

Kansas Social Work Licensing Definitions and Regulations

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Social work practice	<p>Social work practice: the professional activity of helping individuals, groups, or communities enhance or restore their capacity for physical, social and economic functioning and the professional application of social work values, principles and techniques in areas such as psychotherapy, social service administration, social planning, social work consultation and social work research to one or more of the following ends: helping people obtain tangible services; counseling with individuals, families, and groups; helping communities or groups provide or improve social and health services; and participating in relevant social action. The practice of social work requires knowledge of human development and behavior; of social, economic, and cultural institutions and forces; and of the interaction of all these factors. Social work practice includes the teaching of practicum courses in social work and includes the diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders as authorized under KSA 65-6306 and 65-6319, and amendments thereto.</p>
Clinical social work practice	<p>the professional application of social work theory and methods to the treatment and prevention of psychosocial problems, disability, or impairment, including emotional and mental disorders. Clinical social work shall include the following: 1. Assessment 2. Diagnosis 3. Treatment, including psychotherapy and counseling 4. Client-centered advocacy 5. Consultation 6. Evaluation 7. Interventions directed to interpersonal interactions, intrapsychic dynamics, and life support and management issues</p>
Psychotherapy	<p>the use of psychological and social methods within a professional relationship, to assist the person or persons to achieve a better psychosocial adaptation to acquire greater human realization of psychosocial potential and adaptation; to modify internal and external conditions which affect individuals, groups, or communities in respect to behavior, emotions, and thinking, in respect to their intra-personal and inter-personal processes. Forms of psychotherapy include but are not restricted to individual psychotherapy, conjoint marital therapy, family therapy and group psychotherapy.</p>

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Requirements

Each licensee shall have completed 40 units of documented and approved continuing education during each two year renewal period. Each applicant shall complete a program on professional ethics focusing on ethical issues of the behavioral sciences consisting of at least 3 units of formal training. LSCSWs and MSWs: Beginning January 1, 2002, at least 6 units must be related to the diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders.

Definitions

UNIT shall be a minimum of 50 minutes of classroom instruction between instructor and participant, or a minimum of an actual clock hour of other types of acceptable continuing education activities. CONTINUING EDUCATION means a formally organized learning experience which has education as its explicit, principal intent, and which is oriented towards the enhancement of social work practice, values, skills and knowledge.

Activities

1. An academic social work course audited or taken for credit. 2. A seminar, institute, workshop, mini-course, computerized interactive learning module, telecast, audiotape, or videotape oriented to the enhancement of social work practice, values, skills, and knowledge. 3. A cross-disciplinary offering from medicine, law, the behavioral health sciences, or other disciplines if such offering is clearly related to the enhancement of social work practice, values, skills, and knowledge. 4. A self-directed learning project approved by the board. 5. Supervision of undergraduate or graduate practicum students or specialty license applicants. 6. A program presented by an approved program provider. 7. A single program approved by the board. 8. First-time preparation and presentation of a social work course, seminar, institute or workshop, or substantial revision and presentation of a social work course, seminar, institute or workshop. 9. First-time publication of a social work article. 10. Cross-disciplinary offering in a foreign or sign-language, computer sciences, professional or technical writing skills, business administration, or management sciences if such offering is clearly related to the enhancement of social work practice, values, skills and knowledge. 11. Participation in a professional organization or appointment to the board of directors of a professional organization, if the goals of the organization or board are clearly related to the enhancement of social work practice, skills, values, and knowledge.

Contact Hours Granted

(#1) One academic credit hour shall be equivalent to 15 units for the purpose of continuing education. Credit for auditing an academic course shall be for actual clock hours attended during which instruction was given and shall not exceed the academic credit allowed. (#2) 10 units for viewing videotapes or listening to audiotapes when the videotape or audiotape is the totality of the presentation. (#4) The board will evaluate and certify the number of credit hours to be allowed. Maximum of 20 units credit. (#5) 20 units credit. Credit for each supervision shall not exceed 5 units per semester. (#8) 10 units credit for each first-time preparation and presentation of a new course, seminar, institute or workshop. In addition to the preparation and presentation credit allowed, the number of clock hours approved for participants in the program may be given to the presenter, up to a maximum of 10 additional units. If the presentation was presented by more than one social worker or other professional, the CE credit shall be prorated among the presenters. (#9) 10 units for each preparation of a professional social work article. If such material was authored by more than one social worker or other professional, the CE credit shall be prorated among the authors. (#10) A maximum combined total of 20 clock hours credit per renewal. (#11) 15 units of credit.

Documentation

(#1) A course grade for an academic credit course. A signed statement of hours attended for an audited academic course. (#2) A signed statement of attendance from the provider of the institute, symposium, workshop or seminar; a description of the media format, content title, presenter or sponsor, content description, run time, and activity date when videotapes, audiotapes, computerized interactive learning modules, or telecasts were utilized. (#4) A copy of the self-directed learning project, submitted on board-approved forms. (#5) Written verification from the university practicum instructor that the licensee provided supervision. A copy of supervisory documents is required for supervision of specialty applicants. (#8) A copy of the academic course syllabus and verification that the course was presented. (#9) A copy of the article or book chapter, and verification of publication or written presentation at a professional meeting. (#11) A letter of appointment to the board of th

Audit

Each licensee shall maintain individual continuing education records. Records shall document the licensee's attendance. These records may be required to be submitted to the board prior to the license renewal.

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Approved Continuing Education Program.

KANSAS: Miscellaneous Features

Level Of Practice	Renewal Period	Continuing Education	Special CE Requirements	Provisional Or Temp License	Inactive Or Retired License
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Licensed Specialist Clinical Social Worker	2 years	40 hours	6 units on the diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders	YES	No
Licensed Master Social Worker	2 years	40 hours	6 units on the diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders	YES	No
Licensed Bachelor Social Worker	2 years	40 hours		YES	No