
DOCTOR OF SOCIAL WORK – LEADERSHIP AND EDUCATION

The **Doctor of Social Work (DSW)** program prepares academicians who are able to lead and leaders who are able to teach. Pursue your passion for social justice through enhanced leadership and the transformative opportunity to explore and develop yourself as a scholar and practitioner.

PROGRAM

Kutztown University offers a DSW program focused on preparing leaders and educators for career advancement in agencies, government, and higher education. Social Work practitioners with an MSW will be prepared to take on the challenges the industry will face in practice and in preparing future experts in the field.

A hybrid program with a residency component at our Pennsylvania university campuses, the DSW program is designed with the working professional in mind. Whether you live in Pennsylvania or anywhere beyond, learn with the best in your profession and prepare to continue to make a difference.

THREE-YEAR COHORT MODEL

- Eight session program: Two courses per session for fall, spring, and summer.
- Experiential Praxis in leadership and/or education.
- Face-to-face learning component one weekend per term. Coursework offered online.



Questions?

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FACULTY

The social work curriculum is taught by faculty members who are recognized academicians, professional practitioners, and researchers. They bring a broad range of experiences to the classroom which includes work in public welfare, aging, United Way administration, addictions, vocational rehabilitation, child welfare, healthcare, global social work, disabilities, social policy, and mental health.

FINANCIAL AID

Aid eligibility is determined each year based on the results of the FAFSA application and student progress. Types of aid available to graduate students include scholarships, a Federal Stafford Loan, an unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan, and a Graduate PLUS Loan.

APPLY

Graduate application: www.kutztown.edu/graduateapply

- \$35 application fee
- Official transcripts from all previously attended colleges and universities including an MSW degree from a Council of Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program
- Minimum of two years of post-MSW practice experience
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Three letters of recommendation: (1) from an academic source, and (1) from a work-related source
- A five-page scholarly essay addressing the candidate's current state of knowledge in social work regarding a social phenomenon of interest, with proper use of current APA style
- A three-page personal essay that addresses the following: Why a DSW? Why now? Why KU's program?

