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Illinois Professional Development System

PDAC Qualifications and Credentials (QC) Committee

May 5, 2025

Meeting Minutes

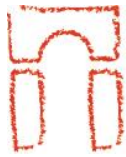
Barb Christmas	Joan Longtin	Sharyl Robin
Bela Mote	Julie Lindstrom	Stephanie Hellmer
Carole Franke	Leslie Layman	Tammy King
Danen Busch	Miranda Lin	Tammy Notter
Gabriel Holmes	Ruth Kimble	Wendy Williams
Gwyn Moss	Sara Seitz	Yinna Zhang

Welcome – Bela Moté, Gwyn Moss and Sharyl Robin, Tri-chairs

- Review and approval of minutes
 - March 17, 2025
 - Carole Franke moved to approve the meeting minutes.
 - Tammy Notter seconded the motion.
 - Minutes approved.

Update on Ad Hoc Committee Work

- Ad Hoc Group 1: Relationship-Based Professional Development Training
 - Information shared between Ad Hoc members including Loyola University's regular and substantive interaction website links regarding relationship-based professional development, practice-based coaching, and Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) licensing standards.
 - Ad Hoc will conduct additional research on DCFS licensing standards to confirm what they count for in service training.
 - Ad Hoc will also inquire with Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS), Hollie Hoole, regarding guidance on presenting forthcoming recommendations.
 - Ad Hoc will review requirements for Gateways training on what counts for credential attainment.
 - Ad Hoc will meet later in the month to discuss next steps.
- Ad Hoc Group 2: Website review of credential videos
 - Ad Hoc will meet on May 13, 2025.
 - Members are currently reviewing the Gateways website. Staff created a playlist of credential videos and YouTube channel videos located on various pages of the website in order to determine if these videos address the use of credentials and competencies and if new videos, FAQs, or other marketing materials should be developed to better explain the awarding of credentials.



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In Person PDAC Steering Meeting on May 15, 2025

- Will use the meeting to coordinate with the PDAC Higher Education Committee on Goal 2. (Inform and refine existing efforts to expand use of competency infrastructure for Gateways Credentials (in partnership with Higher Education Committee).
 - Topics to bring forward include a better understanding and communication of what practitioners need for credential attainment or advancement, especially competencies.
 - The importance of clear guidance to students and practitioners on the best path to achieve credentials.
 - Could it be possible to decouple the ECE and ITC credentials.

Review of the Gateways Credentials

- Currently two credentials are being reviewed: Family Specialist Credential and the Illinois Director Credential.
- Credentials are to be reviewed every five years.
- Committee review groups are made up of faculty, practitioners, area experts, and community members.
- The review process ensures that the credentials meet the needs of the field, funding issues, diverse review members to represent the field, and address changes or rules that have occurred since the implementation or last review of the credential.
- Staff will assess the credentials to determine the schedule of reviews of the other credentials. This will develop a process cycle that ensures a uniform review process that can be shared and used going forward.
- Recommendations brought forward from the reviews will be brought forward to the QC committee.

Fiscal Year 2026

- Committee members are open to meeting more frequently (Five times per fiscal year) for 60 minutes rather than 90 minutes. To help maintain momentum as we work on the Strategic Plan.
- Meeting dates will be shared in June or July for the year.

Adjourn