



COUNCIL ON SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION

**Board of Accreditation (BOA)
Department of Social Work Accreditation (DOSWA)**

2025 Accreditation Standards for Practice Doctorate Social Work Programs

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**University of Kentucky
Summary of Plan**

Area of Focus: Administrative Leadership

Core Expertise and Skills	Instrument	Instrument: Expected Level of Achievement	Expected Level of Achievement for Core Expertise and Skill
Core Expertise and Skill 1: Advance practice through innovative approaches	Instrument 1: SW860 Program Evaluation Design	Minimum of 123 out of 150 points	85%
	Instrument 2: SW861 Practice Application Paper	Minimum of 49.2 out of 60 points	
Core Expertise and Skill 2: Use and critically evaluate research and knowledge	Instrument 1: SW856 Literature Review	Minimum of 13.94 out of 17 points	85%
	Instrument 2: SW862 Systematic Literature Review	Minimum of 82 out of 100 points	
Core Expertise and Skill 3: Engage in scientific inquiry that reflects doctoral-level scholarship	Instrument 1: SW856 Paradigms of Inquiry	Minimum of 13.94 out of 17 points	85%
	Instrument 2: SW863 Conceptual Paper	Minimum of 24.6 out of 30 points	
Core Expertise and Skill 4: Develop and disseminate practice-relevant, research-informed knowledge through a variety of channels, such as	Instrument 1: SW860 Group Presentations	Minimum of 41 out of 50 points	85%
	Instrument 2: SW894 Showcase of DSW Scholars Visual Aid	Minimum of 21.32 out of 26 points	

Core Expertise and Skills	Instrument	Instrument: Expected Level of Achievement	Expected Level of Achievement for Core Expertise and Skill
teaching, scholarship, professional presentations, mentoring, and administration			
Core Expertise and Skill 5: Provide leadership in social work practice and/or education	Instrument 1: SW893 Social Justice in Action	Minimum of 106.6 out of 130 points	85%
	Instrument 2: SW894 Capstone Project Abstract	Minimum of 24.6 out of 30 points	
Core Expertise and Skill 6: Develop and maintain substantive expertise in one or more areas of social work practice	Instrument 1: SW864 Policy Brief	Minimum of 13.94 out of 17 points	85%
	Instrument 2: SW894 Integrated Conceptual Map	Minimum of 82 out of 100 points	

Area of Focus: Clinical Social Work

Core Expertise and Skills	Instrument	Instrument: Expected Level of Achievement	Expected Level of Achievement for Core Expertise and Skill
Core Expertise and Skill 1: Advance practice through innovative approaches	Instrument 1: SW860 Program Evaluation Design	Minimum of 123 out of 150 points	85%
	Instrument 2: SW871 Practice Application Paper	Minimum of 49.2 out of 60 points	
Core Expertise and Skill 2: Use and critically evaluate research and knowledge	Instrument 1: SW856 Literature Review	Minimum of 13.94 out of 17 points	85%
	Instrument 2: SW873 Systematic Literature Review	Minimum of 82 out of 100 points	
Core Expertise and Skill 3: Engage in scientific inquiry that reflects doctoral-level scholarship	Instrument 1: SW856 Paradigms of Inquiry	Minimum of 13.94 out of 17 points	85%
	Instrument 2: SW872 Conceptual Paper	Minimum of 24.6 out of 30 points	
Core Expertise and Skill 4: Develop and	Instrument 1: SW860 Group Presentations	Minimum of 41 out of 50 points	85%

Core Expertise and Skills	Instrument	Instrument: Expected Level of Achievement	Expected Level of Achievement for Core Expertise and Skill
disseminate practice-relevant, research-informed knowledge through a variety of channels, such as teaching, scholarship, professional presentations, mentoring, and administration	Instrument 2: SW894 Showcase of DSW Scholars Visual Aid	Minimum of 21.32 out of 26 points	
Core Expertise and Skill 5: Provide leadership in social work practice and/or education	Instrument 1: SW893 Social Justice in Action	Minimum of 106.6 out of 130 points	85%
	Instrument 2: SW894 Capstone Project Abstract	Minimum of 24.6 out of 30 points	
Core Expertise and Skill 6: Develop and maintain substantive expertise in one or more areas of social work practice	Instrument 1: SW864 Policy Brief	Minimum of 13.94 out of 17 points	85%
	Instrument 2: SW894 Integrated Conceptual Map	Minimum of 82 out of 100 points	

Area of Focus: Military Behavioral Health

Core Expertise and Skills	Instrument	Instrument: Expected Level of Achievement	Expected Level of Achievement for Core Expertise and Skill
Core Expertise and Skill 1: Advance practice through innovative approaches	Instrument 1: SW860 Program Evaluation Design	Minimum of 123 out of 150 points	85%
	Instrument 2: SW882 Practice Application Paper	Minimum of 49.2 out of 60 points	
Core Expertise and Skill 2: Use and critically evaluate research and knowledge	Instrument 1: SW856 Literature Review	Minimum of 13.94 out of 17 points	85%
	Instrument 2: SW873 Systematic Literature Review	Minimum of 82 out of 100 points	

Core Expertise and Skills	Instrument	Instrument: Expected Level of Achievement	Expected Level of Achievement for Core Expertise and Skill
Core Expertise and Skill 3: Engage in scientific inquiry that reflects doctoral-level scholarship	Instrument 1: SW856 Paradigms of Inquiry	Minimum of 13.94 out of 17 points	85%
	Instrument 2: SW881 Conceptual Paper	Minimum of 24.6 out of 30 points	
Core Expertise and Skill 4: Develop and disseminate practice-relevant, research-informed knowledge through a variety of channels, such as teaching, scholarship, professional presentations, mentoring, and administration	Instrument 1: SW860 Group Presentations	Minimum of 41 out of 50 points	85%
	Instrument 2: SW894 Showcase of DSW Scholars Visual Aid	Minimum of 21.32 out of 26 points	
Core Expertise and Skill 5: Provide leadership in social work practice and/or education	Instrument 1: SW893 Social Justice in Action	Minimum of 106.6 out of 130 points	85%
	Instrument 2: SW894 Capstone Project Abstract	Minimum of 24.6 out of 30 points	
Core Expertise and Skill 6: Develop and maintain substantive expertise in one or more areas of social work practice	Instrument 1: SW864 Policy Brief	Minimum of 13.94 out of 17 points	85%
	Instrument 2: SW894 Integrated Conceptual Map	Minimum of 82 out of 100 points	

Area of Focus: Social Work Education

Core Expertise and Skills	Instrument	Instrument: Expected Level of Achievement	Expected Level of Achievement for Core Expertise and Skill
Core Expertise and Skill 1: Advance	Instrument 1: SW860 Program Evaluation Design	Minimum of 123 out of 150 points	85%

Core Expertise and Skills	Instrument	Instrument: Expected Level of Achievement	Expected Level of Achievement for Core Expertise and Skill
practice through innovative approaches	Instrument 2: SW877 Practice Application Paper	Minimum of 49.2 out of 60 points	
Core Expertise and Skill 2: Use and critically evaluate research and knowledge	Instrument 1: SW856 Literature Review	Minimum of 13.94 out of 17 points	85%
	Instrument 2: SW876 Systematic Literature Review	Minimum of 82 out of 100 points	
Core Expertise and Skill 3: Engage in scientific inquiry that reflects doctoral-level scholarship	Instrument 1: SW856 Paradigms of Inquiry	Minimum of 13.94 out of 17 points	85%
	Instrument 2: SW875 Conceptual Paper	Minimum of 24.6 out of 30 points	
Core Expertise and Skill 4: Develop and disseminate practice-relevant, research-informed knowledge through a variety of channels, such as teaching, scholarship, professional presentations, mentoring, and administration	Instrument 1: SW860 Group Presentations	Minimum of 41 out of 50 points	85%
	Instrument 2: SW894 Showcase of DSW Scholars Visual Aid	Minimum of 21.32 out of 26 points	
Core Expertise and Skill 5: Provide leadership in social work practice and/or education	Instrument 1: SW893 Social Justice in Action	Minimum of 106.6 out of 130 points	85%
	Instrument 2: SW894 Capstone Project Abstract	Minimum of 24.6 out of 30 points	
Core Expertise and Skill 6: Develop and maintain substantive expertise in one or more areas of social work practice	Instrument 1: SW864 Policy Brief	Minimum of 13.94 out of 17 points	85%

Summary of Outcomes

Area of Focus: Administrative Leadership

Timeframe of Core-Expertise and Skills Assessment:

06/25 – 05/25

Date Publicly Posted on Program’s Website: 08/25

Core Expertise and Skills	Expected Level of Achievement Inclusive of All Instruments	Aggregate Actual Outcomes: All Program Options n = (130)	Program Option 1 Outcomes: Online n = (130)
Core Expertise and Skill 1: Advance practice through innovative approaches	85%	90.15%	90.15%
Core Expertise and Skill 2: Use and critically evaluate research and knowledge	85%	83.46%	83.46%
Core Expertise and Skill 3: Engage in scientific inquiry that reflects doctoral-level scholarship	85%	89.53%	89.53%
Core Expertise and Skill 4: Develop and disseminate practice-relevant, research-informed knowledge through a variety of channels, such as teaching, scholarship, professional presentations, mentoring, and administration	85%	97.69%	97.69%
Core Expertise and Skill 5: Provide leadership in social work practice and/or education	85%	97.17%	97.17%
Core Expertise and Skill 6: Develop and maintain substantive expertise in one or more areas of social work practice	85%	95.45%	95.45%

Area of Focus: Clinical Social Work

**Timeframe of Core-Expertise and Skills Assessment:
06/25 – 05/25**

Date Publicly Posted on Program’s Website: 08/25

Core Expertise and Skills	Expected Level of Achievement Inclusive of All Instruments	Aggregate Actual Outcomes: All Program Options n = (155)	Program Option 1 Outcomes: Online n = (155)
Core Expertise and Skill 1: Advance practice through innovative approaches	85%	86.90%	86.90%
Core Expertise and Skill 2: Use and critically evaluate research and knowledge	85%	88.44%	88.44%
Core Expertise and Skill 3: Engage in scientific inquiry that reflects doctoral-level scholarship	85%	71.12%	71.12%
Core Expertise and Skill 4: Develop and disseminate practice-relevant, research-informed knowledge through a variety of channels, such as teaching, scholarship, professional presentations, mentoring, and administration	85%	96.63%	96.63%
Core Expertise and Skill 5: Provide leadership in social work practice and/or education	85%	98.94%	98.94%
Core Expertise and Skill 6: Develop and maintain substantive expertise in one or more areas of social work practice	85%	96.58%	96.58%

Area of Focus: Military Behavioral Health

**Timeframe of Core-Expertise and Skills Assessment:
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Date Publicly Posted on Program’s Website: 08/25

Core Expertise and Skills	Expected Level of Achievement Inclusive of All Instruments	Aggregate Actual Outcomes: All Program Options n = (37)	Program Option 1 Outcomes: Online n = (37)
Core Expertise and Skill 1: Advance practice through innovative approaches	85%	76.45%	76.45%
Core Expertise and Skill 2: Use and critically evaluate research and knowledge	85%	70.47%	70.47%
Core Expertise and Skill 3: Engage in scientific inquiry that reflects doctoral-level scholarship	85%	82.97%	82.97%
Core Expertise and Skill 4: Develop and disseminate practice-relevant, research-informed knowledge through a variety of channels, such as teaching, scholarship, professional presentations, mentoring, and administration	85%	97.83%	97.83%
Core Expertise and Skill 5: Provide leadership in social work practice and/or education	85%	100.00%	100.00%
Core Expertise and Skill 6: Develop and maintain substantive expertise in one or more areas of social work practice	85%	93.91%	93.91%

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Timeframe of Core-Expertise and Skills Assessment:
06/25 – 05/25

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Core Expertise and Skills	Expected Level of Achievement Inclusive of All Instruments	Aggregate Actual Outcomes: All Program Options n = (93)	Program Option 1 Outcomes: Online n = (93)
Core Expertise and Skill 1: Advance practice through innovative approaches	85%	79.04%	79.04%
Core Expertise and Skill 2: Use and critically evaluate research and knowledge	85%	96.43%	96.43%
Core Expertise and Skill 3: Engage in scientific inquiry that reflects doctoral-level scholarship	85%	94.25%	94.25%
Core Expertise and Skill 4: Develop and disseminate practice-relevant, research-informed knowledge through a variety of channels, such as teaching, scholarship, professional presentations, mentoring, and administration	85%	97.83%	97.83%
Core Expertise and Skill 5: Provide leadership in social work practice and/or education	85%	95.83%	95.83%
Core Expertise and Skill 6: Develop and maintain substantive expertise in one or more areas of social work practice	85%	94.25%	94.25%