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# What Kind of Social Work Profession Are We Becoming?

## The Proposed 2029 EPAS, Anti-Racism, and the Future of Social Work Education

**A CALL FOR COLLECTIVE DIALOGUE, POLITICAL EDUCATION & ORGANIZING**

The proposed 2029 Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards (EPAS) remove the dedicated Anti-Racism, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (ADEI) competency and replace explicit anti-racist and anti-oppressive practice requirements with broader language about dignity, respect, fairness, and cultural humility.

**These changes are not simply about words. They raise fundamental questions about what we teach, what we value, and what social workers will be required to understand and challenge.**

Social work has a long history of complicity in systems of racism, surveillance, punishment, and institutional oppression. The inclusion of anti-racism in our professional education standards did not happen without struggle.




### TOGETHER, WE WILL:

- Examine what is changing in the proposed 2029 EPAS.
- Discuss the implications for social work education, practice, and institutional accountability.
- Connect these changes to social work's historical relationship with racism and institutional power.
- Explore opportunities for collective organizing, political education, and a response to CSWE.

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2026

2:00 PM EASTERN

VIRTUAL MEETING

Open to social work educators, students, practitioners, scholars, organizers, and community members.

*You do not need to be a member of the Collaborative to participate.*

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LET'S BE PART OF SHAPING IT TOGETHER.