

**NOC Behavioral Sciences Advisory Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 28, 2019**

The Behavioral Sciences Advisory Board meeting was held in the Renfro Center on the NOC Campus in Tonkawa, Oklahoma, at 12:00 pm. Board members present were Dr. Randy Barnett (NWOSU), Maggie Hutchason (Dearing House), Jennifer Pribble (SWOSU), Darrell Frost, Dr. Marsh Howard, and Dr. Alyce Webb (NOC).

After lunch, Dr. Cheryl Evans welcomed the committee and gave an overview of NOC before the breakout session. At the breakout session, Darrell Frost, NOC Social Sciences department chair, led introductions.

Dr. Howard led the discussion.

- Board members expressed the need to foster both technical and practical knowledge.
  - Technical knowledge should include ability to research and write in APA format; familiarity with the ACE study (Adverse Child Experiences)
  - Practical knowledge should include things like being sensitive to diversity (race, gender, class, disability, etc.), empathy and ability to relate while also being self-aware of ethical boundaries.
- To this end, board members expressed the benefits of practicums such as shadowing, service learning, volunteering, or an internship. Whatever form this takes, board members were firm that it should be some sort of *clearly defined* project that would enable them to understand the processes involved, get a feel for the field, and be committed to coursework past the Associates.
  - Format:
    - This course may take the form of a capstone course, a combination of coursework, practical experience, and a research project written in APA.
    - The alternative would be to integrate modules into existing courses. Each module would result in a portion of a portfolio, which would then be the capstone requirement.
  - Transfer Credit: NWOSU has a 2000 level course already and might be hesitant to accept NOC's because it is not an accredited program. SWOSU is currently building a similar course, would be interested in sharing ideas about what the course should entail, and would allow such a course to transfer.
  - Logistics: Dearing House would like to know upfront if NOC would have 1-2 students per semester so they can plan ahead for available projects and service hours.

- Board members discussed NOC encouraging a certification training with Health Care Authority, which provides grassroots level services. This option may best combine with the notion of an NOC capstone experience. We will have to check into this to determine the requirements, as board members were unsure of them.
  - \*Update: After the meeting, Dr. Webb investigated and found reference to the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services certification training, which does have an option for a CM I certification (less than 60 college credits). NOC should make students aware of this, at the very least. For details see:  
[https://www.ok.gov/odmhsas/Mental\\_Health/Behavioral\\_Health\\_Case\\_Management/index.html](https://www.ok.gov/odmhsas/Mental_Health/Behavioral_Health_Case_Management/index.html)
- Board members also discussed the usefulness of NOC hosting campus tours to four-year institutions to give students a sense of familiarity and mission about where they are headed.

Darrell Frost thanked the members for their participation and continued support, and closed the meeting at 1:45 pm.