Dr. Becky Reno, a 2016 graduate of the PhD program, realized that breastfeeding was an overlooked social justice issue in maternal health and wondered if she could develop an intervention that would empower low-income African American women to meet their breastfeeding goals. Turns out, she could!

Our doctoral program empowers you to dream and supports you at every point during the research process as you define your path to discovery. Who knows where your passion will take you?

Only you hold the answers. And we’ll support you through your journey of discovery. Visit csw.osu.edu.

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TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH CURRICULUM

Our unique program promotes translational science that builds from basic research to application and dissemination to the social work practice community. Ultimately, social work science is dedicated to social change to positively impact the lives of individuals, families, communities and society. Types of studies associated with translational research include: basic research on etiology, prevalence; intervention design studies; efficacy and effectiveness research; and implementation, dissemination and utilization research. Translational research calls for multiple research methods (both quantitative and qualitative) to address critical questions.

INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN FACULTY

Our college is ranked 9th among all social work graduate programs at public universities and 17th among over 220 graduate social work programs. We have over 30 research specialists with a wide array of expertise in areas such as mental health, child welfare, social determinants of health, substance use, gerontology, positive youth development, intervention research, international social work, cross cultural social work practice, food securities, community-based practice, the LBGTQ community and much more.

COMPETITIVE FUNDING SUPPORT

To provide students with funding support as well as research and teaching experience, all students are guaranteed a graduate research associateship for at least three years. Funding support will be provided from their fourth year until dissertation completion through a Graduate Student Lecturer (GSL) position. In addition, students will be provided with a laptop with software support during their time of study and travel support for presentations at professional conferences. Students are eligible to apply for multiple travel requests per year depending on the number of conferences they attend and present. Travel support will be provided for job search purposes and the receipt of awards.

A VIBRANT CITY WITH REASONABLE COST OF LIVING

Columbus is a world-class city and a cool college town. It’s the largest city in Ohio and the 15th largest city in the United States, with a metropolitan population of more than 1.8 million. People from nearly 100 countries come to Columbus to receive an education or to live. Columbus was just ranked the 19th best large metropolitan area for jobs.