## University of Wisconsin-Stout M.S. MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING PROGRAM <u>Personal Reference Form</u>

Applicant's Name	Applicant's Telephone No:
Address	
City, State, ZIP	Anticipated Enrollment: Aug. 20 OR Jan. 20
Email Address	OR Summer 20

The person named above is applying for admission to the M.S. Mental Health Counseling Program at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. You have been identified by the candidate as a reference. Your candid response to the questions below will be greatly appreciated and will be carefully considered as a part of the candidate's application. Please be as specific as you can in your responses and whenever possible, cite specific instances or examples that illustrate or expand your answers. Feel free to elaborate on your responses on additional pages.

- 1. How long and in what context have you known the applicant?
- 2. What is your assessment of the candidate's academic potential, particularly for work at the graduate level?
- 3. To what extent can the candidate synthesize knowledge and skills acquired in classes and through other experiences to work effectively with other people?
- 4. What is your assessment of the applicant's general stability and ability to cope effectively with stress? How well does the candidate tolerate frustration and ambiguity?
- 5. Is the candidate able to assume responsibility? To demonstrate individual initiative?
- 6. Does the candidate behave in an ethical manner, with integrity and consistency?
- 7. To what extent is the candidate able to empathize and communicate effectively with others? Is genuine, acceptant, and non-judgmental?

- 8. To what extent is the candidate able to work in a variety of roles (leader, team member, consultant, etc.?) to effectively achieve goals?
- 9. To what extent does the candidate exhibit maturity? Realistic self-knowledge? A sense of humor?
- 10. What special strengths does the candidate possess that would enhance his/her potential as a counselor/therapist? What weakness will he/she potentially need to overcome?
- 11. How comfortable is the candidate in reviewing feedback and constructive criticism and/or professional supervision?
- 12. How would you rate the candidate's ability to write? To communicate orally?
- 13. What overall ranking would you give this candidate if you were in charge of admissions decisions for a graduate degree program in counseling on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 considered outstanding and 1 considered not acceptable?

Please note that because of the competitive nature of the admission process for consideration for entrance in the **M.S. Mental Health Counseling Program** all required materials including recommendations must be received on or before the appropriate deadline for consideration. Deadline for submission of all materials for entrance in the Summer/Fall terms is **February 1**, and deadline for submissions of materials for entrance in the Spring term is **October 1**.

Please forward recommendations to:Program DirectorM.S. Mental Health Counseling ProgramVoc Rehab 250University of Wisconsin-StoutMenomonie WI 54751FAX# 715/232/2356

Your Name: T	itle:
Address: T	elephone #:
Signature: D	ate: