

**STATUS REPORT ON RECENTLY ESTABLISHED (3-4 YEARS) DEGREE PROGRAMS
(Authorized January 2004-December 2005)**

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

Date: 9-26-08

Constituent Institution: University of North Carolina Wilmington

Degree Program Title: Master of Social Work

Degree Program CIP Number: 44.0701 **Level:** M

Type of Degree: Master of Social Work

Date Established: 2005

Headcount Enrollment, as projected in Request for Authorization to Establish, and Actual Headcount Enrollment:

<u>1st Year (05-06)</u>	<u>2nd Year (06-07)</u>	<u>3rd Year (07-08)</u>	<u>4th Year (08-09)</u>
Projected/Actual	Projected/Actual	Projected/Actual	Projected/Actual
20/19	40/40	40/45	40/45

Degrees Conferred Each Year to Date: 2007: **15** 2008: **19**

Resources: One new position was provided prior to the first class's enrollment and one additional position was allocated during the first year of the program. This was not sufficient by itself, but the faculty already present were able to help make the program successful. We can say that our resources are minimally adequate, but our reliance on part-time instructors could be curtailed with another position. We will always need some part-time instructors, however, due to the need for certain specialized training for given courses that is not likely to be possessed by a full-time faculty member. The market for part-time instruction leading to the MSW degree remains strong in North Carolina, especially in our area because of its absence here. We are considering the option of admitting a part-time cohort of students, but we cannot do this without two additional faculty positions.

Curriculum: The curriculum has been established and implemented and reviewed by the Commission on Accreditation of the Council on Social Work Education and approved, as indicated by the successful accreditation decision that was made at the June, 2008 meeting of the Commission.

Other Information: The successful design and implementation of this program was validated by the achievement of accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation. This is a five-year process that culminated in a decision at the June, 2008 meeting of the Commission. The accreditation report was positive and required no further

responses on the part of UNCW, which is unusual for a new MSW program. We typically have about 80 applications for 20 admissions slots.

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