

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the Master of Science in Social Work (MSSW) program. We are pleased to know that you are interested in the Kent School as a place for you to continue your professional development. The Kent School offers several programs of study including a full-time program and a part-time program, both with weekend options, and an advanced standing program for those with qualifying undergraduate degrees in social work.

To be considered for acceptance into the Kent School, you need to submit the following: a completed application, a \$60.00 nonrefundable processing fee, an official transcript from each college or university you have attended, (if you graduated from U of L, your U of L transcript will be provided automatically, with no request needed from you), a written statement of 700-1000 words, and three reference forms. The content of the written statement is contained in materials sent in this packet. In addition to the three required reference forms, supplemental letters of recommendation are encouraged. Applicants who wish to be considered for Advanced Standing must submit their BSW Practicum Evaluation and one of their three letters of reference must be from their Director of Field Education. Additionally, an undergraduate GPA of 3.00 is recommended for you to be considered for admission to the Kent School. While we will consider applicants whose undergraduate GPA does not meet this standard, applicants with GPAs less than 2.75 must take the Miller Analogies Test (MAT) or the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) and submit acceptable scores with their application. Your application cannot be processed until all these items have been received. It is your responsibility to request the information needed for your file and to check with the University of Louisville's School of Interdisciplinary and Graduate Studies (502-852-3101) to determine the status of your file. After receipt of your completed application, it may take up to two months to receive notification of your admittance or denial.

If you wish to apply for financial aid, you need to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) which can be obtained from any college or university or from <http://www.louisville.edu/student/services/fin-aid/howto/index.html>.

The Kent School makes admissions decisions beginning in November for the following fall semester. The deadline for applications is February 15 (early bird), May 15 (traditional), June 11 (extended), and July 30 (late) for the following fall semester*. Entry into the program is highly competitive and applicants are encouraged to submit their applications early to ensure a space and to take advantage of options which are available to those who obtain early admission. *(There is an earlier 1/15 Deadline for those applying to MFT or Gerontology)

In addition to the MSSW degree, the Kent School also offers joint degrees with the Brandeis School of Law at the University of Louisville (MSSW/JD), the Louisville Presbyterian Seminary (MSSW/MDIV), the Department of Pan-African Studies at the University of Louisville (MSSW/MA), the Department of Women's and Gender Studies (MSSW/MA) and with Bioethics (MSSW/MA). Please refer to the enclosed materials for more information about these joint degrees. Specialty degrees are available in Marriage and Family Therapy, School Social Work, Alcohol and Drug Counseling, Gerontology and Mental Health Counseling. Please refer to the enclosed program descriptions for more information regarding these specializations. You probably will want to visit our web site at: <http://www.louisville.edu/kent/students/future-students> where you can find out about our Prospective Student Sessions and apply on line at: <http://louisville.edu/graduate>

No catalogue or website can adequately address all of your questions, and we here at Kent School are always glad to answer whatever questions you have. If you have any questions, after reviewing these materials or if you would like to schedule an appointment, please contact Misty McNichols, Coordinator of Admissions, at 502-852-0414 or by e-mail at msswkent@louisville.edu.

We hope to hear from you in the near future.

Cordially,



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