



COUNCIL ON SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION

Board of Accreditation (BOA)
Department of Social Work Accreditation (DOSWA)

Timeline of Activities | Practice Doctorate Social Work Programs

Year(s)	Summary of Activities
2010 - 2011	• DSW task force report from Social Work Leadership Forum
2012 - 2013	• Discussions: GADE, Leadership Roundtable, NASW Social Policy Think Tank
2013	• CSWE Board of Directors (BOD) creates DSW committee to explore accreditation of practice doctorate social work programs
2014 - 2015	• DSW committee recommends collecting data from social work programs, executes plan, and analyzes results • DSW committee presents recommendation to CSWE BOD to initiate a collaborative and stakeholder-inclusive process to collect feedback
2016	• CSWE BOD unanimously voted to request that the Board of Accreditation (BOA), formerly Commission on Accreditation, move forward with developing a process for the accreditation of practice doctorate social work programs
2016	• Stakeholder meetings held
2017 - 2019	• BOA and Commission on Educational Policy (COEP) practice doctorate sub-committee meet to develop multiple drafts of framework and accreditation standards • Stakeholder feedback sought on multiple drafts of framework and accreditation standards
2019	• BOA DSW subcommittee convenes to further explore piloting accreditation • BOA votes to proceed with piloting accreditation contingent upon updates to the definition, scope, and accreditation standards
2020	• BOA & COEP present the updated definition, scope, and accreditation standards and solicit stakeholder feedback • BOA votes to approve definition, scope, and accreditation standards • BOA votes to proceed with piloting accreditation when sufficient new staff and BOA resources are in place as determined by the Executive Director of Accreditation

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2020 - 2021	• Webpage created • Consultant hired to develop pilot resources • Staff position created to manage pilot
2021	• BOA votes to approve pilot plan and materials (June) • Call for applications to participate in the pilot disseminated • Pilot programs selected • BOA members formed a Professional Practice Doctoral Program (PPDP) Implementation Committee to serve as workgroup for pilot • BOA members trained to conduct visits • Pilot commences (October)
2022	• Pilot Feedback: Benchmark 1 focus group with BOA visitors (November)
2023	• Pilot Feedback: ◦ Benchmark 1 survey to pilot programs (March) ◦ Benchmark 2 focus group with BOA visitors (December) • PPDP Implementation Committee establishes a Standards Revision Committee to revise the 2020 accreditation pilot standards. Members of the committee include PPDP Implementation Committee members and representatives from COEP. (August)
2024	• Draft 1 revised PDP Accreditation Standards ◦ Standards Released (March) ◦ Public Feedback Survey (March-April) ◦ GADE Feedback Session (April) ◦ Virtual Public Feedback Session (April) ◦ Draft 1 Feedback Results Published (May) • Draft 2 revised PDP Accreditation Standards ◦ Practice Doctorate Expert Panel convened (August) ◦ Standards Released (October) ◦ Public Feedback Survey (October-November) ◦ CSWE APM Feedback Session (October) ◦ Virtual Public Feedback Session (November) ◦ Draft 2 Feedback Results Published (December) ◦ Practice Doctorate Expert Advisory Panel convened (December) • Pilot Feedback: ◦ Benchmark 2 survey to pilot programs (March-April) ◦ Benchmark 3 focus group with BOA visitors (December)
2025	• Practice Doctorate Expert Advisory Panel convened (January) • BOA votes to approve and adopt the Accreditation Standards for Practice Doctorate Social Work Programs (February) • Pilot Concludes. (March) • Pilot Feedback: ◦ Benchmark 3 survey to pilot programs (March)