



## DOCTOR OF SOCIAL WORK DEGREE

You've spent years learning from those you serve and gaining valuable social work experience. Now, extend your expertise, critical thinking, and leadership skills to further support individuals and communities. The Doctor of Social Work (DSW) degree from Tulane University School of Social Work provides high-level training for working professionals looking to explore program management, applied research, university-based teaching, nonprofit leadership, and beyond.

As you progress through the DSW degree requirements, you can examine your area of interest and graduate with a final product that benefits individuals, communities, and the social work profession as a whole.

- One weekend a month classes on campus or via synchronous online sessions
- Experiential approach that incorporates apprenticeship, mentoring, active learning, and immersion in a community of scholars
- Curriculum that enhances critical thinking, formalizes knowledge, increases capacity, and deepens understanding of research methods
- Advanced clinical research in a practice area of your choice, culminating in a project to expand, integrate, and evaluate existing knowledge
- Development of a strong peer network, even over long distances
- Extensive support and resources to ensure student success

### LEARN IN A STUDENT-CENTERED PROGRAM

Students can maintain their current professional and personal responsibilities while continuing to grow in an individually-focused environment, accelerated curriculum, and experiential learning model. You can satisfy all degree requirements in 2.5 to 3 years without career disruption, and you may choose between on-campus or online options.

### ENGAGE WITH TOP-TIER FACULTY

Tulane's faculty includes nationally recognized scholars with an exceptional record of research, teaching, and service that represents the diversity of opportunities in the social work profession. Faculty and staff value your experience coming into the program and work to cultivate your success with support, mentoring, and networking.

### EXPERIENCE EXCELLENCE

Tulane has a 100-year legacy, having founded the first social worker training program in the Deep South and being one of the first schools accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). The DSW is the only program of its kind in the Gulf South and one of a small number nationwide.

### VALUE CULTURES & BACKGROUNDS

Tulane's curriculum emphasizes noting and building upon individual and community strengths. We teach a culturally relevant social work practice (CRSWP) that prioritizes the field's responsiveness to cultural contexts and enables us to engage in and train on competent, ethical, and community-led assessments and interventions.



To prepare for an executive-level position, you will learn through a curriculum that fosters the critical thinking skills necessary to design, evaluate, and implement effective programs and policies. You will complete six semesters of coursework over two to three calendar years with a semester of dedicated work on the Advanced Practice Project (APP). For one week during your first summer semester, you will meet with others in your cohort for an immersive learning opportunity in the dynamic city of New Orleans. The following outlines the order for those that begin in the fall semester. Those with different semester starts will have a variation in their first year to accommodate the summer immersion.

YEAR	SEMESTER	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS	YEAR	SEMESTER	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
1	1	Leadership in Social Work and Evidence-Informed Practice	4	2	4	Social Work Pedagogy and Curriculum Development	4
		Social Work Theory, Practice Models, and Methods	4			Advanced Practice Project Development Seminar 1: Research Ethics	4
		Portfolio Planning Seminar 1: Library & Technology Resources	1			Portfolio Planning Seminar 4: Proposal Writing	1
	2	Historical and Current Policy Approaches to Social Welfare	4		5	Applied Social Statistics	4
		Quantitative Methods and Measurement for Services Outcome Research	4			Nonprofit Management, Fundraising, Board, and Workforce Development	4
		Portfolio Planning Seminar 2: APP Consideration	1			Portfolio Development Seminar: Understanding Peer Review	1
	3	Program and Clinical Evaluation	4		6	Community Advocacy and Participatory Research for Applied Practice	4
		Introduction to Qualitative and Interpretive Approaches to Human Inquiry	4			Advanced Practice Project Development Seminar 2: Grant Writing	4
		Portfolio Planning Seminar 3: APP Specification	1			Portfolio Development Seminar: Finalize APP	1
<b>REQUIRED NUMBER OF CREDITS</b> 56		<b>ESTIMATED TIME TO COMPLETION</b> 2.5 to 3 years		3	7	Portfolio Development Seminar: Submit APP	1
						Portfolio Development Seminar: APP Defense	1

**ADVANCED PRACTICE PROJECT**  
 You will design and execute your APP in consultation with your Portfolio Planning and Development professor(s) and optional faculty mentors. It will consist of a primary and secondary product on a topic of your choosing and requires approval.

**ONLINE PROGRAM**  
 Our online DSW program employs innovative technology to ensure all students receive the full benefits of a Tulane education. If you elect the online program, you will be part of monthly live sessions via synchronous classes. Our platform provides crisp and clear images and words, and students can always see each other and the instructor. You can expect personalized attention as you pursue your coursework. That includes tech support, success coaching, and virtual office hours with faculty.



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