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**Requirements for licensure as a social worker.**

The requirements for licensure as a social worker are generally set forth in division (A) of section 4757.28 of the Revised Code. With regard to such applicants, the board hereby prescribes:

(A) That the applicant shall apply for a license in accordance with the provisions of rule 4757-1-04 of the Administrative Code; and,

(B) The applicant shall submit the following;

(1) An applicant for licensure shall submit a completed official application form made under oath and all requested information; and

(2) The applicant's education shall be documented by official college transcripts received by the board directly from the college or university. Educational requirements must be met by completion of educational programs at accredited colleges or universities; and

(3) Submit with the application the required fee per paragraph (D) of rule 4757-1-05 of the Administrative Code ~~a sixty dollar fee~~; and

(4) Documentation necessary for examination approval as required by rule 4757-19-04 of the Administrative Code. Upon completing the examination applicants shall submit copies of their unofficial examination scores via facsimile, mail or email; and

(5) Applications will be reviewed by the board after all the required information is received. Applicants will be notified by mail or email of the action taken on the application.

(6) Applicants who are denied admission to the examination will be afforded an opportunity for a hearing pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(C) That the applicant shall ~~must~~ meet one of the following educational requirements:

(1) Have a bachelor's degree in social work or a master's degree in social work, or a doctoral degree in social work from an accredited educational institution; which shows evidence of meeting the following coursework requirements;

(a) Six semester hours or their equivalent of coursework in the area of human development and behavior which includes: the social, psychological, and physiological growth of an individual, and the effects of growth of

a personality in the social environment.

- (b) Six semester hours or their equivalent of social work practice courses taught by an individual with an advanced degree in social work. Coursework shall include methods of social intervention: casework, groupwork, community organization and practice, social research and administration: in addition, three semester hours of coursework or its equivalent in the area of social work research shall be required.
  - (c) Six semester hours or their equivalent in the social welfare and policy area. Social welfare and policy includes the history of social welfare; policy development and analysis.
  - (d) Three semester hours or their equivalent shall be required in social work theory which includes the study of the principles which demonstrate various types of bio-psycho-social interventions.
  - (e) Not less than four hundred clock hours of supervised practicum and/or field experience, with a primary focus on social intervention coordinated by a an individual with an advanced degree in social work.
  - (f) The program shall reflect continuous effort to enrich the educational experience by incorporating content on social work professional and legal ethics, and racial ethnic and cultural diversity as well as women's issues into the curriculum.
  - (g) Social work programs which are accredited by "The Council on Social Work Education" (CSWE) are recognized as qualifying degrees in social work.
- (2) Have at least a bachelor's degree from an accredited educational institution in a program closely related to social work on or before October 10, 1992.
- (a) "A program closely related to social work" means a program that shows evidence of coursework totaling twenty semester hours, or thirty quarter hours, in three areas from paragraphs (i) through (iv) below and field work required in paragraph (v) of the following areas:
    - (i) Human development and behavior: The social psychological, and physiological growth of an individual, and effects on the growth of a personality in a social environment;

- (ii) Methods of social intervention: Casework, groupwork, community organization and practice, social research and administration;
- (iii) Social welfare and policy: The history of social welfare and policy;
- (iv) Social work theory: The study of the principles which demonstrate various types of socio-psychological interventions;
- (v) Field work: Not less than four hundred hours of supervised practicum and/or field experience, with a primary focus on social intervention, structured or regulated by a department or program in the behavioral or social sciences.

(b) An applicant with a degree from a program closely related to social work shall ~~must~~ demonstrate that the applicant's coursework meets the educational requirements contained in this rule. If a course title does not clearly indicate the content area of coursework named in this rule, the applicant shall ~~must~~ provide additional evidence or information about the applicant's coursework to the board.

(i) The committee will not accept introductory or survey courses in other disciplines towards meeting the related degree coursework requirements.

(c) All applicants with degrees conferred after October 10, 1992 must have bachelor's, master's or doctoral degrees in social work from accredited educational institutions.

(D) Per section 4757.28(A), a social worker license shall clearly indicate each academic degree earned by the person to whom it is issued. Social worker wall certificates shall be prepared using the following acronyms for the degrees noted and only those earned as of the date of issuance. Licensees or registrants may not use a doctorate designation in their professional capacity unless it is related to the field of mental health and is from a recognized accredited educational institution. Related degree licensees shall be so noted on their wall certificates as "Licensed Social Worker - Related Degree".

(1) Bachelor of arts - major social work or a related degree shall be "BA".

(2) Bachelor of social work - major social work shall be "BSW".

(3) Bachelor of science in social work - major social work shall be "BSSW".

- (4) Bachelor of science - major social work or a related degree shall be "BS".
- (5) Master of social work - major social work shall be "MSW".
- (6) Master of arts - major social service administration shall be "MASSA".
- (7) Master of science - in social administration major in social work shall be "MSSA".
- (8) Master of arts - major social work related degree shall be "MA".
- (9) Master of science - major social work related degree shall be "MS".
- (10) Doctorate of social work - major in social work shall be "DSW".
- (11) Doctor of Philosophy - major in social work shall be "PhD".
- (12) Doctorate of related area of mental health - related area of mental health majors shall be "PhD-Other".

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