



DSW

LEADERSHIP AND EDUCATION

KUTZTOWN
UNIVERSITY

DOCTOR OF SOCIAL WORK

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DOCTOR OF SOCIAL WORK – NEW VISION

The Kutztown University **Doctor of Social Work** program prepares graduates for innovation and leadership roles and cultivates a diverse advanced-degreed workforce to meet emerging needs and challenges in modern social work practice and academia. Our practice doctorate graduates are competent, qualified, ADEI-trained visionary leaders who are on the frontlines of eliminating oppression of all forms, effecting lasting multi-systemic change, and advancing the social work profession.

PROGRAM

The KU DSW program offers an affordable and marketable Doctorate in three years from a program with a decades-long reputation that helps full-time career social work professionals fulfill professional aspirations, advance their careers, and leave a lasting legacy by enhancing their capabilities as leaders, scholars, educators, entrepreneurs, and innovators.

A flexible, online educational option* designed with working professionals in mind, our program could help expand your professional opportunities and advance your career trajectory. We offer a person-centered approach in a three-year cohort model that serves as a source of community, support, and encouragement that holds each other together.

**Two courses per term, three terms per year, and in-person weekend-long residency each term.*

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 curriculum is taught, and doctoral mentorship is provided primarily by full-time, advanced-degree, diverse faculty members with extensive practice and scholarly experience. Learn with the experts in generating, disseminating, and using evidence for program development and scale-up, organizational decision making, strategic planning efforts, fundraising, and beyond.

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)
- Two references submitted on a Word document. Please include their names, titles, and contact information (phone and email).
- 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.
- Provide a 2-3 page personal essay statement describing your career goals and how the DSW will help you to obtain them. Be sure to elaborate why the KU DSW program is the ideal fit for you at this specific moment in your career.

