## Program Information

*Rank 1 programs are not degree programs.*

The Rank 1 program in School Social Work includes the School Social Work Specialization. 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

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### Certification Requirements

#### Rank 1 Program in School Social Work

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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  
- or EDSP 540 Introduction to Exceptional Children

| EDSP 669 | Single Subject Research Methods and Designs     | 3     |

#### Area of Emphasis

Select at least 15 credit hours:  
- MESS 630 School Social Work: Policy and Practice  
- EDSP 644 Applied Behavior Analysis  
- MESS 615 Mental Health  
- MESS 636 Death & Grief  
- ECPY 605 Human Development  
- ECPY 607 Learning Theory and Human Growth and Development

#### Electives

Select 3 credit hours:  
- ECPY 624 Foundations of School Counseling  
- ECPY 639 Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse  
- ECPY 732 Counselor Education Seminar, Promoting Social Change-Leadership  
- MESS 662 Substance Use and Substance Use Disorders  
- MESS 642 Psychopathology  
- MESS 657 Group Methods  
- MESS 660 Motivation and Change: The Process of Change and Strategies to Elicit Intrinsic Motivation  
- EDSP 510 Legal Issues in Special Education  
- EDSP 671 Autism: Strategies and Techniques

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**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

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*Certification Requirements*
EDSP 673  Research Seminar in Autism Spectrum Disorders

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**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**

A minimum of fifteen (15) credit hours of 600-level courses is required. 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 sixty (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 theses 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 1 program.