

## Post Master's Frequently Asked Questions

### What are the specialized areas in which I can take courses as a Post Master's Student?

- [Alcohol and Drug Counseling](#)
- [Couple and Family Therapy](#)
- [Forensic Social Work](#)
- [Gerontology](#)
- [Leadership, Management, & Supervision](#)
- [Mental Health](#)
- [Military Social Work](#)
- [Psychosocial Oncology](#)
- [School Social Work](#)\*

\*School social work has specific additional program requirements. Please view website for details.

### Where can I find course descriptions of electives?

To View MSSW Elective Course Descriptions: [CLICK HERE](#)

### What semesters are courses offered?

To View MSSW Courses: [CLICK HERE](#)

### Which Courses are available online?

Please view scheduled of courses:

<https://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm>

-Select the Term

-Select Social Work as the subject

Online courses will be listed as DISTNCE ED for Location

### How do I apply?

Apply as non- degree seeking, post masters student via a graduate student application at:

<http://louisville.edu/graduate/futurestudents/apply-materials/application>

**What is the GPA Requirement for Post Masters Students?**

3.0 GPA

**What are the application Priority Deadlines?**

Fall: May 30th

Spring: November 1st

Summer- April 1st

**What courses are offered during the winter term?**

<https://louisville.edu/wintersession>

**Is there a limit to how many courses I can take as a Post Masters Student?**

No

**Am I required to complete a practicum as a Post Masters Student?**

No, Post Masters students are not required to complete a practicum. However, if you would like to complete a specialization, you are required to be currently employed and working with that population or within that subject area and you must take the seminar courses.

**What are Seminar Courses?**

Seminar courses are required for students wanting to complete a specialization. This one credit hour seminar per semester extends over two semesters at the Kent School of Social Work. It provides students with an opportunity to integrate the theoretical knowledge that they are learning in the classroom with practical experiences within their place of employment. In the seminar, students from different practice settings will participate and share the diversity of problems and approaches to the practice of social work.

**How long do I have to complete my specialization courses?**

One academic year (Fall, spring, Summer term)

**Can I complete a specialization in one semester?**

You cannot complete a specialization in one semester. You may be able to take all the coursework in one semester. However, you are required to take two 1-hr seminar courses. These are offered in the Fall and Spring Semesters. Seminar courses are not offered during the summer.

**Will I receive a certificate/certification upon completing a sequence of courses within a specialization?**

No, this is not a certificate program. You will be able to request an official transcript that lists coursework. You will also receive an official document stating you have completed coursework. You can list these courses on your resume as training and development.

**What will I receive when I complete a specialization?**

You will receive a certificate of completion and you will be able to request an official transcript that lists coursework. The Specialization will be notated on your official transcript.

**I took a couple of courses during my MSSW but did not take the last course required for the specialization. Can I go back and complete? Is there a time limit?**

Yes, you will need to complete that required course and the seminar courses to complete the specialization. You will have six (6) years before you will be required to retake any previously completed courses.

**What is the Tuition Cost?**

Graduate Tuition

Resident: \$723 Per hour

Resident Full Time per Semester (9): \$6,500.00

Non- Resident: \$ 1,507.00

Non- Resident Full Time per Semester (9): \$13,557.00

**What is Online Tuition Cost?**

Tuition for online courses is the same for both in-state and out-of-state students.

Online courses are listed as “Distance Education”

\$764 per credit hour

**Withdrawal Policy:** <http://louisville.edu/registrar/calendars>

**What Financial Assistance is available to me?**

For information regarding Alternate Loan Option: [CLICK HERE](#)

The [FASTChoice](#) website will allow you to research an alternative loan option that best fits your needs.