

**COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK
UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY**

Vision

We aspire to become the preeminent College of Social Work in the country offering a curriculum that is robust and challenging and that addresses the complexities of the human condition. The scholarship to which we aspire centers on the important and unanswered questions about human problems and brings forward means by which they can be alleviated.

Mission Statement

The College of Social Work at the University Kentucky seeks to provide the highest quality social work education in the context of the University's historic mission as a land grant and Research I institution. Doctoral, Master's and Undergraduate educational programs are grounded in the social and behavioral sciences and philosophy and designed to educate professional social workers who are ethical, compassionate and knowledgeable. The College's research mission is intrinsically related to its Doctoral program in which the competing forces of contemporary intellectual life, based in free inquiry, elucidate and give substance to questions regarding human problems and their alleviation.

The College achieves its mission to educate social work professionals and to carry out scholarly research through:

- C a curriculum designed to prepare ethical, compassionate and knowledgeable social work professionals;
- C off-campus programs in Northern Kentucky and Eastern Kentucky designed to provide the same high quality education found at the Lexington Campus;
- C the generation of knowledge regarding the human condition; human problems, and their solution or alleviation.
- C an active involvement in the life of the community, from local to international, through student-faculty presence in social welfare agencies, state and local government and other institutions such as health, mental health, corrections and education.

Beliefs

The College of Social Work is committed to:

- C education based in spirited and free inquiry;
- C ethical conduct;
- C creating conditions in society that foster human dignity and autonomy;
- C continuously examining the human condition so as to advance the notion of the good and just society;
- C diversity of thought, behavior, background, culture, ethnicity and orientation that underlie the human person;
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- C self reflection and understanding;
- C the struggle to acquire more knowledge in order to enhance persons and their social environments.