Social Work Continuing Education (SWCE):

Social Work Continuing Education (SWCE) has been defined as those formalized activities that are directed at developing and enhancing an individual's social work knowledge base and service delivery skills in the applicable area of social planning, administration, education, research or direct service with individuals, couples, families, and groups. These activities may include short academic courses, audit courses in colleges and universities, independent study courses, Internet courses, workshops, seminars, conferences, and lectures oriented toward enhancement of social work practice, values, skills, and knowledge.

Listed below are examples only and are not intended to be an exhaustive list. The Board reserves the right to make changes as necessary.

Examples of Acceptable Arkansas SWCE

- Sessions on Mental Illness and its treatment
- Psychosocial aspects of physical illness, including dealing with dementia in elderly patients
- Counseling or therapeutic techniques/intervention in social work practice (including art and music therapy)
- Sessions on Substance Abuse Treatment
- Social/health policy and its application in agency settings
- Sessions relating to the Administration or Management of Social/Health Programs
- CQI/TQM Theory and Skills in a social work/case management setting
- Sessions on Social Security/SSI Benefits information and changes
- Sessions on VA/Medicare/Medicaid Benefit information and changes
- College or University related to social work, psychology, sociology or criminal justice
- Public assistance programs as they contribute to social work service

Examples of Unacceptable Arkansas SWCE

- Adult Protective Services Staff Meeting
- Annual Mandatory Employee Training
- Body Mechanics
- Computer Courses (Word, Excel, Windows, etc.)
- Copier Operation
- Corporate Compliance
- Correction Security for Non-Security
- CPR
- Customer Service Training
- Dale Carnegie Course
- Defensive Driving
- Electronic Medical Records
- Emergency Procedures
- Employee Handout
- Faculty Development Training
- Fire Safety
- Fire, Explosions, Evacuations, Weather & Disaster
- First Aid
- Foreign Languages (Spanish, German, etc.)
- Handwashing and Universal Precautions
- Hazardous Materials
- How to Manage Priorities and Meet Deadlines
- How to Write, Design and Produce
- Infection Control or Isolation procedures
- MDS Training or reviews
- Office of Chief Counsel, Division of Aging
- Organizing your Work Space
- OSHA - General Safety Guidelines
- Personnel Policies for an Agency
- Restraint Use, Reduction, Protocols
- Self-therapy Group
- Special Transit & Rural Transit Safety
- Speed Reading
- The Write Stuff
- Training on Phone System
- Any organization staff meeting that is not discipline specific.
- Physical or medical workshops without demonstrated psychosocial reference (i.e. how to care for a total knee replacement, CHF and you, diabetic management)

You are encouraged to read the social work continuing education guidelines in the Social Work Licensing Law and Regulation section of our website, www.arkansas.gov/swlb. Only continuing education as defined in the guidelines are acceptable.