

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	Foreign Languages (Spanish, German, etc.)
Annual Mandatory Employee Training	Handwashing and Universal Precautions
Body Mechanics	Hazardous Materials
Computer Courses (Word, Excel, Windows, etc.)	How to Manage Priorities and Meet Deadlines
Copier Operation	How to Write, Design and Produce
Corporate Compliance	Infection Control or Isolation procedures
Correction Security for Non-Security	MDS Training or reviews
CPR	Office of Chief Counsel, Division of Aging
Customer Service Training	Organizing your Work Space
Dale Carnegie Course	OSHA - General Safety Guidelines
Defensive Driving	Personnel Policies for an Agency
Electronic Medical Records	Restraint Use, Reduction, Protocols
Emergency Procedures	Self-therapy Group
Employee Handout	Special Transit & Rural Transit Safety
Faculty Development Training	Speed Reading
Fire Safety	The Write Stuff
Fire, Explosions, Evacuations, Weather & Disaster	Training on Phone System
First Aid	

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.