

MSSW Admissions FAQs

Do I need to take the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) or the Miller Analogies Test (MAT) for admission to the MSSW Program?

No GRE or MAT score is needed to apply to our MSSW Program.

Why are there different deadlines for online applicants that are local and non-local?

The availability of field practicum placements drive these different deadlines. There are more established field placements available locally, so there are more options and opportunities for local residents to secure a field placement for their first semester. Non-local students need significantly more time to locate an appropriate placement and secure the necessary legal agreements if they wish to begin their field placement in their first semester.

I am an Advanced Standing applicant and I just started practicum. What should I do about my Field Evaluations?

If you have not yet completed at least a full semester of field practicum work, you are still eligible to apply for any available term. In this case, you will need to 1) email MSSW Admissions at msswkent@louisville.edu to let them know you are in this situation, 2) submit all MSSW Application materials except for your field evaluation and your letter of recommendation from a field representative by your deadline, and 3) submit your midterm field evaluation and letter of recommendation from a field representative as soon as you complete your midterm evaluation. The Admissions Committee understands that midterm evaluations are not the same as final evaluations and consider this when making admissions decisions.

I am not able to complete my application for my original term. Do I have to reapply for the next one?

No. All application fees and materials are valid for two years. If you miss a deadline or change your mind, you may email the MSSW Admissions team at msswkent@louisville.edu to change your application to the following spring, summer, or fall semester at no cost. Then, you can continue to work on your application toward your new deadline.

I will not complete my bachelor's degree before my deadline. Do I still need to submit my transcript?

Yes. All applications must include official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended. If you are currently attending school, you will send for an official current transcript that lists all courses and grades, as well as your "in progress" courses. If admitted, you will submit an additional final transcript after your degree is conferred.

Can I be admitted to the MSSW program if my official transcript(s) has not been received?

Yes. Any applicant who has not met all Graduate School and Kent MSSW admissions criteria for any reason can be admitted as **provisional** status. Applicants admitted provisionally are typically missing an official transcript. The official transcript must be submitted to gradadm@louisville.edu to move your classification from provisional to good standing. Failure to reconcile any requirements will result in a hold on your account after the first semester preventing you from registering for future semesters. To obtain more information contact msswkent@louisville.edu.

Are there any exceptions to deadlines?

Yes. All applications completed past deadlines will be considered on case-by-case bases, but we cannot guarantee you can register for the courses you want or will get a field/practicum placement after the deadline is past. Typically, the later an application is submitted after a deadline, the more limited core curriculum courses and field/practicum options will be.

Exceptions to Deadlines

Applications submitted after a deadline will be considered on a case-by-case bases if space allows and only if the applicant is willing to choose courses that are open and delay field/practicum start until the following semester if needed.

Send **ALL** application materials to Graduate Admissions by email (preferred): gradadm@louisville.edu, or by mail to: Graduate Admissions, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY 40292

Important:

Admission materials can be sent all at once to Graduate Admissions or one at a time as they are completed.

Applications will be reviewed by the Admissions Committee only when all complete documentation is received. An admission decision is typically made 10 working days after receipt of complete application packet.