

# SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK (RANK1)

## Rank 1 Program in School Social Work

Unit: College of Education and Human Development (<https://louisville.edu/education/>) (GE)  
 Department: Special Education, Early Childhood, and Prevention Science (<https://louisville.edu/education/departments/sped/>)  
 Program Website (<https://louisville.edu/education/degrees/rank/>)  
 Academic Plan Code(s): SW\_ \_RK1

## Program Information

*Rank 1 programs are not degree programs.*

The Rank 1 program in School Social Work includes the School Social Work Concentration. It is designed for the Advanced Practitioner P-12.

Rank 1 programs are planned graduate level programs designed for Kentucky teachers seeking rank change for salary purposes. They are recognized only in the state of Kentucky. By state regulation, Rank 1 status is sixty (60) credit hours of approved graduate credit including a master's degree.

## Admission Requirements

Students in this Rank-1 program are required to satisfy/provide the following:

- Complete graduate application (<http://louisville.edu/graduate/futurestudents/apply-materials/application/>) to the Graduate School
- Signed Professional Code of Ethics/Technology User Agreement
- Completion of Official Program along with School Social Work specialization program sheet.

Students may apply to the program by first going to the Graduate School (<https://graduate.louisville.edu/admission/apply/>) website. Admission requirements include the following credentials:

- Teaching certificate
- TOEFL/IELTS/Duolingo (Students holding a baccalaureate or advanced degree from an accredited institution in the U.S. are exempt from this requirement.)
- There may be additional admission requirements, depending on the Rank 1 program that you select. Please contact the Teaching and Learning Department for specific information.
- Official transcripts with a GPA of 2.75 in the Bachelor's degree and a GPA of 3.0 in the Master's degree.
- Applicants who have attended a college or university outside of the United States are also required to submit an evaluation of their transcript through either WES (World Education Services) (<http://wes.org/>) or ECE (Educational Credential Evaluators) (<http://ece.org/>). Please note that transcript evaluations can sometimes take several weeks.

Please have transcripts sent to:

**Graduate School**  
 Graduate Admissions  
 University of Louisville  
 Louisville, KY 40292

If transcripts are sent electronically, please have them sent to [gradadm@louisville.edu](mailto:gradadm@louisville.edu).

## Contact information:

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## Certification Requirements

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Code	Title	Hours
<b>Inquiry (Critical Thinker)</b>		
MSSW 668	Program Evaluation in Social Work	3
MSSW 669	Advanced Research Practice II	3
<b>Leadership</b>		
Select one of the following:		3
EDSP 652	Academic and Behavior Response to Intervention	
ECPY 740	Psychometrics and Affective Instrument Development	
LEAD 575	Instructional Technology	
LEAD 607	Principles of Educational Leadership	
<b>Diversity</b>		
Select one of the following: <sup>1</sup>		
EDSP 545	Exceptional Children in the Regular Classroom	3
or EDSP 540	Introduction to Exceptional Children	
<b>Action (Problem Solver)</b>		
EDSP 669	Single Case Research Methods and Designs	3
<b>Area of Emphasis</b>		
Select at least 15 credit hours:		15
MSSW 630	School Social Work: Policy and Practice	
EDSP 644	Applied Behavior Analysis <sup>2</sup>	
MSSW 615	Mental Health	
MSSW 636	Advanced Death & Grief	
ECPY 605	Human Development	
ECPY 607	Learning Theory and Human Growth and Development	
<b>Electives</b>		
Select Three (3) credit hours:		3
ECPY 624	Foundations of School Counseling	
ECPY 639	Prevention & Treatment of Substance Use Disorders	
ECPY 732	Counselor Education Seminar: Promoting Social Change-Leadership	
MSSW 662	Substance Use and Substance Use Disorders	
MSSW 642	Psychopathology	
MSSW 657	Group Methods	
MSSW 660	Motivation and Change: The Process of Change and Strategies to Elicit Intrinsic Motivation.	
EDSP 510	Legal Issues in Special Education	
EDSP 671	Behavior Intervention	

EDSP 673 Research Seminar in Autism Spectrum Disorders

**Minimum Total Hours** **33**

### Exit Requirements

Hallmark Assessment Task for EDSP 669 or equivalent project that demonstrates proficiency in the Advanced-Level Kentucky Teacher Standards.

Course project must address all of the Advanced-Level Kentucky Teacher Standards. Successful completion of portfolio.

### Additional Requirements

Up to fifteen (15) credit hours of graduate credit may be transferred to the Rank 1 program, as long as the student will have completed 60 credit hours of approved graduate credit.

Including a master's degree at the end of the Rank 1 program: transfer credit must be officially accepted by the advisor and final acceptance is dependent upon receipt of official transcripts.

In the Rank 1 program at least fifteen (15) credit hours of new graduate coursework must be taken at the University of Louisville.

To complete the program, students must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average. No credit shall be accepted for carrying a grade lower than a B-minus.

Some courses are required for students completing the School Social Work specialization and Rank 1 program.

This degree program sheet must be accompanied by a signed School Social Work specialization program sheet as well.

<sup>1</sup> One of these courses in the Diversity section must be completed for School Social Work Specialization

<sup>2</sup> Courses are required for students completing the School Social Work Specialization and Rank I program.