

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY  
 College of Social Work  
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**MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM (Northern Kentucky Campus)**

The MSW Program prepares students for social work practice with either a mental health or family and community concentration. Students must take the required courses in the sequence offered. To be eligible for this program you need to be a graduate of an accredited 4-year college or university with an undergraduate GPA of 3.0. If you do not meet that standard, you may apply for Exceptional Consideration. However, the Graduate School now requires a 2.75 GPA minimum for entry. GRE score of 800 (when Verbal and Quantitative scores are summed) is recommended. Applicants are expected to have completed undergraduate courses in *statistics, psychology, sociology, and/or anthropology*. Students need to plan for providing 15 hours per week of agency internship for each practicum.

**I. MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM (Part-time model, 60 credit hours)**

**Starting Fall (1<sup>st</sup> year) and Graduating Spring (3<sup>rd</sup> Year)**  
*(The Mental Health Concentration)*

<u>FALL I</u> (9 hours)	<u>SPRING I</u> (6 hours)
SW 625 Intro to Social Work Profession 3	SW 601 Social Work Practice II 3
SW 620 Human Behavior & Social Environment 3	SW 630 Social Welfare Policy 3
SW 600 Social Work Practice 3	
<u>SUMMER I</u> (6 hours)	<u>FALL II</u> (9 hours)
SW 635 Professional Ethics 2	SW 650 Research I 3
SW 730 Mental Health Policy 3	SW 722 Psychopathology 3
	SW 640 Foundation Practicum 4
<u>SPRING II</u> (8 hours)	<u>SUMMER II</u> (6 hours)
SW 700 Adult Assessment & Intervention 3	Elective 3
SW 702 Substance Misuse & Violence 3	SW 704 Child/Adolescent Assessment & Intervention 3
SW 736 Administration & Supervision 2	
<u>FALL III</u> (7 hours)	<u>SPRING III</u> (9 hours)
SW 750 Research II 3	SW 751 Research III 3
SW 740 Mental Health Practicum 4	SW 740 Mental Health Practicum 4
	SW 735 Integrative Seminar 2

Required Courses:	57 credit hours
Elective Courses:	3 credit hours
Total Required:	60 credit hours

**II. ADVANCED STANDING MSW PROGRAM Part-time model, 38 credit hours)**  
 (For BASW and BSW Graduates Who Intend to Work *And* Attend School)

Advanced standing of 22 credit hours may be granted to graduates of programs accredited by the Council on Social Work Education depending on their undergraduate GPA. Students granted Advanced Standing will be admitted to the second year of the MSW program and need to complete 38 credit hours for the MSW degree. Students must take the required courses in the sequence offered. To be eligible for Advanced standing you must have: 1) a BSW or BASW from an accredited program, 2) an overall GPA of 3.0, 3) a GPA of 3.5 in all social work courses, and 4) no less than a 3.0 in any graduate courses already taken. Additionally, at least 1 year of previous full-time paid social work-related work experience is recommended as well as a GRE score of 800 (when Verbal and Quantitative scores are summed).

**Starting Fall (1<sup>st</sup> year) and Graduating Spring (2<sup>nd</sup> Year)**  
*For Students With a BSW (Illustrating the Mental Health Concentration)*

<u>FALL I</u>	(8 hours)		<u>SPRING I</u>	(8 hours)
SW 608 Intro to MSW Practice	2		SW 700 Adult Assessment	
SW 722 Psychopathology	3		& Treatment	3
SW 730 Mental Health Policy	3		SW 702 Substance Misuse & Violence	3
			SW 736 Administration & Supervision	2
<u>SUMMER I</u>	(6 hours)		<u>FALL II</u>	(7
hours) Elective	3		SW 750 Research II	3
SW 704 Child/Adolescent Assessment			SW 740 Mental Health Practicum	4
& Treatment	3			
<u>SPRING II</u>	(9 hours)			
SW 751 Research III	3			
SW 740 Mental Health Practicum	4			
SW 735 Integrative Seminar	2			

Required Courses: 35 credit hours  
 Elective Courses: 3 credit hours  
 Total Required: 38 credit hours

**III. THE EDUCATIONAL PRACTICUM STATEMENT**

Each practicum requires 18 hours each week of experiential learning in a human service agency, and there is a seminar that meets once a week for two hours. Occasionally students who are employed wish to consider using their work site as their practicum site for **SW 640 if in the regular 60 hour program**. Practicum activities must be separate and distinct from normal work, for which release time or experiences over and above the job requirements must be provided. Students wanting to explore this possibility must submit a proposal to Beth Mills, Director of Field Education. Students must familiarize themselves with practicum-related guidelines found in the “Student Guide for Practicum Planning.” SW 740 and SW 741 practicums must be in a setting other than one’s employing agency.

Employed students may need to make special arrangements to complete their practicum hours, including use of release time, vacation, leave without pay, and evening and weekend hours. For further information about the practicum, call *Lynn Wallace, Practicum Secretary, at 859-257-6667.*

#### **IV. TRANSFER OF CREDITS**

A maximum of 6 credit hours of *elective* courses may be transferred into the program. This includes credits earned in “post-baccalaureate” status. All transferred credits must have been earned within eight years preceding the proposed date of MSW graduation. All requests for transfer of credit to the program must be in writing to Dr. Surjit Dhooper at the College of Social Work. You cannot transfer to your MSW program any credits for 500 level courses applied toward your undergraduate degree. You cannot transfer any graduate work with a “C” or lower grade. Students who have completed MSW courses at other institutions may be able to transfer in up to 25% of the credit hours required for their degree. Credit for Independent Study, Practicum and Research courses cannot be transferred in.

#### **V. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

The minimum requirements for admission by the Graduate School are: 1) a baccalaureate degree from a duly accredited institution of higher learning with an overall undergraduate GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 point scale, 2) a GPA of 3.0 on all graduate work attempted, and 3) submission of scores on the verbal, quantitative, and analytical portions of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). Meeting the minimum requirements for the Graduate School *does not guarantee* your admission to the College of Social Work.

The College of Social Work has requirements in addition to GPA and GRE. Please request an application packet for information about reference letters, autobiographical statement, required statistics course, etc. Applicants must submit applications to *both* the College of Social Work and the Graduate School, *and be accepted by both.* Two official copies of transcripts of all college work and GRE scores should be sent to The Graduate School, 351 Patterson Office Tower, University of Kentucky, and Lexington, KY, 40506-0027. For submission of GRE scores, the Institution Code for the University of Kentucky is 1837.

#### **VI. TUITION AND FEES**

The fee schedule for Fall 2005 is as follows:

##### **RESIDENTS:**

*Part-time*      \$298.55 tuition per credit hour  
*Full-time*      \$2,826.25 per semester (9 hours or more)

##### **NON-RESIDENTS:**

\$711.55 tuition per credit hour  
\$6,546.25 per semester (9 hours or more)

**FEES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE**

#### **VII. INFORMATION AND APPLICATION MATERIALS**

For further information and application materials, please write or call:

**Kimberley Roark Trumble**, Graduate Admissions Officer, Admissions Office, College of Social Work, University of Kentucky, 615 Patterson Office Tower, Lexington, KY, 40506-0027. You may reach Mrs. Roark Trumble either by phone, **(859) 257-6652**, or by e-mail, [kbroark@uky.edu](mailto:kbroark@uky.edu).

*Additional information about the College of Social Work is on the World Wide Web:*

<http://www.uky.edu/SocialWork> UK's home page can be found at [www.uky.edu](http://www.uky.edu).

## **VIII. REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR PERFORMANCE**

All students of the Master of Social Work Program must meet the following requirements and standards (failure to do so could lead to termination or dismissal from the program):

1. Maintain a "B" average in all graduate course work.
2. Satisfactorily complete all field practicum requirements.
3. Pass the Final Comprehensive Examination.
4. Demonstrate acceptance of the professional values and attitudes incorporated in the Code of Ethics of the National Association of Social Workers (printed in the College's bulletin).
5. Conform to the University's Code of Student Conduct outlined in the document, Student Rights and Responsibilities (available from the University).

## **IX. IMPORTANT NOTES**

1. All program and course offerings are subject to change or cancellation, depending on the number of students, available resources, and other circumstances.
2. The MSW curriculum, admission standards, and the Comprehensive Exam instructions may also change periodically and with little notice as faculty address accreditation requirements, respond to guidelines from the Graduate School, or make changes to improve the program.
3. Students should consult the Graduate School Bulletin and the College of Social Work Bulletin for full details on topics briefly addressed here.
4. Classes are usually held in the evenings or late afternoons.
5. **February 1<sup>st</sup>** is the priority deadline for *FALL* semester at all campus locations.

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