Tulane University
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Doctorate in Social Work Online Program
At a Glance

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
The Tulane University School of Social Work holds itself to high standards. Not only are we learning together as a program—we are doing. Our faculty members work with New Orleans communities to help empower them to achieve necessary social and economic change, which means that our online students are consistently gleaning lessons from these on-the-ground challenges and positive changes made in New Orleans. Our curriculum is designed to help students around the world take these valuable lessons from New Orleans and actively apply them in fieldwork experiences within their own communities. The School of Social Work has been doing this work across Louisiana and the South for over a century—and our high standards have never let up.

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 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.
Dear Prospective Student

Do work that matters. At the Tulane University School of Social Work, this is at the heart of our school and exemplifies the work our faculty, alumni, and students do every day. Being in New Orleans, we know what it means to bring this vision to life. From natural disasters to socioeconomic and behavioral health disparities, the lessons we learn here benefit communities worldwide.

Our alumni come from a variety of different backgrounds, but our commitment to positively impacting communities and making a difference in the lives of others is what unites us all. As a student in the online Doctorate in Social Work program, we encourage you to pursue your academic interests and explore the environments that need our help the most.

We hope that you will envision yourself becoming a social worker who changes the world by doing work that matters!
Doctorate in Social Work

Tulane University’s School of Social Work has a century-long legacy of training social workers and empowering leaders to serve in diverse communities in New Orleans. In an effort to maximize the impact within Louisiana and beyond, Tulane established the online Doctorate in Social Work to provide practitioners seeking a path to leadership with the opportunity to continue their education and goal of creating a more equitable world. Students prepare for executive-level positions through a curriculum developed to foster the critical thinking skills that are necessary to design, evaluate, and implement effective programs and policies. The DSW program is unique because students learn from faculty and peers who have firsthand knowledge of living and learning with the people and communities in the resilient city of New Orleans.

PROGRAM GOALS

The Tulane University School of Social Work’s online Doctorate in Social Work program:

- Trains students to have an in-depth mastery of a selected area of scholarship directly relevant to social work practice, including social welfare policy and services
- Teaches students to use evidence-based decisions to design, implement, and improve the quality of social services
- Equips practitioners with a deeper understanding of the critical thinking required in reviewing secondary research and the research methods needed for program evaluation
- Provides additional training for those clinicians who want to extend their expertise into program management, innovative therapies, private practice, or university-based teaching
Our Renowned Faculty

Our faculty is comprised of the best in the field. 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**

Dr. Ferreira is currently devoting deep study to Louisiana’s disaster resilience pre- and post-Katrina. He is responsible for leading many active research projects at Tulane, and his past projects include the Gulf of Mexico Research Initiative—Consortium for Resilient Gulf Communities (CRGC), the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Study, and the North American Domestic Violence Intervention Program Survey.

**DR. CHARLES FIGLEY**

Dr. Figley is the author of the Psychosocial Stress Series—the oldest book series on trauma and a classic since 1978. He is responsible for bringing the Traumatology Institute to Tulane University, and he focuses his research on the effects of disaster-related psychological traumas. He was named lifetime Alumni Fellow by the Pennsylvania State University, and his other grants, lectureships, and fellowships include being awarded the Fulbright Senior Scholar and Visiting Distinguished Professorship.

**DR. CATHERINE BURNETTE**

Dr. Burnette joined the Tulane School of Social Work in 2013. Her research focuses primarily on health disparities among indigenous peoples and she has published over 25 peer-reviewed journal articles on the subject. She has also presented at over 30 international and national conferences and has worked with federally funded research programs to explore how to effectively address health disparities and violence among indigenous peoples using culturally appropriate and relevant intervention efforts.
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

AWARDS

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Applying

WHAT MATTERS TO US
Tulane lays claim to the distinction of having housed the first training program for social workers in the Deep South. We’ve had decades to build on our innovative, audacious beginning, and we were recently named one of the top 25 most service-minded schools by *Newsweek*. Our students are part of the reason why. Because we strive to maintain the high standard we established over a century ago, Tulane’s online Doctorate of Social Work program is highly competitive.

We want to ensure that our program’s strengths will help activate yours. The online DSW program is interested in prospective students who are driven to:

• Provoke global changes by advocating for oppressed groups
• Use evidence-based decisions to design, implement, and improve the quality of social services
• Actively give back to their communities
• Do work that matters

PROGRAM QUALIFICATIONS
• A master’s degree in social work from a CSWE-accredited school
• A minimum grade point average of 3.3 in both undergraduate and graduate study
• Three or more years of social service agency employment or the equivalent experience post-masters
Scholarship Opportunities & Financial Aid

A number of financial aid opportunities exist to defray or cover the costs of earning your Doctorate of Social Work. We’re pleased to offer you detailed information. Please contact us with questions or for additional information:

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