**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 (http://graduate.louisville.edu/sigs/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.

**Contact information:**

Kent School of Social Work
Dr. Shawnise Miller
(502) 852-3600

CEHD Graduate Student Services
(502) 852-2628

**Certification Requirements**

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**Leadership**

Select one of the following:  

- 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

**Diversity**

Select one of the following:  

- EDSP 545 Exceptional Children in the Regular Classroom  
- EDSP 540 Introduction to Exceptional Children

**Action (Problem Solver)**

- EDSP 669 Single Case Research Methods and Designs  
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**Area of Emphasis**

Select at least fifteen (15) credit hours:

- MSSW 630 School Social Work: Policy and Practice  
- EDSP 644 Applied Behavior Analysis  
- MSSW 615 Mental Health  
- MSSW 636 Advanced Death & Grief  
- ECPY 605 Human Development  
- ECPY 607 Learning Theory and Human Growth and Development

**Electives**

Select Three (3) credit hours:

- 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  

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.

1 One of these courses in the Diversity section must be completed for School Social Work Specialization
2 Courses are required for students completing the School Social Work Specialization and Rank I program.