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The program documents that faculty who teach social work practice courses have a master's degree in social work from a CSWE-accredited program and at least 2 years of post-master's social work degree practice experience.

This standard should be changed to "the program documents that faculty who teach foundation practice courses have a master's degree in social work from a CSWE-accredited program and at least 2 years of post-master's social work degree practice experience". Ten percent of advanced courses may have instructors who vary from this standard because they have other disciplinary backgrounds (e.g., psychiatrists, psychologists, licensed substance abuse counselors) or have some of their practice experience pre-MSW.

Such a change would allow social work students to engage in learning from people from other disciplines which can increase the likelihood of gaining advanced skills in areas that social work would do well to learn about, would allow for master practitioners (e.g., community organizers who use social media) to share their knowledge, and would allow for greater integration into the growing interprofessional education environments of academic institutions which are encouraging students to take courses in other academic units to improve their capacity for teamwork and partnership.

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