

Send **ALL** application materials to Graduate Admissions by email (preferred): gradadm@louisville.edu, or by mail to: Graduate Admissions, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY 40292

An application is not complete until the Graduate Admissions Office receives the following documentation:

☐ **Completed online application at uofl.me/grad-admission**

- \$65 non-refundable application fee. For information on application fee waiver eligibility criteria, please contact the Graduate Admissions Office at (502) 852-6495.
- List a minimum of three (3) recommender's names and email addresses in section VII (seven) of the application that meet the criteria listed below.

Official transcript(s) from any and all colleges and universities ever attended

- ☐ ➤ Transcripts must be OFFICIAL. Faxed transcripts cannot be accepted.
- Have transcripts sent directly to UofL Graduate Admissions.
- UofL transcripts are provided automatically.
- **Cumulative graduate GPA of 3.0 or above**

☐ **Three (3) Recommendation Forms**

List email addresses of three (3) recommenders in Section VII (seven) of the graduate application. Recommendation forms will be emailed automatically to the recommenders after the application fee is paid or waived.

Requirements for acceptable recommenders:

- Three Letters of recommendation from individuals familiar with the applicant's work and/or academic ability and performance such as current or former supervisors or instructors.
- Personal recommendations will not be accepted. These include co-workers, mentors, advisers, friends, clergy, personal therapists, etc.

☐ **Personal Statement-Goal for pursuing DSW degree (Please respond to all of the following FOUR prompts in your personal statement).**

What is your purpose for pursuing the Doctor of Social Work (DSW) degree at this point in your career?

What have you learned from your past academic and social work practice experience in order for you to be successful in the Doctor of Social Work (DSW) program?

What are the primary challenges you anticipate and supports you will need from the DSW program to successfully complete the online DSW program?

The Kent School of Social Work strives for diversity, equity, and inclusion and is actively committed to becoming an anti-racist organization. What contributions, if any, do you see yourself making to these efforts as a DSW student in the Kent School of Social Work?

The personal statement is expected to be between 2-3 pages, single spaced using 12pt Font

☐ **Writing Sample-**

Describe a social problem that is of most concern to you. In your description, explain why this is a social problem. Be sure to include references to literature and research that you consider important and that has shaped your understanding of this issue.

Your response is expected to be 3 pages, double spaced, 12pt Font. Include references and use the writing style of the American Psychological Association (APA, 7th edition) <https://extras.apa.org/apastyle/basics-7e/#/> to organize and format the paper. The title page and reference are not included in the 3-page count.



Resume

Include all current/past employment, volunteer and internship experience.



Application Process

Admissions to the DSW Program is competitive. Admission decisions are made by faculty after consideration of written application and interview in the spring of each year.