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To: Carleton University, School of Social Work, students, faculty, contract instructors, Community Partners, and the broader social work community in Ottawa and area

RE: Changes to Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers (OCSWSSW) Pre-Convocation Registration Process Being Discontinued and future licensing exam

As our students complete their degrees, the next step is to register with the Provincial College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers. Previously, students in Ontario, could register with the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers (OCSWSSW) as soon as they met their BSW or MSW requirement. However, as of September 1st, 2024, OCSWSSW has discontinued pre-convocation registration. This means that students graduating in the Fall of 2025 will not be able to register until after their degree is conferred by Carleton University Senate on October 31st, 2025.

Graduating students can access official documentation confirming that they have met all degree requirements. Additional letters from the School of Social Work are also available upon request.

We are very proud of our graduates and sincerely hope the community will support them as they enter the job market this fall. As this registration process affects future cohorts, we encourage social work employers to explore hiring avenues for students awaiting final registration.

Lastly, OCSWSSW in collaboration with the Association of Social Work Boards, is finalizing an entry-to practice licensing exam for graduating BSW and MSW students who wish to practice in Ontario. The exam is expected to be implemented in 2027. Further information about the licensing exam can be found on the OCSWSSW website.

Sincerely,

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