

**New Graduate Program (Majors, Sequences, Certificates) Proposal
Illinois State University - Graduate Curriculum Committee**

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Title of New Program Post-MSW School Social Work Graduate Certificate

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1. Proposed Action

New Major

New Sequence

✓ New Certificate

More than 50% of courses in this program are Distance Education

2. Provide Graduate Catalog copy for new program.

Post-MSW Professional Educator License Graduate Certificate

17 total hours are required

3.0 cumulative GPA is required

The required courses must be completed with grades of "C" or better.

Required courses (17 hours): SWK 461, 463, 491, 492, 498.03, 498.04; SED 411

3. Provide a description for the proposed program.

Interested students who have previously completed a master's in social work degree but wish to obtain a professional educator license with a "school social worker endorsement" from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) may complete the required coursework and a school social work practicum placement. The program is offered part-time over 2 years; the first year consisting solely of coursework and the second year consisting of a 700 hour practicum placement in a school setting with a school social worker and a concurrent seminar course. During the program, students also complete the required social work "content exam" and reading modules, which allows them to be eligible to apply for and obtain licensure from ISBE upon completion of the certificate program. Thus, when all course and field practicum requirements are met, students submit their application to ISBE to receive their "professional educator license (PEL) with a school social work endorsement".

4. Provide a rationale of proposed program.

The implementation of a graduate certificate will create a formal process for students interested in this program. The program is currently offered, however there is no formal application process or tracking mechanism for these students.

5. Describe the expected effects of the proposed program on existing campus programs (if applicable).

It is anticipated that revenue will be generated from these students through a formal application for the certificate program, which is not currently being received. These students will apply for a specific graduate certificate program, rather than applying as visiting/non-degree-seeking students. This will allow the university and the School of Social Work to track outcomes on these specific students, which has not previously been done.

6. Describe the expected curricular changes required, including new courses. If proposals for new courses that will be or have been submitted, please reference those related proposals here:

No new courses will be required. All required courses are currently in place.

7. Anticipated funding needs and source of funds.

All funding needs for this program are currently in place.

8. No Does this program count for teacher education?

9. The following questions must be answered.

Yes Have letter(s) of concurrence from affected departments/schools been obtained?

A departments/school is affected if it has a program with significant overlap or if it teaches a required or elective course in the program.

