

### **Social Service Subsector Articulation Meeting Report 2006**

The articulation members met in small groups to discuss a variety of program related topics. The main emerging issues in Social Service Education are the following:

- Criteria for Inclusion of other institutions in the Transfer Matrix
- Members of an articulation group and BCCAT
- Institutions must apply the competencies and standards laid out
- SOWK 200 A & B are required courses
- Camosun's program could be included with 200 A & B as part of the program
- Faculty should have MSW and eligible for registration
- Social Service Worker Programs should include core competencies including courses in methods and practicum
- The theoretical focus of Social Service education should include critical social justice analysis.
- The Curriculum should be responsive to local needs and developed by faculty who has at least the minimal qualifications for teaching (MSW RSW).
- Each Social Service Worker Program should meet with a local based Advisory committee and be members of a Public institution and BCCAT.
- The Social Service Worker Program should focus on the education of basic social work values and include broad-based and generalist competencies.

The Social Service Articulation subsector recommends the following criteria for institutions to adopt, when receiving students from Social Service Public institutions.

- Minimum GPA determined by receiving program/institution
- Must meet entrance eligibility of most institutions
- 10 year time frame to complete program
- Letter of recommendation from previous institution
- Minimum grade of "C"
- Program courses to be completed with 5 years
- Each institution to set its own residency requirement

The transfer Matrix does not apply to Private Colleges at this time and all articulation member institutions agreed. The Social Service Articulation Matrix and Provincial Program competencies will be updated and reviewed annually. The articulation Group unanimously agreed to use the Transfer Guide between the Certificate and Diploma Programs. A subcommittee will be struck each year to collect and correlate changes to the transfer matrix and bring them to the following articulation meeting; UCFV will do this for next year.

The Provincial Program competencies will be updated this year and discussed at the next articulation meeting in June 2007. The Articulation committee will bring a motion forth to adopt the changes to the Provincial Program Competencies. A competency review committee was formed with the following members: Bob Shebib, Douglas College; Jackie Stokes, College of New Caledonia; Natalie Clark, Thompson Rivers University College.

**Motion; Louise, Lynn. Carried. Competencies be updated every 5<sup>th</sup> year by a subcommittee and bring recommendations to following in Articulation Meetings for approval.**

**Motion: Susan Otto BC Delegate for next year ACCESS**

The articulation group sends congratulations to UBC for developing: "Professional Conduct for Social Work Students" and a letter from the Chair will be sent to UBC.

Next Articulation Meeting: June 11 -13, 2007 at North Island College, Courtney Campus.

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