

Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work

Context: Our discussion needs to focus on the social work and public health programs, particularly in view of the very strong need for these programs and associated scholarship and service in HI and beyond. We need to focus on the positive – the enormous potential of this school as a service provider and an engine for growth at Manoa. The question is – how do we scale up the school to achieve full success?

Department of Social Work

Summary Recommendations

- Consider stopping out admission to the PhD in Social Welfare.
- Monitor enrollment and retention in the online (5-week) BSW program.
- Regularly assess learning outcomes for the online and campus BSW programs to ensure both continue to meet CSWE accreditation standards.

Details

- Social Work offers the BSW (including the 5-week online program), the MSW (online), and the PhD in Social Welfare. The BSW and MSW programs are professionally accredited and were last reviewed in 2018. The PhD was reviewed in 2019.
- There are 117 students enrolled in the BSW (up from 80 in 2012), 179 enrolled in the MSW (down from 204), and 10 enrolled in the PhD in Social Welfare (down from 24).
- Tenure-track FTE is 14.83 (down slightly from 15.03 in 2014).
- Outreach College invested in the development of the online BSW program, offered in a 5-week format. There are 16 enrolled in the first cohort, and demand for the program has outpaced capacity. Recommend that faculty regularly assess and compare learning outcomes of the online and campus BSW programs to ensure that both continue to meet accreditation standards.
- While the Department was very responsive to previous program review recommendations for the PhD program, enrollment has been a challenge for 5 or more years. Recommend an admission stop-out if enrollment continues to decline. Per the 2019 review:

Over the last five years, the Program has experienced eight PhD student withdrawals and one additional dismissal. ... Since AY 2013-14, the number of applicants per year for the PhD program has ranged from two to six students. For AY's 2015 through 2017, the Program did not admit any students. – 2019 External Review Report for the PhD in Public Welfare, page 6

School of Social Work & Public Health

Office of Public Health Studies

Summary Recommendations

- Stop-out admission to the MS in Public Health.

Details

- The Department offers the BA, MPH, MS, and PhD in Public Health, and administers the PhD in Epidemiology (officially housed in JABSOM). The Public Health programs are accredited by the Council for Education on Public Health (CEPH), last reviewed in 2015. The next review is scheduled for 2022.
- Enrollment in the BA program, currently 146, is well above the projected enrollment of 50. The program was approved in 2013. There are 52 in the MPH, 3 in the MS, 19 in the PhD in Public Health, and 19 in the PhD in Epidemiology.
- Tenure-track FTE is 17.75, up from 14.00 in 2014, possibly adjusted for the addition of the BA program.
- In 2017, the Department changed the Doctor of Public Health to the PhD to align with changes in CEPH accreditation standards. All students enrolled in the program were moved to the PhD program. (Details provided to explain why we have enrollment data from 2012 when the program was approved in 2017. Data prior to 2017 reflects the DrPH.)
- Enrollment in the MS program has remained low, currently at 3 students. The program offers one specialization in Epidemiology, which is also a specialization of the MPH program. The qualifications for admission to both degrees appears to be the same, per the website. Given the low enrollment and the availability of the epidemiology track within the MPH, recommend a stop-out of admission to the MS program.
- The 2015 review was overwhelmingly positive.