KENT SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK	**Personal Commitment Contract & Synchronous Class Acknowledgement for Application to Online MSSW Program:** Submit a .pdf of this completed form to School of Interdisciplinary and Graduate Studies (SIGS) as part of your application to the Kent School's Online MSSW program.

The University of Louisville's *Delphi Center for Teaching and Learning* states a successful online learner:

- Is self-directed and mature.
- Is honest and possesses integrity.
- Checks his/her course web site on a daily basis.
- Is an effective reader and writer because he/she will have to communicate often in writing with colleagues and instructors
- Is eager to participate in on-line discussions.
- Is a good time manager and can balance work, family, school and other obligations.
- Is methodical in doing assignments and submitting assignments on or before the due dates.
- Is an effective problem solver.
- Is comfortable doing research on the internet.
- Has a back-up plan in case he/she experiences a computer malfunction in order to complete assignments in a timely manner.

In addition to the aforementioned list, successful online learners in the Online MSSW program at the Kent School must also

- Commit approximately 4 hours per credit hour per week to read, participate and complete course assignments.
- Adhere to & uphold National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics (http://www.socialworkers.org/pubs/code/code.asp) at all times.
- Participate in two academic years of practicum (late August through late April), working in a human services organization for 16 hours each week during the same business hours that the practicum supervisor is working (normally 8am-5pm, M-F); requiring your own transportation for commuting to practicum placement agencies, possibly making in-home visits to clients, visits to other social service agencies in the community, attending court hearings, etc.; reading and handling client records and writing/documenting information within hard copies of agency records, and writing formal reports; oral interviews in person and via phone contacts.
- Acknowledge that you may be required to participate in synchronous class sessions in my online curriculum at the Kent School.

If accepted into the Kent School of Social Work's Online MSSW program, I understand that my success is dependent on my commitment to the Delphi Center's and Kent School's aforementioned guidelines and agree to participate in synchronous class sessions as required.

Signed: _____ (A typed signature is acceptable.) Dated: _____

*Any accommodations that may be needed to successfully complete practicum, the applicant should consult with Martha Fuller, our Director of Field Education, in advance of applying to the MSSW program. The focus of the consultation will be to assess the likelihood of obtaining and successfully completing a practicum given the applicant's unique accommodations. Successful completion of 900 hours in practicum is a required component of obtaining the MSSW degree. Requests will be considered on a case by case basis and may require referral to and consultation/collaboration with the U of L Disability Resource Center.