

Information for those holding the MSW from a CSWE accredited program and pursuing the Kentucky School Social Work Certificate issued by the Education Professional Standards Board

There are two routes to School Social Work Certification.

Route I

For those who have an offer of a school social work position

To receive Provisional School Social Work Certification from the Professional Education Standards Board you start by applying to the school social work preparation program, the application is on-line at the school social work web-site. ***www.uky.edu/socialwork click current students, then school social work specialization, scroll down to application, complete and hit submit, it will go to the coordinator.*** To take the required classes (see below) you must apply to the graduate school as a school social work certificate student and register for classes as they direct. While working under the provisional certificate the first year of experience as a school social worker serves as a waiver from the practicum requirement. There are additional documents needed to complete your file, the coordinator will advise you of them.

Route II is to complete the program then apply for Professional School Social Work Certification. Start by applying for acceptance to a school social work preparation program (see website information above in bold), then apply to the graduate school as a school social work certificate student and complete the 9 hours of course work (see below). In addition you must document a year of professional post graduate work experience with families and children for a waiver from the school social work practicum classes. There are additional documents needed to complete your file, the coordinator will advise you of them Once your file/portfolio is complete you will be eligible to apply for the Professional School Social Work Certificate, the coordinator will assist with that.

The 9 hours required for SSW certification for those holding the MSW are SW616, SW704 and EDS516. You can read the descriptions for these courses at the school social work web-site. www.uky.edu/socialwork click current students then school social work specialization. SW616 is only offered in summers. Check out the class schedule on the main UK web-site for information on when the other classes are offered. Remember, regardless of the route you take you must first apply to the school social work preparation program by completing the application at the web-site and submitting the statement of interest mentioned on the application. In addition to the courses students must document how they meet the entry level NASW School Social Work Standards, the coordinator will provide you with the standards and instructions for documenting. It will be necessary to meet with the coordinator twice.

I am available to meet with students interested in the school social work preparation program. Contact me at 859-257-8233 or lankste@uky.edu

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