



# Overview of NIAB Program Approval Process

**I**

The applicant prepares and submits a Letter of Intent to the NIAB Board of Directors. The letter includes information identified within NIAB's Letter of Intent Guidelines;

**II**

The Board of Directors receives, assesses and responds to the Letter of Intent;

**III**

If the Letter of Intent is accepted, the applicant is invited to submit a self-reflection package to the NIAB Social Work Education Circle (SWEC). The package consists of reflective responses to the *NIAB Wisdom-Based Practices and Responsibilities for Social Work Education Programs*;



**IV**

the application package is reviewed by two readers from the SWEC and the two sets of Reader Reflections are shared with other members of the SWEC. Readers are typically provided with two months to review the application package;

**V**

The SWEC meets to develop a synthesized recommendation regarding the applicant's readiness for program delivery;



**VI**

The SWEC communicates their decision to both the Program Applicant and to the NIAB Board of Directors;



**VII**

If the SWEC confirms that the applicant has demonstrated they meet the requirements to proceed with the first intake of students, the program is confirmed as entering the candidacy phase of program accreditation; and

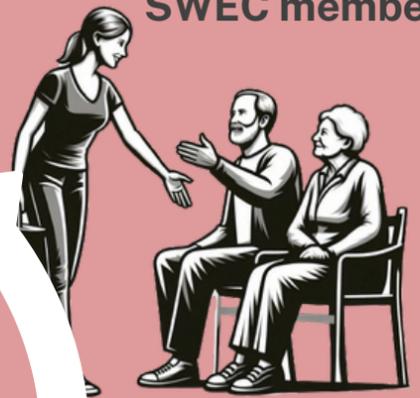
**VIII**

The program participates in the remaining steps of the NIAB program accreditation process

graduation of one cohort



community visit by SWEC members



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final program accreditation decision reached by the BOD



SWEC recommendation submitted to the NIAB BOD

