consultants and teachers make the best references. If you have not been a student for many years, find a reference who can attest to your academic preparedness and abilities. Once you have chosen your references, please send them a copy of the Guidelines for a Reference Letter and ask that it be completed in a timely manner. You should also let them know whether you have asked to see a copy of the letter or whether you waived this option.

LETTERS OF REFERENCE SHOULD BE SENT DIRECTLY TO:

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