Social work professional are the main vessels that drive the communities that we live in today. During my previous years in the field of social work I have been elite on many things that has been going on in the world we live in today. Social work professionals play some very important roles in our society. Some of these things are bring awareness to mental health issues within all cultures, child abuse, child neglect, elderly abuse, elderly neglect etc. However, these topics can be some very touchy subjects to deal with to some people. Meanwhile, these things somehow shape the society we live in. Social workprofessional’s help these people find their way in the world as well as bring awareness to many unspoken topics. Social work professionals are always willing to go the extra miles to help those people get the help that’s needed. With that being said, social work is not something that you chose it something that chooses you.

On the other hand, my interest in social work develop my senior year of high school when I was a part of a club known as FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America). Within the club we would sponsor food drive for the elderly and least fortune in the community around the holidays. However, I wanted to do more for those people, I needed to know how can I help them receive food not just for that week or those few day but until they can get back on their feet. With that being said, right then and there I knew social work was the career path for me.

 However, what influenced my decision to seek graduate social work education at Jackson State University is the fact that I want continue my growth in knowledge in the field of social work. I feel the more knowledge I receive in the field the more I can do for families in my community and surrounding areas. I also feel that the knowledge that I will receive on a graduate level will allow me an opportunity to work in varies area in the field of social work. The preparations that I will receive in graduate social work at JSU will not just be basic knowledge I know that it will be things I can exercise in anexecutive setting as well as life itself. In addition to that,Jackson State University has an excellent social work program, pertaining to my research of many different grad schools. According to my research Jackson State graduate social work students has varies of educational events to attend. For example, the child welfare conference that was held at the Marriott.On the other hand, JSU has also produces some very productive people in my family who went through the MSW program as well as the BSW program. Another thing that influenced my decision to seek graduate social work education at Jackson State University was also the advance standing program.

Meanwhile, my special interests and career goals are to carry out mylong term passion to give back to my community to become a community social worker. This social work professionals administer community programs as well as help client’s secure different materials such as grants to build homes, home repair, parks, playgrounds etc. I want to provide as many resources I can to give to the needy families of my community. I am pursuing my master degree to provide clinical service and or manage program in this particular area.

Meanwhile, my life experiences contributed to my desire to practice social work. In all honesty, I grow up in a single parent house hold my mother work two jobs to make ends meet. I had three other siblings that grow-up in the same house hold with me one in particular is handicap from a car accident. My brother was 22 years of age at the time the accident occurred.With that being said, the accident left him paralyzed for life from the waist down. My mother didn’t have the resources, or the support, she also didn’t know where to go to retrieve these things. There were things throughout the house that needed to be adjusted to accommodate my brother disability. In addition to that, thing changed for everyone in the house hold. I was no longer happy to come home from school, being athome was stressful. Before the accident my brother always help my mom with things around the house, being that she had two jobs he would help my other siblings and I with homework, cook, clean, yard work etc. After the accident my brother stayed in his room all the time. All the thing that he normally did around the house vanish. However, most of my mother attention went towards my brother. She worried about him even more because he stop eating and taking his medication, sometimes he would lock her out of his room. She would get so frustrated with him, not understanding the process he was going through as well as not knowing how tomanage the process she was going through herself. Meanwhile, my brother try to commit suicide twice, so he could no longer be left at home along. In the process,my mother ended up losing one of her jobs to take care of him. With only one income coming in we were low on everything such as food, soap, tissue etc. However, with the one income that my mother did have coming in she proceed in adjusting things in the house herself, a little at a time.Some of the things she try to do herself because money was at an all-time low at the time.As she was trying to hold things together physically and mentally she was falling apart. As a result, she had a mild stroke which landed her in the hospital for a few days. All things considered, if she had someone to help her seek the right people for resources for my brother maybe things wouldn’t have happened the way they did .Furthermore, if my family would have perhaps seek counseling after the accident maybe everyone could have better cope with all the stress that was hanging over our heads at that time.

Meanwhile,intellectual and personal qualifications that will enable me to practice social work successful will be more so on the personal side rather than the intellectual. Intellectual I cannot see any qualification enabling me to not practice social work successful. However, personal there are two things that can enable me to practice social work successfully. The first personal qualification that will enable me to practice social work would be my motherly instances. For example I’m a mother of two and to see other children being harm by their parents or caregiver really bathers me. As a mother I go above and beyond for my children to make sure their being nurtured and well taken care of. However, being in the field of social work I have observed many home settings where parents and caregivers aren’t as loving and supportive. I feel that all children need to feel safe, love, supported and care for. With that being said, children are my weakness and mistreating them is one thing that I will not accept. The second personal qualification will be the mistreatment of elderly people. As a certified nursing assistance I have work with the elderly community for eight years. To work in that particular setting I was able to observer how vulnerable the elderly can be. They are like children but however they are not children they are adult that carry the same objective as children. For example the elderly community need to feel safe, love and care for. With all things concerted, my sensitivity toward the elderly community and children will enable me to be a successful social worker. The limitations that I see in my work experiences, attributes and skills that would need to be addressed to practice would be me giving a person too many chances. In my pervious experiences in the field of social work I was that person who give a person two or more chances before I would say “okay that is it”. However, I really don’t like to give up on people so easily. Last but not least I also need to address the way I go over broad helping people. I am learning that there is a different between helping someone and crippling a person. I have to address these things because in the words of my supervisor “people will take your kindness for weakness”. With that being said, these are some limitations that I need to address to practice social work successfully.

Meanwhile, being a full time mother, wife and student while I was completing my bachelor’s degree is a perfect example of my balancing ability. However, I cannot take all the credit I am thankful to have a great support system. For instance,when I was in the process of getting my bachelor’s degree my husband would pick the kids up from school as well as do other house hold chores all while working a full time job. My mother also came up to stay with me and my family to help out from time to time, she is also a great addition to my support system. When my mother came to visit she would cook, get the kids ready for bed and made sure I stayed force on everything pertaining to school. With a great support system in effect it allow me to get study time as well as complete other things such as homework, research papers and group projects. My husband would also tag along with me from time to time for different public educational events that were held on and off campus when I was an undergraduate student at The University of Mississippi. With that begin said, myhusband and other family members support me in everything I set out to complete. Having a great support system helps me balance outside responsibilities as well as academic responsibilities.