

Aurora University
School of Social Work Disposition Policy

Disposition Information

The ultimate goal of the disposition process is awareness surrounding the progress toward becoming an exemplary social worker. The disposition framework is aligned to the CSWE and NASW standards, as well as Aurora University's Core Values. In order to support the development of dispositions, faculty and staff members will evaluate their students using this universal assessment. If a faculty/staff member issues a disposition form of "alert", the student will be notified and required to attend a disposition conference with the referring faculty/staff member. A student who receives a disposition of "concern" may be required to attend a disposition conference.

The School of Social Work faculty and staff will utilize the disposition form when **concerns pertaining to behaviors** arise. The forms will also be used **each semester in the following courses, as well as the foundation course for applicable specialization.**

BSW courses **SWK 3150, SWK 3210, and SWK 4110**

MSW courses **SWK 6150, SWK 6390, and SWK 6511**

The instructor or staff member of record will submit the disposition forms to the administrative assistant in School of Social Work to be saved electronically.

Dispositions Criteria

Acceptable Dispositions:

Form indicates acceptable dispositions on all indicators on the disposition form.

Disposition Concern:

Form indicates a rating of "concern" for one or more indicators on the dispositions form.

Disposition Alert:

Form(s) indicate a rating of "alert" for one or more indicators on the disposition form. A disposition conference will be conducted.

Disposition Conference

The purpose of the conference will be to review the disposition report issued by the reporting faculty/staff member. The conference will be attended by both the student and the reporting faculty/staff member. The reporting faculty person will arrange the conference with the student and document the outcomes of the conference.

The remediation plan will outline the expected behaviors in all settings, including, but not limited to AU classrooms, field experience settings, email/phone/face-to-face communication with faculty/staff, administration and other students. A timeline will be established to check the progress of the candidate toward the achievement of the goals. The remediation plan will be monitored by the reporting faculty person.

Student Appeal Process

Students have the opportunity to appeal the disposition form within fourteen days by contacting the following university personnel in the listed order:

1. Reporting Faculty/Staff
2. Department Chairperson
3. Executive Director of the School of Social Work

Student Performance Review Committee

When a student has attended 2 disposition conferences in the course of their program of study, and/or is not successful in the achievement of adequate progress, a Student Review (SR) will be scheduled. Any outcomes from this review will become a part of the candidate's permanent record in the School of Social Work.