



BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

THE KENT SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK AND FAMILY SCIENCE—ADDRESSING COMPLEX SOCIAL PROBLEMS THROUGH EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND SERVICE TO CREATE A JUST AND BETTER WORLD



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RAYMOND A. KENT
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL
WORK & FAMILY SCIENCE

FIVE DEGREE PROGRAMS. ONE KENT.

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK (BSW)

The BSW program is one of five degree program offerings in the Kent School of Social Work and Family Science. Students have the option of campus-based and online learning in this full-time program, as they are prepared for entry level professional social work practice.

Social work practice helps people mobilize their resources to deal with present circumstances and to enlarge their prospects for the future. Since problems of the individual cannot be seen in any meaningful way in isolation from the broad social and community context in which they occur, social work also takes a leadership role in bringing about institutional and social change.

As a student, you will be prepared for generalist social work practice with diverse, vulnerable and marginalized individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities. At the Kent School, you will experience learning and training through a social justice and anti-oppressive structure.

Our BSW program provides the foundation for graduate study in social work as our faculty are committed to teaching the next generation of social workers and family therapists. We prepare you to promote social justice and be positive change agents in the fast-growing fields of social work and family science.

You will be empowered to help others lead a healthier, more productive and safer life.

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Admissions &

BSW Program Admission Requirements

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

To be admitted to the lower division program, you must meet the following requirements:

- ▶ Graduate from an accredited high school
- ▶ Have a grade point average of 2.5 or higher, a GED or equivalent by petition (*for example, home school education*)
- ▶ Complete the pre-college curriculum
- ▶ Have a composite ACT score of 20 or greater
- ▶ For students without ACT/SAT scores, a comprehensive review of high school transcript, including grades and courses, especially college preparatory courses

Admission into the lower division of the BSW program does not guarantee admission to the upper division BSW program.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

External University Transfer Students

Transfer applicants with 24 hours or more must have a college grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher to be admitted in good standing to the lower division BSW program. To apply, visit: louisville.edu/admissions/apply/transfer

UofL Internal Transfer/ Major Change Students

Students who have completed at least one semester in another school of the university with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 may apply for an intra-university transfer to the lower division BSW program. The major change transfer form may be completed via **Ulink**.

Students may qualify for entry as advanced level students in graduate social work programs. The program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). The Kent School of Social Work & Family Science does not waive any practicum and/or coursework requirements for previous work or life experience per the CSWE's Educational Policy and Accreditation Standard, 3.1.5 (CSWE EPAS 2015).

Curriculum

UPPER DIVISION STUDENTS

Admission into the BSW professional program (upper division) requires:

- ▶ Minimum of 45 earned college credit hours
- ▶ 60 hours completed upon start
- ▶ Cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher
- ▶ Statement of Purpose
- ▶ Resume
- ▶ Two letters of recommendation
- ▶ Secondary application

A BSW Alcohol and Drug Counseling Track is also available to students in the upper division.

Review the application checklist and deadlines for applying to the BSW professional program: louisville.edu/kent

CARDINAL CORE REQUIREMENTS

Written Communication (WC) 6 hours
Oral Communications (OC) 3 hours

Quantitative Reasoning (QR)
(Math 105 suggested) 3 hours

Arts & Humanities (AH) 6 hours

Natural Science (S)
(two science disciplines) 6 hours

Natural Science Lab (SL) 1 hour

Social & Behavioral
Sciences (SB) 6 hours

*(SBH-3 hours must be Historical Perspective;
BSW majors must also have PSYC 201 and
either SOC 201 or SOC 202)*

Diversity Requirements—
Diversity Courses DI & D2 6 hours*

**May be incorporated into other degree requirements.*

Scan the QR code
to view the BSW
courses and degree
requirements.



A DEGREE IN SOCIAL WORK PROVIDES YOU OPPORTUNITIES

A degree in social work can provide a pathway to a broad range of careers in a variety of fields, including employment opportunities in healthcare, private practice, schools, non-profits, universities, government, research and beyond. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates the field of social work over the next ten years, from 2022-32, will grow 4% faster than the national average of other occupations.*

SECTORS OF EMPLOYMENT:

- ▶ Hospitals and nursing homes
- ▶ Public school systems
- ▶ Local and national government agencies
- ▶ Non-profit organizations
- ▶ Police departments
- ▶ Human resource departments
- ▶ Courts
- ▶ Child welfare organizations
- ▶ Mental health and substance misuse services

** For more information, visit www.bls.gov*



STUDENT HOUSING—SOCIAL WORK LIVING LEARNING COMMUNITY (LLC)

The LLC is a housing community on Belknap Campus that provides students the opportunity to develop a wide range of social, professional and community-based experiences. Located in the Belknap Residence Hall in the center of Belknap Campus and near the Student Activities Center, this housing environment brings together students who want to pursue a career in social work and/or those who want to join supportive community agents. The LLC focuses on academic engagement, mentor support, peer connections and student involvement.

Who can apply?

Incoming first-year students, focused on social work with a commitment to social justice and a desire to maximize their knowledge of the profession of social work and serve communities, can apply for the LLC housing.

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What are the member benefits?

- ▶ Peer mentor to support and assist with transition to college life
- ▶ Tutors in your residence hall to assist you with homework and studying for tests
- ▶ Opportunities to learn from social work faculty, professionals and student services staff outside of the classroom setting
- ▶ Networking with alumni and more

For more information about living learning communities, visit:
louisville.edu/housing

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The University of Louisville offers scholarships to students ranging from automatic awards to competitive scholarships. Scholarships are funds intended for the purpose of study and do not have to be paid back. Eligibility varies and can be based on your place of residence, academic achievement, program participation and more.

In addition, the Kent School is a participating partner in the Child Welfare Preparation Program (CW PREP) which offers fully paid in-state tuition, a semester stipend and job placement after graduation. For more information and to apply, visit:
childwelfareprep.com

**For information regarding
scholarships, tuition and
fees, scan the code.**



LEARN MORE

Contact a BSW Coordinator for more information or to attend a prospective student information session. **Call 502.852.3935.**

APPLY ONLINE

Louisville.edu/kent

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