



# Tulane University

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK



*Master of Social Work Online Program*



# At a Glance

## OUR STUDENTS

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE  
**225** FULL- AND  
PART-TIME  
MSW STUDENTS

AVERAGE  
AGE **27**  
AVERAGE  
GPA **3.29**

CLASS  
SIZE **16**  
STUDENTS

## OUR MISSION

To educate future social workers to engage in competent, ethical, clinical-community practice that is relationship-centered, evidence-informed, and empowerment-focused, incorporating a local perspective.

## OUR LOCATION

When it comes to choosing a city where learning and cultural opportunities abound, New Orleans is among the top in the nation.

With the recovery and rebirth from Hurricane Katrina still in full swing, students and residents will see an ever-changing city, one improving with each passing day. New Orleans has a world-renowned reputation as a city with a lust for life, but we are so much more than that. Tulane's motto of "not for one's self, but for one's own" embodies our focus of working in the New Orleans community to help those in need. Our Online Master of Social Work program allows students to work closely with dedicated professionals and professors from anywhere in the world.

## ALUMNI

As with any institution of higher education, our success is based in large part on the success of our students once they leave our halls and enter the professional world. Since our inception in 1927 as the first school of social work in the Deep South, we have produced more than 5,000 graduates. These social workers have assumed leadership roles across the country, serving the public via civic or governmental organizations or in private practice.

## SAMPLE CAREERS

A career in social work can lead to many paths, including:

Adoption  
Social Worker

Human Rights  
Spokesperson

Military Social Worker

School Social Worker

Victims' Advocate

Nonprofit  
Executive Director

Substance Abuse  
Social Worker

Legislator

Therapist

Refugee Social Worker

# Dear Prospective Student

Welcome to the Tulane School of Social Work!

As social workers, we are dedicated to advancing our communities, transforming lives, and ultimately improving the world around us. In pursuing your interest in social work, you have the ability to work with all ages, in settings as diverse as the people you serve.

As educators, we teach and mentor students to become successful, ethical, and passionate professionals with an untiring commitment to social justice. Our diverse faculty includes award-winning scholars, who regularly contribute to world-renowned academic journals; skilled researchers, whose work has promoted change in their respective areas of study; and accomplished practitioners, whose experience in the field gives in-depth insight into current social justice initiatives.

Our nationally and internationally recognized graduate program focuses on practical learning and practicum education. You will be studying in one of the best programs in the nation (ranked Top 20 Social Work Schools in the U.S.) and learning from the best teachers in the field. We aim to help you in building a solid foundation of social work principles and experience, to guide you in developing your own path for social work.

We serve both our local New Orleans community, where you receive hands-on opportunities to see your studies change lives, and around the globe, where we partner with agencies, universities, and international organizations to effect change on a global scale.

As a social work institution, we serve our New Orleans community, and we also provide students with the skills and tools needed to help them effectively serve their respective local communities.

Under the direction of our award-winning faculty, students will have the opportunity to apply their newfound social work knowledge in a practical setting—with our guidance, students will witness firsthand how social workers can change lives.

The Tulane School of Social Work has also partnered with agencies, universities, and international organizations across the globe, so students with both our on-site and online MSW programs can test their skills and refine their abilities locally and even internationally. At Tulane, you will be enveloped in a culture and environment where the lessons you learn, either on-site or remotely, can be directly applied in a real-world environment—together, we can change the world for the better. There is really no place quite like New Orleans, and there is no university quite like Tulane.

I invite you to come visit, so we can show you how we're *doing work that matters.*



**PATRICK BORDNICK, PHD**

Dean



# *Master of Social Work*

Our 16-month (or 32-month part-time), 60-credit-hour program is designed to offer the best of class in clinical and community training that addresses the unique needs of individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. You will learn both in the classroom and in the field, creating a well-rounded study of social work.

## FOUNDATION

Your first year will teach you fundamental principles within social work, including its history and its current policies.

## ONLINE PROGRAM

Our online MSW program fits into your life, because it's adaptable to your schedule. The 60 total credit hours required can be completed in as few as four semesters (spanning 16 months, since one semester takes place during the summer).

The flexible part-time option spreads the program across eight semesters, which can be completed in 24 or 32 months, depending on course load per semester. Every student is also required to do 990 hours of field-based work in their own community.



# Curriculum Options

## CERTIFICATES

Focus on a specialized discipline within social work and earn various certificates.

Disaster and Collective Trauma

Mental Health, Addictions, and the Family

## DUAL DEGREES

We offer a trio of dual degrees for students looking to expand their studies. Each dual degree is earned along with your MSW, but the curriculum and each timeline for classes is determined by the dual degree chosen.

MSW/MPH in Global Community Health Sciences and Behavioral Sciences

Master of Social Work and Juris Doctor

MSW and Master of Science in Disaster Resilience Leadership

## DOCTORATE IN SOCIAL WORK

We are the only program in the Gulf South and one of only a small number of DSW programs nationwide. It is ideally suited for social work professionals seeking rigorous training in advanced practice, professional leadership, and applied research.



# Tulane School of Social Work

## BY NUMBERS



Our students have over 100 active field placement sites available to them during their time at TSSW. A few examples of sites that currently have our students are:

Ochsner Hospital

Grow Dat Youth Farm

Crocker Elementary School

Cafe Reconcile

Passages Hospice

City of New Orleans—NOLA for Life Program

Liberty's Kitchen

Louisiana Center for Children's Rights

Orleans Public Defender's Office

Carver Collegiate School

Orleans Parish Sheriff's Day Reporting Center

Children's Hospital Behavioral Health Unit

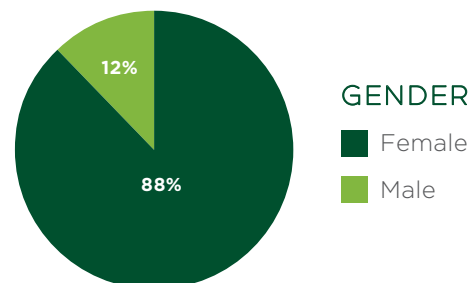
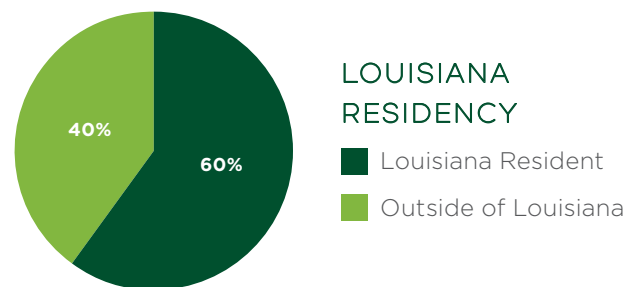
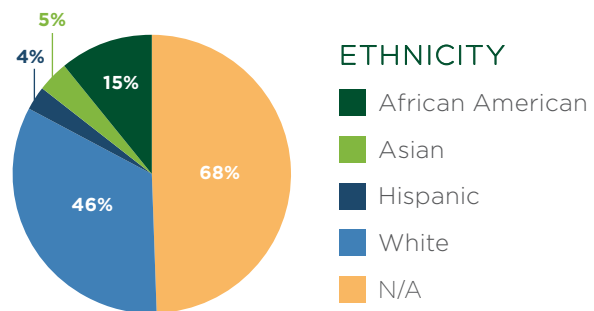
Youth Empowerment Project

SE Louisiana Veteran's Administration

Catholic Charities Immigrant and Refugee Program

Jefferson Parish 24th Judicial Court Diversion Program

## Student Diversity



## Employment Growth for Social Workers in Louisiana

In four years, the number of social workers in Louisiana has grown by 18 percent. This is faster than the trend for social workers around the U.S. Nationally, the number of social workers has grown by 10 percent between 2006 and 2010.



## Social Work vs. All Professions Salaries in Louisiana

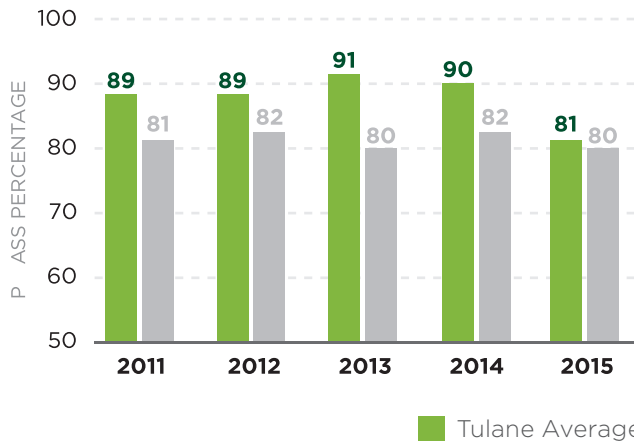
The amount earned by social workers is increasing in Louisiana. Social workers earned a yearly mean salary of \$41,785 in 2006. They earned a yearly mean salary of \$45,472 in 2010.



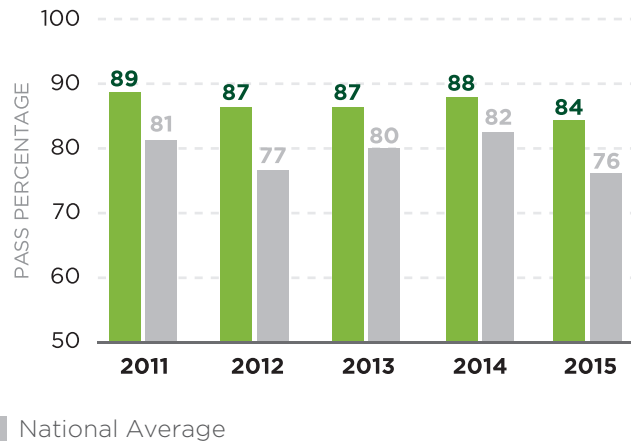
Source: <http://www.educationnews.org/career-index/social-work-schools-in-louisiana>

## Licensure Pass Rates

### LICENSED MASTER SOCIAL WORKER (LMSW) PASS RATE



### CLINICAL EXAM PASS RATE



# ***Our Renowned Faculty***

Our faculty is comprised of the best in their fields. Their aim is to bring knowledge into both the classroom and the community. Our faculty are leaders in the best practices of social service, while also focusing on evidence-based approaches to interventions and organizational change.



## **DR. REGGIE FERREIRA**

**DIRECTOR OF THE DISASTER RESILIENCE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY  
& ASSISTANT PROFESSOR**

Dr. Ferreira's focus is on disasters, specifically social vulnerability and disaster resilience. He completed his dissertation on Louisiana's disaster resilience both pre- and post-Hurricane Katrina. He has worked on several international research projects related to disaster risk reduction in Africa, Europe, and the United States. Other research interests include international social work, evidence-based practice research, and pet loss.



## **DR. REGGIE PARQUET**

**CLINICAL ASSISTANT PROFESSOR**

Dr. Parquet's teaching expertise is in practice, research, and field seminar. His interests are in substance abuse intervention and treatment of at-risk, inner-city children, families, and communities, utilizing a strengths perspective and capacity building.



## **DR. HEATHER STORER**

**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR**

Dr. Storer has worked nationally in the fields of dating and domestic violence prevention, girls' leadership, and positive youth development. Her current work is exploring the framing of intimate partner violence on social media sites, including Twitter.



# *Researching for a Better World*

Research and scholarship at the highest level are expected at Tulane University. Therefore, it is expected that all faculty will engage in research and scholarly activities to constantly contribute to the emerging fields of study and practice within social work.

This means you have unparalleled access to cutting-edge research and world-renowned scholars. We are affiliated with the following research centers:

The Traumatology Institute

Disaster Resilience  
Leadership Academy

Highly Vulnerable Children  
Research Center

Elizabeth Wisner Social Welfare  
Research Center for Families  
and Children

The Institute for Psychosocial Health

The Porter-Cason Institute for  
the Family

## *Disaster Resilience Leadership*

The Disaster Resilience Leadership (DRL) program is funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and World Bank Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery. The DRL program seeks to build human capacity in disaster-vulnerable communities to more effectively save lives and alleviate suffering by systematically strengthening existing capacity, supporting the development of future leaders, and working toward sustainability through a global network of academic, public, and private stakeholders.

The Disaster Resilience Leadership Academy has enjoyed partnerships and grants with the following organizations:

Rand Corporations

UNICEF

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Global Facility for Disaster  
Reduction and Recovery

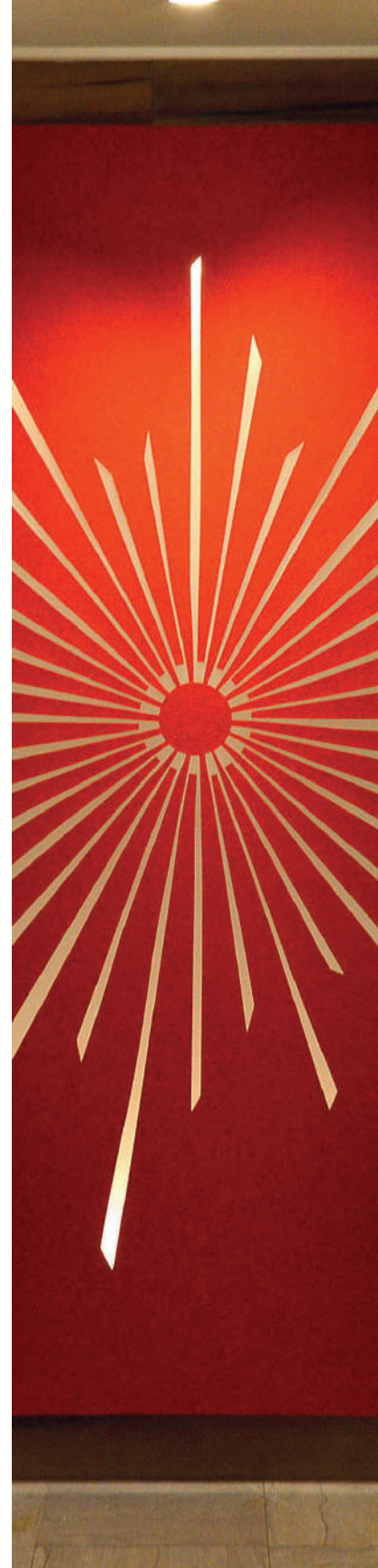
United States Agency for  
International Development

Consortium for Resilient  
Gulf Communities

United States Agency for  
International Development Office of  
U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance

Coastal Resource Resiliency Center

Louisiana Public Health Institute





## *Applying to Tulane*

Admission to the Master of Social Work program is highly competitive. At minimum, candidates must meet the follow criteria:

BA or BS degree from an accredited college or university, which a well-rounded liberal arts program that included study in the humanities and social sciences

A grade point average of 3.0 or higher on a 4-point scale is preferred, with strong performance in the junior and senior years of previous study

Two professional and/or academic references

A strong written statement

### **GRADUATE RECORD EXAM (GRE) REQUIREMENTS**

- Not required for candidates with a 3.0 or higher GPA
- Applicants with less than a 3.0 may be considered, if able to document a high level of academic ability through a GRE score within the past five years

# ***MSW Application Checklist***

Ready to start changing the world? Submit the following items to complete your Tulane MSW application.

- Online application: <https://applygrad.tulane.edu/apply>
- Application fee: \$50
- Official applications can be emailed to [tsswtranscripts@tulane.edu](mailto:tsswtranscripts@tulane.edu) or mailed to:  
Tulane University School of Social Work  
Admissions Department  
127 Elk Place  
New Orleans, LA 70112
- Professional or academic references required from previous or current employer and professors from undergraduate or graduate program

## ***Financial Aid & Scholarships***

### **FINANCIAL AID**

To learn more about how to defray the cost of courses, visit:

<https://tssw.tulane.edu/admissions/financial>

### **TULANE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK SCHOLARSHIPS**

All full-time students are considered for partial scholarships offered by the Tulane School of Social Work. There is no additional application process or paperwork to be submitted.

Visit <http://tssw.tulane.edu/admissions/financial/scholarships> for a partial list of scholarship funds available.



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## ***Relationship-Centered Practice***

One of Tulane School of Social Work's core ideologies is to produce students who can counsel people on the worst day of their lives. We are a clinical program that prepares you to work with communities, groups, families, and individuals after both natural disasters, such as hurricanes or earthquakes, and manmade tragedies, like gun violence and domestic abuse, in therapeutic and community action settings.

Our specific programs are consistently regarded as some of the best in the nation. They include:

### **DISASTER RESILIENCE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**

DRLA is dedicated to the strengthening of global humanitarian leadership through education, research, and application. Its focus is to address root causes of vulnerability, such as chronic poverty and social inequality, while promoting the importance of social and environmental justice.

### **DISASTER AND COLLECTIVE TRAUMA CERTIFICATION**

This certification allows our students to bring tremendous healing and encouragement to citizens and organizations affected by crime and economic and healthcare disadvantages. Students are on the ground in New Orleans neighborhoods, helping in health clinics, crisis intervention settings, and other areas of need.

### **PORTER-CASON INSTITUTE**

Established in 1995, this institute teaches family therapy at the advanced level. Students learn best practices through the development, evaluation, and dissemination of the latest and most effective family practice methods, techniques, and research.



## Alumni Spotlight

Since its founding in 1927, Tulane's School of Social Work has continued to affect social change on a global scale. Our alumni are leaders in government, international organizations, charitable causes, research institutions, and more.

Here are a few alumni,  
*doing work  
that matters.*



### JEFF YUNGMAN (MSW 79)

DIRECTOR OF THE CRISIS MINISTRIES HOMELESS JUSTICE PROJECT

TSSW alumnus Jeff Yungman is currently the director of the Crisis Ministries Homeless Justice Project in Charleston, South Carolina, and is the only full-time attorney working at a homeless shelter in the country. After graduating with his MSW, he began his work with Child Protection Services. He then moved and became a mental health case manager and was promoted to clinical director one month later. During that time, it became apparent that providing legal services, especially for veterans, would be an important part of helping the 1,600 yearly clients who stay at the shelter get back on their feet. So he did just that, earning his law degree in 2003 at 52.

***“People ask me if I’m a lawyer or a social worker, and I always say that I’m a social worker with a law degree.”***

The Homeless Justice Project provides free civil legal assistance to homeless Charleston-area residents. Yungman's efforts have earned him numerous awards, and he was honored by the American Bar Association's Commission on Poverty and Homelessness, on which he now serves.



## KATIE RYAN (MSW 14)

### CHILD & FAMILY SPECIALIST

Trauma work led alumna Katie Ryan to Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHAS) after she graduated. Katie meets with five to nine clients a day in home visits, community visits at schools, or in her play-therapy office.

PCHAS offers child therapy free of charge and conducts parenting classes using Trust-Based Relational Intervention (TBRI), an attachment-based, trauma-informed intervention that is designed to meet the complex needs of vulnerable children. In 2015, PCHAS of Texas and Louisiana helped more than 3,457 children and families.



***“My trauma work at Tulane really helped me understand how crisis management works with these families, not just in the schools, but in real life, and how it impacts every part of their day.”***



## DEIDRE HAYES (MSW 90)

### CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER

Deidre Hayes has been a licensed clinical social worker in New Orleans for over 20 years with extensive experience with individuals and families, specializing in mental health, substance abuse, domestic violence, and sexual assault. She has been an integral part of many start-up initiatives including Covenant House New Orleans, the New Orleans Drug and Mental Health Courts, and the New Orleans Family Justice Center. She currently serves on the leadership team for NHS Louisiana, which is a leading provider of community-based, nonprofit education and human services. She is also the clinical consultant for NHS's New Orleans programs, including the Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) teams and the Coordinated System of Care (CSOC) wraparound initiative. In addition, she is the clinical consultant for the Federal Court Eastern District of Louisiana Reentry Program. Trainings provided include child advocacy, mental health, ethics, and case management.



## *Come Visit!*

We're located steps from Canal Street and the world-famous French Quarter. Our brand new, state-of-the-art facility was completely renovated in 2014 and boasts nearly 20,000 square feet of learning space. Our classrooms and lounge areas provide a comfortable atmosphere for learning and socializing.

*#DoWorkThatMatters*

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