

Professional Educator License (PEL) Endorsed in School Social Work

To obtain a Professional Educator License Endorsed in School Social Work:

Course Requirements

Students are required to complete a total of 60 credit hours, which include the four field practicum classes assigned to the internships and the three school social work courses noted below:

- SPED 522 Characteristics of Exceptional Children
- SWK 664 Social Work Practice in the Public School
- SWK 610 Advanced Social Work Practice with Families – School Social Work Focus
- Students must acquire a B- or better in all courses except field and practice, which require a B or better grade
- Based on requirements from the State of Illinois, students who have a C- or lower in any course cannot obtain their Professional Educator License Endorsed in School Social Work. Students may retake any course with a grade below B- but at the expense of the student.

Internship Requirements:

- Have completed the 1st year supervised field internship with a minimum of **480 contact hours**. (Supervisor must have a master's degree or higher)
- 2nd year supervised internship with a minimum of **600 contact hours** in a P–12 schools setting for the academic year (two semesters), as well as through June. Supervisor must possess a master's degree or higher and have a **Professional Educator License Endorsed in School Social Work**

Eligibility to begin interviewing for a school-based field internship:

- Be in good academic standing (i.e. minimum GPA 3.0 overall and grade of B or better in all foundation year practice and field classes).
- Create an ELIS - Educator Licensure Information System - Account with the link below <https://sec3.isbe.net/IWASNET/login.aspx>
- Complete an online Application for Field Placement on the MyDU field practicum site and declare interest in **Professional Educator License Endorsed in School Social Work**
- Undergo and successfully complete a field readiness interview by the Director/Assistant Director of Field.

Acceptance for Internship:

- Dependent on successful passing of criminal background check through the prospective school internship site.

Internship in Progress:

- **SWK 664 must be taken in the fall semester** of the student's school social work internship
- **SWK610 must be taken in the fall semester** of the student's school social work internship
- ***Students must take and pass the School Social Worker (184) test in the fall of their internship*** and provide results from ELIS. Students will not be allowed to proceed into the spring semester internship without passing the 184 School Social Work test (see link below for opening an account on ELIS).

Acceptance for Professional Educator License Endorsed in School Social Work applications:

- Upon completion of school internship, students must receive a positive field placement evaluation from their School Field Instructor with a grade of B or better in their field seminar.
- Students contact the field office for review of completion of all internship-related requirements. Upon approval, the field office sends an Authorization letter to the DU Certification Officer, who assists the student through the endorsement process.
- In order to receive approval from GSSW field office, students must submit the following documents on the [Canvas page for Professional Educator License Endorsed in School Social Work students](#):
 - Field Evaluation for 611 and 651
 - Case study evaluation
 - Planning for instruction assignment: Here you must turn in two sample items that show your ability to plan interventions in your placement. 1) A sample of IEP goals with a one-page summary of the evidence-based justification for your goal and interventions. 2) A sample of a group intervention. This would be one page showing a group agenda and a one-page reflection on how your group session went.
 - Snapshot assignment: A 2-3 page reflection about an activity you did during your internship that you believe had an impact on the learning environment. This is open to anything you want to present as a "snapshot" to the state about how you have impacted the learning environment. It could be a way that you helped to modify the classroom, a prevention activity you conducted, etc. However, this activity must be focused on the learning environment and not the student or students as the target of intervention.
 - SWK 664 Comprehensive Final Exam
 - Example of a behavior intervention plan

Testing-Related Information and Resources

To register for the School Social Worker Content area 184 test:

- Log onto the Illinois Certification Testing System webpage at <http://www.icts.nesinc.com/index.asp> and follow the registration instructions

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- Before student can begin this process, they must have completed admission application for SSW
- *School Social Work Hours:* Student completing their School Social Work certification must not only complete the 600 hour minimum requirement, but must commit to completing their assigned school's academic year (generally early June).