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**Continuing education requirement for renewal of a certificate of registration as a social work assistant or a license as a social worker or an independent social worker.**

- (A) Except as required by paragraph (B) of this rule, all persons who hold a license ~~or certificate of registration~~ in social work as a condition of renewal of their license ~~or certificate of registration~~, shall complete thirty clock hours of continuing professional education in social work as defined in division (C) of section 4757.01 of the Revised Code. All persons who hold a certificate of registration as a social work assistant, as a condition of renewal of their certificate of registration, shall complete fifteen clock hours of continuing professional education in social work as defined in division (C) of section 4757.01 of the Revised Code. Content areas for continuing education may include: social work theory; social work methods; human development and behavior; social welfare and policy; social work values and ethics; social work research; social work supervision; social work administration; and/or social work with special populations.
- (B) Social workers with a degree from a program related to social work, as defined in rule 4757-19-01 of the Administrative Code, shall complete for credit a social work theory course and social work methods course at an accredited educational institution. These courses shall be upper division or graduate level courses taken in social work departments in which the licensee received a grade of C- or higher. Fulfillment of this requirement is mandatory for the first renewal of their license. For subsequent renewals of their licenses, these individuals shall meet the requirements of paragraph (A) of this rule. Newly licensed social workers with related degrees who were previously licensed and completed the renewal courses shall comply with paragraph (A) for their first renewal.
- (C) For all renewals three of the thirty hours shall be taken in social work ethics or cultural competency.
- (D) For those independent social workers with supervising status, three of the thirty clock hours shall be in supervision.

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