

School Social Work Concentration End of the Year Report for 2013 – 14 School Year

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1. After reviewing the School of Social Work survey of MSW students in their field placements, the committee reevaluated the content of SOCW 507 and 519 and updated the curriculum to ensure that students are being adequately prepared for the school social work practice experience they will have in their internship. This included bringing back instruction on meeting the needs of students and families impacted by a disability.
2. Beginning in the 2013 – 14 school year, School Social Work students will need to be evaluated using the Charlotte Danielson Framework for evaluation being adopted by the Illinois State Board of Education. In response to this, the committee is working with the Council on Teacher Education to develop an evaluation tool that is appropriate for School Social Work students. The Danielson Framework evaluation will be completed as part of the mid-term and final assessments in field.
 - a. As a part of this evaluation, a disposition assessment must be completed on School Social Work students at various times throughout the MSW program. The committee has developed a disposition assessment that aligns with the teacher education programs, but is appropriate for School Social Work students.
3. The Committee provided a brownbag presentation for Schools students focusing on the Common Core Standards. It is important that students are provided instruction on the Common Core Standards in education as this practice has been adopted throughout the state of Illinois. Because there was not time in SOCW 507 or 519 to cover this content, a brownbag was provided over the lunch hour.

Agenda Items for Next Year

- Development and implementation of Danielson Model and disposition assessments
 - Training of field instructors
 - Educating students on process
- Evaluate use of portfolio assessments