Raymond A. Kent School of Social Work & Family Science

Founded in 1936, The Kent School of Social Work addresses complex social problems through education, research, and service to create a just and better world.

Points of Pride

#1 Rated the #1 Social Work program in Kentucky and ranked in the top 17% of programs in the Nation by US News and World Report.

$20.4 $20.4 million total from a portfolio of 61 externally funded research projects in 2020. That involves work in research, instruction, service and program evaluation activities that benefit the community.

Community Service

A nationally endowed chair in Psychosocial Oncology Social Work.

Leading university unit in community engagement with the highest number of community partnerships. 316 BSW and MSSW students provided more than 123,642 hours of social work services valued at approximately $2,939,694 to individuals, groups, and communities in local, state, regional and international organizations during the 2019-2020 academic year.

A national and international reaching doctoral program with a diverse, interdisciplinary faculty. The doctoral program has 101 graduates working throughout the US, Europe, Middle East, Asia, and Africa.

Our online DSW program is the first fully online Doctoral degree offered at UofL. The BSW and MSSW programs have had students in 48 states, 2 US territories, and 6 countries.

Master of Science in Couple and Family Therapy Degree Program is one of only two COAMFTE-accredited programs housed within a School of Social Work, and was ranked in the Top 20 MFT programs in the country by Online Psychology Degrees.

$6M Among the top units at UofL in community engagement related grant funding with over $6 million in grant funding in 2020-21.

Student Highlights

• 66% growth in online students enrolled in the Bachelor of Social Work program in 2020.

• Doctoral students have been funded by the American Cancer Society and the Doris Duke Fellowship and have been recognized for their leadership and dissertation research at commencement with the Houchens Prize, Stevenson Award, and Binford Memorial Award from the Graduate School.

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