



Tulane University

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK



At A Glance

OUR STUDENTS

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE
225 FULL- AND
PART-TIME
MSW STUDENTS

AVERAGE
GPA **3.39**

AVERAGE
AGE **27**

CLASS
SIZE **16**
STUDENTS

OUR MISSION

To educate future social workers to engage in competent, ethical, clinical-community practice that is relationship-centered, evidence-informed, and empowerment-focused, incorporating a local perspective.

OUR LOCATION

When it comes to choosing a city where learning and cultural opportunities abound, New Orleans is among the top in the nation.

With the recovery and rebirth from Hurricane Katrina still in full swing, students and residents will see an ever-changing city, one improving with each passing day. New Orleans has a world-renowned reputation as a city with a lust for life, but we are so much more than that. Tulane's motto of "not for one's self, but for one's own" embodies our focus of working in the New Orleans community to help those in need.

ALUMNI

As with any institution of higher education, our success is based in large part, on the success of our students once they leave our halls and enter the professional world. Since our inception as the first school of social work in the Deep South, we have produced more than 5,000 graduates. These social workers have assumed leadership roles across the country, serving the public via civic or governmental organizations or in private practice.

SAMPLE CAREERS

A career in social work can lead to many paths, including:

Adoption Social Worker

Human Rights Spokesperson

Military Social Worker

School Social Worker

Victims' Advocate

Nonprofit Executive Director

Substance-Abuse Social Worker

Legislator

Therapist

Refugee Social Worker

Dear Prospective Student

Welcome to the Tulane School of Social Work!

As social workers, we are dedicated to advancing our communities, transforming lives and ultimately improving the world around us. In pursuing your interest in social work, you have the ability to work with all ages, in settings as diverse as the people you serve.

As educators, we teach and mentor students to become successful, ethical and passionate professionals with an untiring commitment to social justice. Our diverse faculty includes award-winning scholars, who regularly contribute to world-renowned academic journals; skilled researchers, whose work have promoted change in their respective areas of study; and accomplished practitioners, whose real-world experience gives in-depth insight into current social justice initiatives.

Our nationally and internationally recognized graduate program focuses on in-classroom learning and practicum education. You will be studying in one of the best programs in the nation (ranked Top 20 Social Work Schools in the U.S.), and learning from the best teachers in the field. We aim to help you in building a solid foundation of social work principles and experience, to guide you in developing your own path for social work.

We serve both our local New Orleans community, where you receive hands-on opportunities to see your studies change lives and around the globe, where we partner with agencies, universities and international organizations to effect change on a global scale.

By studying and living in New Orleans, you are enveloped in a culture and environment where the lessons you learn inside the classroom can be directly applied outside of it. There is really no place quite like New Orleans and there is no university quite like Tulane.

I invite you to come visit, so we can show you how we're **doing work that matters.**

PATRICK BORDNICK, PH.D.
Dean





Master of Social Work

Our 16-month (or 32-month part-time), 60-credit-hour program is designed to offer the best of class in clinical and community training that addresses the unique needs of individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities. You will learn both in the classroom and in the field, creating a well-rounded study of social work.

FOUNDATION

Your first year will teach you fundamental principles within social work, including its history, current policies, diversity and social justice and tools for learning successful social practice.

CONCENTRATIONS

As you progress through your studies, you will choose a concentration designed to enhance your expertise in your specific area of practice. Concentrations include:

- Disaster Mental Health
- Family Practice
- Clinical Practice

Curriculum Options

CERTIFICATES

Focus on a specialized discipline within social work and earn various certificates.

- Disaster Mental Health & Trauma Studies
- Family Practice

DUAL DEGREES

We offer a trio of dual degrees for students looking to expand their studies. Each dual degree is earned along with your MSW, but the curriculum and each timeline for classes is determined by the dual degree chosen.

- MSW/MPH in Global Community Health Sciences and Behavioral Sciences
- Master of Social Work and Juris Doctor
- MSW and Master of Science in Disaster Resilience Leadership

DOCTORATE IN SOCIAL WORK

We are the only program in the Gulf South and one of only a small number of DSW programs nationwide. It is ideally suited for social work professionals seeking rigorous training in advanced practice, professional leadership and applied research.



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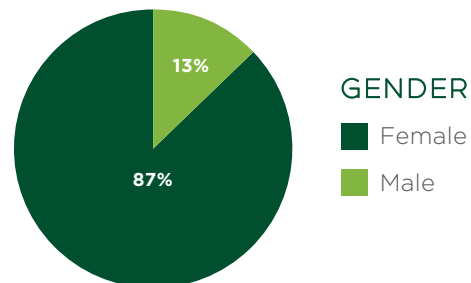
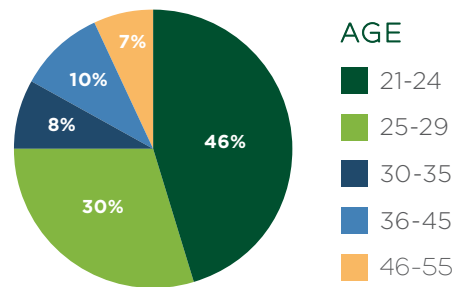
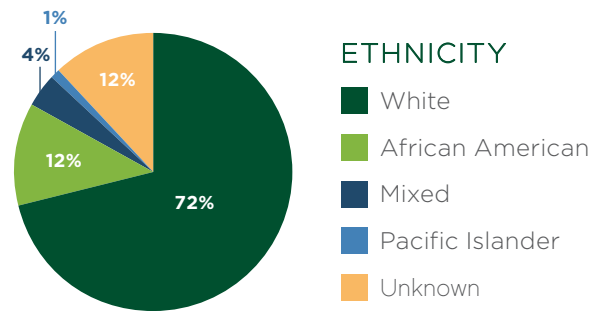
BY NUMBERS



Our students have over 100 active field placement sites available to them during their time at TSSW. A few examples of sites that currently have our students are:

- Ochsner Hospital
- Grow Dat Youth Farm
- Crocker Elementary School
- Cafe Reconcile
- Passages Hospice
- City of New Orleans - NOLA for Life Program
- Liberty's Kitchen
- Louisiana Center for Children's Rights
- Orleans Public Defender's Office
- Carver Collegiate School
- Orleans Parish Sheriff's Day Reporting Center
- Children's Hospital Behavioral Health Unit
- Youth Empowerment Project
- SE Louisiana Veteran's Administration
- Catholic Charities Immigrant and Refugee Program
- Jefferson Parish 24th Judicial Court Diversion Program

Student Diversity



Employment Growth for Social Workers in Louisiana

In four years, the number of social workers has grown by 18%. This is faster than the trend for social workers around the US. Nationally, the number of social workers has grown by 10% between 2006 and 2010.



Source: <http://www.educationnews.org/career-index/social-work-schools-in-louisiana>

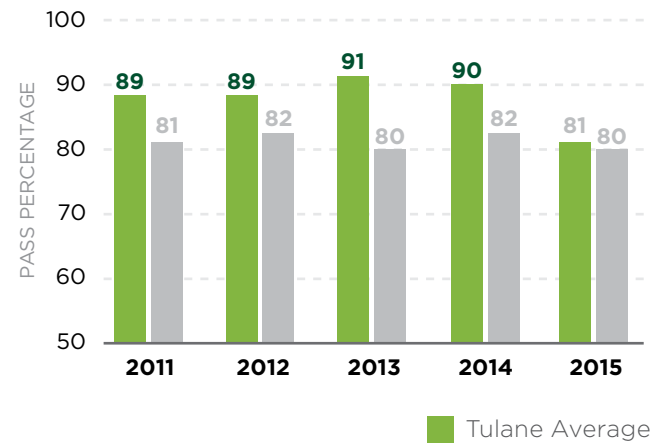
Social Work vs. All Professions Salaries in Louisiana

The amount earned by social workers is increasing in Louisiana. Social workers earned a yearly mean salary of \$41,785 in 2006. They earned a yearly mean salary of \$45,472 in 2010.

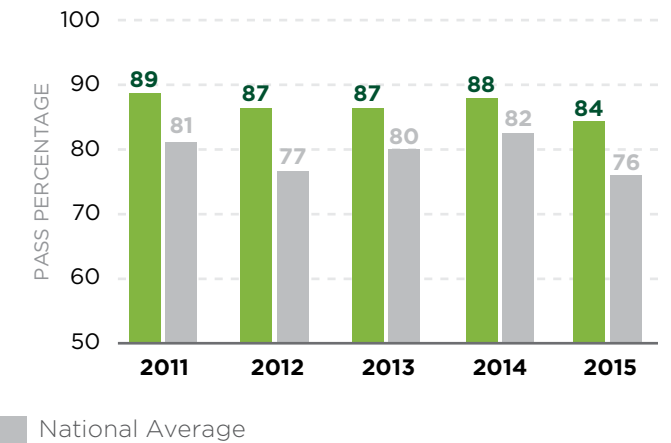


Licensure Pass Rates

LICENSED MASTER SOCIAL WORKER (LMSW) PASS RATE



CLINICAL EXAM PASS RATE



Our Renowned Faculty

Our faculty is comprised of the best in the field. Their aim is to bring knowledge into both the classroom and the community. Our faculty are leaders in the best practices of social service, while also focusing on evidence-based approaches to interventions and organizational change.



DR. REGGIE FERREIRA
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Dr. Ferreira's focus is on disasters, specifically social vulnerability and disaster resilience. He completed his dissertation on Louisiana's disaster resilience both pre- and post-Hurricane Katrina. He has worked on several international research projects related to disaster risk reduction in: Africa, Europe and the United States. Other research interests include international social work, evidence-based practice research and pet loss.



DR. REGGIE PARQUET
CLINICAL ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Dr. Parquet's teaching expertise is in practice, research and field seminar. His interests are in substance abuse intervention and treatment of at-risk, inner-city children, families and communities, utilizing a strength's perspective and capacity building.



DR. HEATHER STORER
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Dr. Storer has worked nationally in the fields of dating and domestic violence prevention, girls' leadership and positive youth development. Her current work is exploring the framing of intimate partner violence on social media sites, including Twitter.

Researching for a Better World

Research and scholarship at the highest level are expected at Tulane University. Therefore, it is expected that all faculty will engage in research and scholarly activities to constantly contribute to the emerging fields of study and practice within social work.

This means you have unparalleled access to cutting-edge research and world-renowned scholars. We are affiliated with the following research centers:

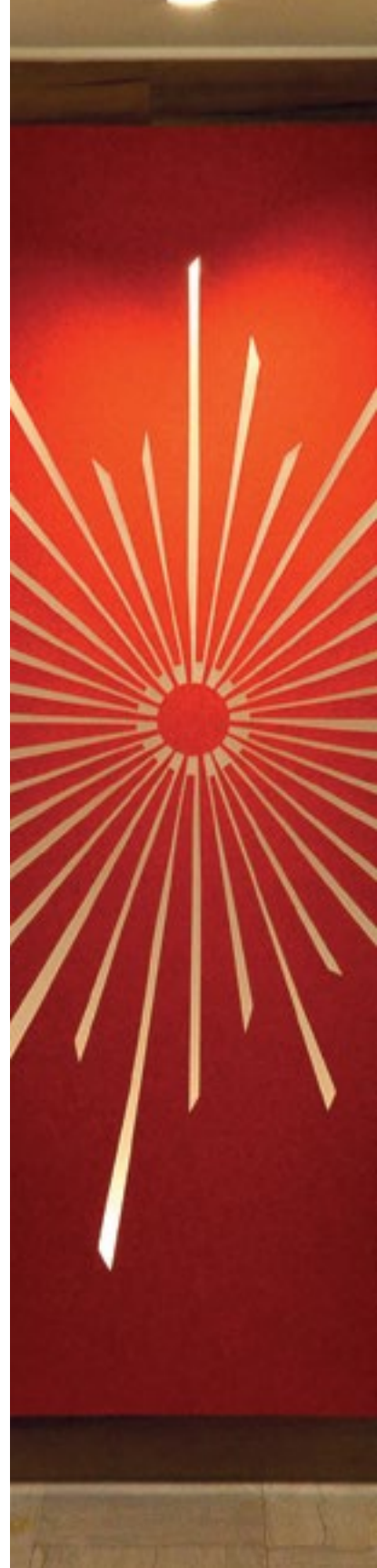
- The Traumatology Institute
- Disaster Resilience Leadership Academy
- Highly Vulnerable Children Research Center
- Elizabeth Wisner Social Welfare Research Center for Families and Children
- The Institute for Psychosocial Health
- The Porter-Cason Institute for the Family

Disaster Resilience Leadership

The Disaster Resilience Leadership (DRL) program is funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and World Bank Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery. The DRL program seeks to build human capacity in disaster vulnerable communities to more effectively save lives and alleviate suffering by systematically strengthening existing capacity, supporting the development of future leaders and working towards sustainability through a global network of academic, public and private stakeholders.

The Disaster Resilience Leadership Academy has enjoyed partnerships and grants with the following organizations:

- Rand Corporations
- UNICEF
- Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery
- United States Agency for International Development
- Consortium for Resilient Gulf Communities
- United States Agency for International Development Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance
- Coastal Resource Resiliency Center
- Louisiana Public Health Institute





Applying to Tulane

Admission to the Master of Social Work program is highly competitive. At minimum, candidates must meet the follow criteria:

B.A. or B.S. degree from an accredited college or university, who've completed a well-rounded liberal arts program that included study in the humanities and social sciences.

A grade point average of 3.0 or higher on a 4-point scale is preferred, with strong performance in the junior and senior years of previous study.

Three professional and/or academic references.

A strong written statement.

GRADUATE RECORD EXAM (GRE) REQUIREMENTS

- Not required for candidates with a 3.0 or higher GPA.
- Applicants with less than a 3.0 may be considered, if able to document a high level of academic ability through a GRE score within the past 5 years.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS

- Application for full-time admission is open on October 1.
- The deadline for all application, regardless of GPA, is March 31 prior to the coming Fall semester.

MSW Application Checklist

Ready to start changing the world? Submit the following items to complete your Tulane MSW application.

- Online Application: <https://www.applyweb.com/tussw>
- Application Fee: \$50
- Official Transcripts can be submitted either online (at the website listed about) or mailed to the Tulane School of Social Work office.
Please mail hard-copy transcripts to:
Tulane University School of Social Work
Admissions Department
127 Elk Place
New Orleans, LA 70112
- Professional or academic references required from previous or current employer and professors from undergraduate or graduate program.

Financial Aid & Scholarships

FINANCIAL AID

To learn more about how to defray the cost of courses, visit: www.tulane.edu/financialaid/steps/gradprof.cfm

TULANE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK SCHOLARSHIPS

All full-time students are considered for partial scholarships offered by the Tulane School of Social Work. There is no additional application process or paperwork to be submitted.

Visit <http://tssw.tulane.edu/admissions/financial/scholarships> for a partial list of scholarship funds available.



Relationship-Centered Practice

One of Tulane School of Social Work's core ideologies is to produce students who can counsel people on the worst day of their lives. We are a clinical program that prepares you to work with communities, groups, families and individuals after both natural disasters, such as hurricanes or earthquakes, and manmade tragedies, like gun violence and domestic abuse in therapeutic and community action settings.

Our specific programs are consistently regarded as some of the best in the nation. They include:

DISASTER RESILIENCE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

DRLA is dedicated to the strengthening of global humanitarian leadership through education, research and application. Its focus is to address root causes of vulnerability, such as chronic poverty and social inequality, while promoting the importance of social and environmental justice.

DISASTER MENTAL HEALTH CERTIFICATION

This certification allows our students to bring tremendous healing and encouragement to citizens and organizations affected by crime, economic and healthcare disadvantages. Students are on the ground in New Orleans' neighborhoods, helping in health clinics, crisis intervention settings and other areas of need.

PORTER-CASON INSTITUTE

Established in 1995, this institute teaches family therapy at the advanced level. Students learn best practices through the development, evaluation and dissemination of the latest and most effective family practice methods, techniques and research.

Alumni Spotlight

Since its founding in 1927, Tulane's School of Social Work has continued to affect social change on a global scale. Our alumni are leaders in government, international organizations, charitable causes, research institutions and more.

Here are a few alumni, ***doing work that matters.***



JEFF YUNGMAN (MSW 79)

DIRECTOR OF THE CRISIS MINISTRIES HOMELESS JUSTICE PROJECT

TSSW alumnus, Jeff Yungman, is currently the Director of the Crisis Ministries Homeless Justice Project in Charleston, S.C., and is the only full-time attorney working at a homeless shelter in the country. After graduating with his MSW, he began his work with the Child Protection Services. He then moved and became a mental health case manager and was promoted to clinical director one month later. During that time, it became apparent that providing legal services, especially for veterans, would be an important part of helping the 1,600 yearly clients who stay at the shelter get back on their feet. So he did just that, earning his law degree in 2003 at 52.

“People ask me if I’m a lawyer or a social works, and I always say that I’m a social worker with a law degree.”

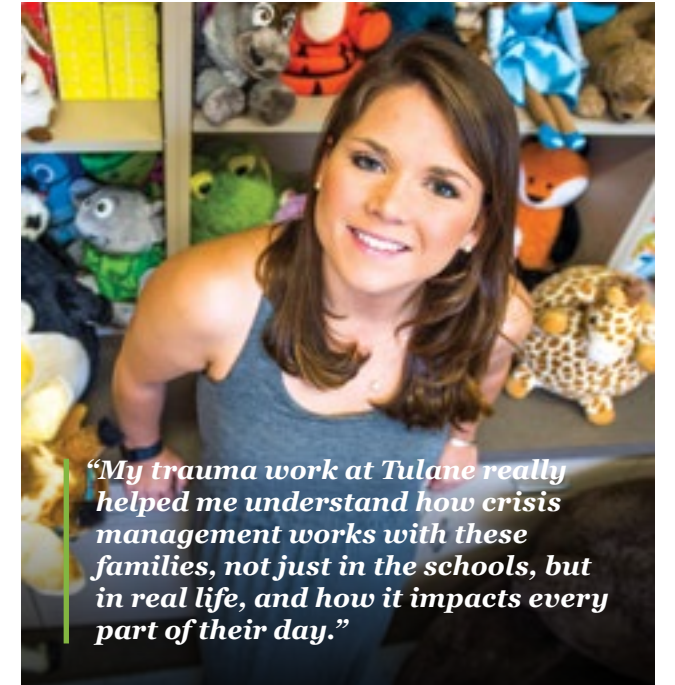
The Homeless Justice Project provides free civil legal assistance to homeless Charleston area residents. Yungman's efforts have earned him numerous awards and he was honored by the American Bar Association's Commission on Poverty and Homelessness, on which he now serves.

KATIE RYAN (MSW 14)

CHILD & FAMILY SPECIALIST

Trauma work led alumna Katie Ryan to Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHAS), once she completed graduation. Katie meets with five to nine clients a day in home visits to community visits at schools or in her play-therapy office.

PCHAS offers child therapy free of charge and conducts parenting classes through TBRI, an attachment-based, trauma-informed intervention that is designed to meet the complex needs of vulnerable children. In 2015, PCHAS of Texas and Louisiana helped more than 3,457 children and families.



“My trauma work at Tulane really helped me understand how crisis management works with these families, not just in the schools, but in real life, and how it impacts every part of their day.”



DEIDRE HAYES (MSW 90)

CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER

Deidre Hayes has been a licensed clinical social worker in New Orleans for over 20 years with extensive experience with individuals and families, specializing in mental health, substance abuse, domestic violence and sexual assault. She has been an integral part of many start-up initiatives including Covenant House New Orleans, the New Orleans Drug and Mental Health Courts and the New Orleans Family Justice Center. She currently serves on the leadership team for NHS Louisiana, which is a leading provider of community-based, non-profit education and human services. She is also the clinical consultant for NHS' New Orleans programs including the Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) teams and the Coordinated System of Care (CSOC) wraparound initiative. In addition, she is the clinical consultant for the Federal Court Eastern District of Louisiana Reentry Program. Trainings provided include child advocacy, mental health, ethics and case management.



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Come Visit!

We're located steps from Canal Street and the world-famous French Quarter. Our brand new, state-of-the-art facility was completely renovated in 2014 and boasts nearly 20,000 sq. ft. of learning space. Our classrooms and lounge areas provide a comfortable atmosphere for learning and socializing.