

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. Every semester, students will work to advance their APP incrementally, in a series of applied research classes called the Portfolio Sequence. The goal of these classes is to help students prepare a research study for publication or a grant funding proposal for submission.

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.

YEAR	SEMESTER	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
1	FIRST	Leadership in Social Work and Evidence-Informed Practice	4
		Social Work Theory, Practice Models, and Methods.	4
		Portfolio Planning Seminar 1: Library & Technology Resources	1
	SECOND	Historical and Current Policy Approaches to Social Welfare	4
		Quantitative Methods and Measurement for Services Outcome Research ...	4
		Portfolio Planning Seminar 2: APP Consideration	1
	THIRD	Program and Clinical Evaluation	4
		Introduction to Qualitative and Interpretive Approaches to Human Inquiry	4
		Portfolio Planning Seminar 3: APP Specification	1
2	FOURTH	Social Work Pedagogy and Curriculum Development.....	4
		Advanced Practice Project Development Seminar 1: Research Ethics	4
		Portfolio Planning Seminar 4: Proposal Writing	1
	FIFTH	Applied Social Statistics.....	4
		Nonprofit Management, Fundraising, Board, & Workforce Development...	4
		Portfolio Development Seminar: Understanding Peer Review	1
	SIXTH	Community Advocacy and Participatory Research for Applied Practice ..	4
		Advanced Practice Project Development Seminar 2: Grant Writing	4
		Portfolio Development Seminar: Finalize APP	1
3	SEVENTH	Portfolio Development Seminar: Submit APP.....	1
		Portfolio Development Seminar: APP Defense	1

REQUIRED NUMBER OF CREDITS

56

ESTIMATED TIME TO COMPLETION

2.5 to 3 years

WHY TULANE’S DSW?

While other DSW programs include research in their curriculum, Tulane’s DSW program requires students to move from research consumers to research practitioners. The products the students produce help them establish credibility and expertise in their chosen areas of practice.

You will design and execute an Advanced Practice Project (APP) in consultation with your Portfolio Planning and Development professor(s) and optional faculty mentors. It will consist of a primary and secondary product – typically peer-reviewed journal articles or funded grant applications – on your topic of choice.

ONLINE PROGRAM

Our DSW program is delivered online and employs innovative technology to ensure all students receive the full benefits of a Tulane education. 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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TULANE UNIVERSITY
School of Social Work



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 School of Social Work provides high-level training for working professionals looking to explore program management, applied research, university-level teaching, nonprofit leadership, and beyond.

As you progress through the DSW degree, you will examine your area of interest and graduate with an Advanced Practice Project that benefits individuals, communities, and the social work profession as a whole.

- Classes one weekend a month via synchronous online sessions
- Experiential approach that incorporates apprenticeship, mentoring, and active learning
- 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.

GAIN A STRONG FOUNDATION

Tulane has a 100-year legacy, having founded the first social worker training program in the 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 South and one of a small number nationwide.

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.

VALUE CULTURES & BACKGROUNDS

Tulane's curriculum emphasizes noting and building upon individual and community strengths. We teach a culturally relevant social work practice 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.



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