GADE Historical Timeline: Events and Issues that Defined & Shaped Us

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1915 – 1940

The Birth of Doctoral Education in Social Work
Bryn Mawr College: 1st Social Work Doctoral Program

1915

1919: First social work doctorates in Social Work awarded

University of Chicago: School of Social Service Administration established

1924

Grace & Edith Abbott
Retrieved from; University of Chicago

1934

Ohio State University & Catholic University of America establishes Doctoral Programs

School of Social Work
Leadership for a Just and Caring Society
National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) Funds Doctoral and Third Year Committee (D&TYC) to examine post-MSW Education

1946

D&TYC Findings:
Difficulty in Funding PhD students not supported by NIMH (practice focused programs)—couldn’t compete with other similar programs

1948

Critical GADE Issue: Research vs. Practice

1949

• 6 PhD Programs
• 1 DSW Program
• 6 Third Year Programs
1950 – 1960
Defining Social Work Doctoral Education

University of Pennsylvania School of Social Work faculty after presentation of special citation to Dr. Jessie Taft, 1955
D&TYC → Committee on Advanced Curriculum (CoAC)

CoAC Published set of “principles”

1951

1953

1960s

CoAC Members
- Univ. of Pittsburgh
- Case Western Univ.
- Washington Univ. in St. Louis
- Columbia College
- Bryn Mawr College

- USC
- Univ. of MN
- Catholic University
- Univ. of Chicago
- Univ. of Pennsylvania

Critical GADE Issue: Research vs. Practice

Critical GADE Issue: Autonomy vs. Assimilation
CSWE establishes Advisory Committee on Advanced Education (Funded by NIMH) – later releasing “suggested” standards for doctoral programs

Decline of Third Year programs and growing focus on social work doctorate programs

1961

1967

1969

Critical GADE Issue: Autonomy vs. Assimilation

• 23 Doctoral Programs
• Approx. half are DSW-granting programs
Unifying Doctoral Social Work Education: Becoming GADE

1970-1980

Social Work and Social Movements, 1970s
TFSQSWE Releases Report:
- Make BSW the professional terminal degree
- Develop Social Work Doctorate (SWD) focus on clinical practice, 3 yr program, replacing MSW, accredited by CSWE
- Offered in conjunction with DSWs and PhDs

Harold Richman, U of Chicago Dean invites 53 deans and doctoral director to develop official response against TFSQSWE Report
After a successful annual meeting in 1977, doctoral program directors decided to organize and become GADE. w/ Tom Holland of Case Western Reserve was the first Chair. Among concerns during first steering committee meeting:

- Suspicion with CSWE due to the TFSQWSE Report
- Lack of support for PhD programs by CSWE

36 total Doctoral Programs

TFSQWSE Report recommendations tabled → separate meetings continued among doctoral program directors, baccalaureate program directors and deans.

Critical GADE Issue: Autonomy vs. Assimilation
GADE Discovers and Finds its Identity

1981-1990

GADE Annual Meeting Logos:

GADE Discovers and Finds its Identity
GADE membership grew significantly – incorporating GADE’s new functions:
• Assisting with program dev.
• DSW → PhD
• Data collection

Holland announces formation of GADE, attaches bylaws and asks for $100/year dues from 40 eligible doctoral programs

*First SW organization to have a formal dues system → not funded by NIMH or CSWE

Critical GADE Issue: Autonomy vs. Assimilation

Research Institute Controversy: CSWE vs. GADE & NADD
**Internal vs. External Priorities**

**Internal** – decisions on how to set up annual meetings, GADE GUIDE
**External** – Developing relationships w/ other orgs

**1986**

**Critical GADE Issue: Resource Allocation – Internal vs. External Work**

**1987**

**Internal Reorganization Steering committee recommends:**
- Hire support staff
- Chair term to 3 years
- Increase dues

**1988**

**Critical GADE Issue: Research vs. Practice**

**NASW vs. GADE – Union University Issue**
1991-2000

GADE: Consensus Building with Other Social Work Organizations

Early 1990s

CSWE releases report by Task Force on Social Work Research (NIMH Funded)

GADE works with CSWE, BPD, NADD & NASW to increase social work research funding (funds IASWR, ANSWER)

1992

First GADE Quality Guidelines established

GADE considers consulting for a fee (to help raise funds)

Mid-1990s

GADE creates task force to increase funding opportunities
GADE becomes involved in helping develop BSW/MSW programs (as it relates to doctoral education) in the Mid-1990s.

A critical issue during this period is Resource Allocation – Internal vs. External Work.

NIMH sponsors a GADE Task Force on Research Curricula in the Late-1990s.
Student Recruitment Concerns:
• Admit students without MSW or 2 years post-MSW
• Increase diversity – supportive environment for diverse students

Use of new Technologies: Listserv and website replace newsletter and GADE Guide

Membership:
• 63 doctoral programs (U.S.)
• 6 International programs
• 3 developing programs
GADE: Leading in Doctoral Social Work Education (Nationally & Globally)

2001-2016
GADE: Global Leadership

- In 2000 - annual meeting in Univ. of Toronto (“Future of Doctoral Education in the 21st Century with Framework on International Perspectives”)
- Increase of international GADE members
- Interest in approaches of doctoral education in other parts of the world
GADE: National Leadership

- Increased funding for doctoral students

- Updated GADE Quality Guidelines
  - 2003, 2013

- Increasing GADE presence
  - CSWE Doctoral Breakfast
  - SSWR Reception
  - Establishment of Awards
Critical Issues for the future?

• Research vs. Practice
  – With changing nature of doctoral education
  • Research and/or Practice – and GADE’s role, if any, as CSWE begins accreditation

• Internal vs. External Focus
  – GADE’s focus on providing information/support for doctoral program directors, but also being “the” voice for doctoral education

• Autonomy vs. Independence
  – While collaboration is certainly increasing, need for GADE to maintain its independence