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Southern University at New Orleans Launches New Online Master of Social Work Program

New Orleans, LA — Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) is proud to announce the official approval and upcoming launch of its Online Master of Social Work (MSW) program, expanding access to one of the region’s most respected social work degrees. This milestone reinforces SUNO’s ongoing commitment to academic excellence, community impact, and accessibility in higher education.

The program, offered through the renowned Millie M. Charles School of Social Work, will provide students across Louisiana and beyond the opportunity to earn their MSW entirely online equipping a new generation of social workers with the knowledge, skills, and compassion needed to serve diverse communities.

“We are thrilled to bring this long-awaited program to life,” said Dr. Rebecca Chaisson, Dean of the Millie M. Charles School of Social Work. “By offering our MSW online, we are removing barriers for working professionals, parents, and those in rural or underserved areas who want to make a difference in the field of social work. This is a true extension of our mission to promote social justice and community empowerment.”

The online MSW program is designed to mirror the rigor and quality of SUNO’s traditional, campus-based program while offering the flexibility modern students need. It will feature a combination of asynchronous coursework and virtual experiential learning opportunities, with tracks available in both advanced standing and traditional pathways.

Chancellor Dr. James H. Ammons, Jr. expressed his enthusiasm for the program’s approval, stating “This is a transformative moment for SUNO. The Online MSW program reflects our strategic vision to expand SUNO’s reach and relevance in today’s digital era while continuing to prepare top-tier professionals for critical service roles. We are investing in the future of social work and the communities that depend on it.”

Applications for the program will open in Spring 2025, with the first cohort beginning in Fall 2025. More information, including admission requirements and program details, will be made available on the SUNO website in the coming weeks.

About Southern University at New Orleans:

Founded in 1956, SUNO is a proud member of the Southern University System and has a long-standing tradition of excellence in education, community engagement, and student empowerment. The university is home to the Millie M. Charles School of Social Work, one of the first accredited programs of its kind in the region.