



## **DUAL DEGREE IN SOCIAL WORK AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

### **Personal Statement Instructions**

Please address each of the questions below. You may add any additional information that may be helpful to the admissions committee. The personal statement must be typed and be close to the approximate word counts for each question.

1. (approx. 250 words) What are your reasons for applying to the dual degree program in social work and criminal justice at Rutgers University? Discuss how your personal, professional, and/or community experiences and values affected your decision.
2. (approx. 750 words) Select and descriptive a social justice problem and explain how social or criminal justice policies and practices can help alleviate the issue.
3. (approx. 250 words) What skills and strengths do you expect to gain from the dual degree program at Rutgers University that would help advance the fields of social work and criminal justice and improve society?
4. (approx. 100 words) After carefully reviewing the program requirements – including practicum learning and course load expectations – please describe how you will manage to fulfill the program requirements while balancing week-day practicum hours and academic work with other employment/life commitments.