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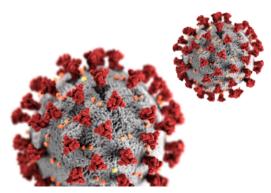
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# WKU in Owensboro students now able to enroll in fully online social work program

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Western Kentucky University will launch a new online Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) this fall, giving students the option to complete their degree in person at WKU in Owensboro or 100% online, or a combination of both.

All BSW students work as a cohort, meaning they progress through the program as a group. This format provides a setting for students to work closely together as they earn their degree. The new fully online program will provide an additional option for adult learners throughout the region.

Assistant Professor Dr. Whitney Harper teaches social work courses at WKU in Owensboro and said the program offers in the region a unique, personal experience.

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"Students in our social work program are very close," Harper said. "They work together throughout the two years they spend in the program. They lean on each other and support each other in ways that have been so meaningful."

Harper added that all students enrolled in the BSW program at WKU in Owensboro gain valuable skills that prepare them to serve in the social work field throughout the region.

Most courses will be delivered asynchronously in 8-week bi-terms. Students will take two classes at a time on a Fall/Spring calendar and complete their two-semester internships at an agency in their community. Students also complete field studies, allowing them to turn the knowledge and skills they learned with the classroom into practical experience.

Students must apply for acceptance into the BSW program. The deadline for submission is April 1. Applications are available <u>online</u>. WKU in Owensboro will continue to offer the face-to-face degree option, as well.

For more information about the program, visit the <u>Online BSW Page</u>. Details about the application process are available on



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