

## **Profile: Cedrick Doucet**

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Cedrick Doucet, MSW, is an on-campus student at our downtown New Orleans campus. Doucet holds a Master of Social Work (MSW) from Southern University of New Orleans.

Beyond being a doctoral candidate, Doucet is a Peer Mentor through Tulane School of Social Work's [Peer Mentoring Program](#), which aims to decrease feelings of isolation, increase guidance on adjusting to doctoral studies, and provide mentoring experience and training to recent or soon-to-be DSW graduates. We've asked him a few questions about the DSW program and his experience as a Peer Mentor.

## **Why did you decide to pursue a DSW? Why Tulane?**

I chose to pursue a DSW to expand my knowledge and opportunities in the field of social work. Tulane was the perfect choice for me because of its strong reputation and convenient location.

## **Did you receive mentorship in the early days of your DSW program? How was that experience?**

Yes, I had the opportunity to receive mentorship early in the program, which was invaluable. My mentor helped me navigate the structure of the DSW, understand the APP process, and provided the support I needed to successfully move forward in the program.

## **Why did you decide to become a mentor?**

I decided to become a mentor because of the positive experience I had with my own mentor. The guidance and support I received were crucial to my success, and I wanted to "pay it forward" by offering that same level of assistance to others.

## **Can you share a little bit about your APP and the work you do, both academically and professionally? In what ways has the DSW**

## **program helped you grow?**

My APP focuses on analyzing school truancy and its impact on academic performance among elementary students. As a former school social worker, I worked closely with truancy cases, which sparked my interest in finding interventions to help reduce absenteeism. The DSW program has helped me refine my research skills, organize my thoughts, and transform my passion into a structured research project.

## **What's your best tip for incoming DSW students?**

My best tip is to trust and believe in yourself!

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