

The Post-MSW Professional Development Sequence (PDS) for School Social Work.

This PDS prepares students to earn the Professional Educators License (PEL), formerly called Type 73. There are many jobs available for school social workers in our area and across the state. We are excited to provide the training required to help you obtain the credentials to serve the community in this capacity.

The Professional Development Sequence (PDS) entails the following three classes:

- SOCW 533 (3 credit hours): The School Social Work Seminar - to be offered Summer 2021.
- SPE 400 (3 credit hours): The Exceptional Child (or its equivalent) - must be taken within five years of enrollment in SOCW 533. This course is offered online in spring and fall (you can register as an unclassified student to take it).
- SOCW 572 (6 credit hours): Post MSW School Internship - to be offered Fall 2021. This practicum is a 600-hour internship (full time) at a primary or secondary school and includes a seminar course. Students must successfully complete a content exam before getting their PEL (SOCW 533 should prepare you for this test). It is important to note that some schools may offer a small stipend for interns, but not all schools will offer a stipend.

Applications will be posted in October and will be reviewed starting January 15. The deadline for applications is February 15. If accepted into the PDS, students will also need to apply to the Graduate School as graduate student. Note: This program is currently designated for non-classified students which will impact your ability to get financial aid. Please contact the [Financial Aid Office](#) at to see if there is any financial aid support for your program.

Admission requirements are:

1. Completed application to the Department of Social Work;
2. A 250-300 word personal statement;
3. Official graduate degree transcript(s) documenting an MSW degree from a CSWE accredited program;
4. Two professional letters of reference; and
5. If accepted, an application to the Graduate School student.

NOTE: THE TAP TEST OR ACT/SAT SCORES ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED

Please email with questions or to be added to the list of interested students or supervisors at School.SW@siue.edu