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Comments

[NOTE: All citations to “Manual” in the comments below are to the Administrative Rules Procedures Manual, prepared by the Revisor of Statutes Bureau and the Legislative Council Staff, dated September 1998.]

5. Clarity, Grammar, Punctuation and Use of Plain Language

a. In s. SFC 2.01 (9) (intro.), it is not clear whether a clinical social work concentration (CSWC) refers to the whole body of an individual’s graduate work, or just individual courses. Current s. SFC 2.01 (9) defines CSWC as a whole course of graduate work that had a clinical emphasis. The new sentence might be clearer if it were changed from “means social work courses with a primary . . .” to “means a course of study with a primary”

b. The second sentence of s. SFC 2.01 (9) (intro.) seems to be specifying what classes count toward a clinical social work concentration. If that is the case, the sentence would be clearer if it read: “A clinical social work concentration does not include courses that focus on community or organizational problems, social planning or policy development.”

c. In the third sentence of s. SFC 2.01 (9), it is unclear what master’s degree program the rule is referring to. Is the rule trying to say that clinical courses must comprise at least 40% of non-field placement credits in a master’s degree program for the degree to qualify as having a clinical social work concentration? Or, is it attempting to define a master’s degree program that is mentioned somewhere else in the statutes or administrative code?

d. In the fourth sentence of SFC 2.01 (9) (intro.), it is unclear what “core courses” means. Unless the term has some specific meaning, the sentence would be clearer if the first three words, “core courses for,” were deleted. Finally, the word “must” should be replaced by the word “shall.”