



### Pre-Admissions Sonia Form:

Please submit a Pre-Admissions Sonia Form at: <https://louisville.edu/kent/admissions-1/bsw-admissions>. Please note: once you submit the Pre-Admissions Sonia Form a link will be sent to you to apply via Sonia Software. You must use your UofL User Name and Email for the Sonia application.



### Statement of Purpose:

Please answer one of the following questions in approximately 1000-1200 words. Statements of facts must include references. References must be consistent with APA style manual. Artificial intelligence (ai) or other automated tools may not be used to generate, alter, or assist in the creation of application materials.

- Describe a social problem of concern to you and discuss how you might address this problem as a BSW prepared social worker.
- Social workers practice with diverse groups. What groups may challenge you because of either your personal values, attitudes, and/or experience and how will you handle this?
  - If you are applying to the Alcohol and Drug Counseling track, use this interest as the central topic of your SOP



### Work Experience:

Include places of employment and volunteer experiences that you have had in the last 2 years, dates of employment or volunteer experience, job title or position held, description of job responsibilities



### Secondary Application Form:

Release waiver, statement of authenticity and ethical standards of behavior form will be completed on Sonia Application software.

*The Kent School of Social Work and Family Science values the lived experience of our community members. Our students, staff and faculty bring diverse backgrounds and identities to Kent that serve as a catalyst to pursue social work and family science. We understand that criminal convictions can serve as motivation to help others facing similar experiences and to advocate for system change. In the interest of a fair and inclusive admissions process, the Kent School does not ask applicants to disclose felony convictions or pending felony charges. We strongly support applications from all interested prospective students. However, individuals with criminal convictions, particularly if these convictions pertain to vulnerable populations, may face limitations specifically around field practicum placement, a core requirement of the social work and couples and family therapy curricula and degree requirements. Similarly, a history of criminal convictions may also affect an individual's ability to become licensed in social work and/or family therapy. Students in programs within the Kent School that require practicum placements will be asked about prior criminal convictions in order to facilitate the placement process. Students with convictions are encouraged to explore options for expungement in their states as that may be helpful to the student now and later as a professional. Prospective students that have questions about this are encouraged to contact the Practicum Education Office at [fieldedu@louisville.edu](mailto:fieldedu@louisville.edu).*

*\*If you have been dismissed from another college/school please address this issue in an addendum to your personal statement. Please note: If there are gaps or deficiencies in your academic record, please address these in an addendum to your statement or purpose*

### **\*All application items above will need to be submitted through the "Sonia BSW Upper Division Application"**

It is preferred that students who are applying for the Upper Division have completed a majority of their Cardinal Core general education requirements and the BSW supporting requirements, including the following Social Work courses (or their equivalents):

BSW 201 Introduction to Social Work (3 hours)  
BSW 203 Human Biology for the Social Sciences (3 hours)  
BSW 204 Introduction to Social Statistics (3 hours)

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Office of Admissions  
Email: [admitme@louisville.edu](mailto:admitme@louisville.edu)  
Phone: 502.852.6531  
1.800.334.8635 ext. 6531

Kent School of Social Work and Family Science  
BSW Program  
Phone: 502.852.6402  
1.800.334.8635  
[www.louisville.edu/kent](https://louisville.edu/kent)

If you are not a current UofL student, you will need to apply to and be accepted to the University before you will be able to access the Upper Division application. The Sonia application requires a UofL User Name, ID, and email address to access.

All Upper Division application materials above will need to be submitted through the Sonia admissions link: <https://louisville.edu/kent/admissions-1/bsw-admissions> before the posted deadlines