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Instructions for Licensed Independent Social Workers with Supervision Designation

LISW-S Requirements:

- 1) One year post licensure experience as an LISW.
- 2) Submit an LISW-S application <https://license.ohio.gov/Applications/default.asp> no fee required
- 3) Submit at least nine hours of supervision continuing education units which were received between the date the applicant received the LISW and the date the applicant is applying for the supervision designation, or complete a master's level supervision course from an accredited university within the last three years.
 - a) All continuing education units shall be Board approved. See rule 4757-23-01(E)(3)(b) at <http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/4757-23-01> for content areas and learning objectives of appropriate continuing education.

Answers to Frequent Questions:

- 1) The supervisee must have a supervision log that is signed by the supervisor at least quarterly.
- 2) The person you are supervising must have an LSW.
- 3) When you start supervising LSWs for licensure purposes it will be important for you to be familiar with OAC 4757-19-02 Requirements for licensure as an independent social worker <http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/4757-19-02> and 4757-23-01 Social work supervision <http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/4757-23-01>
- 4) Supervision can't be done over the phone. Supervision must be face-to-face. Skype, however, is an acceptable method of supervision if proper safeguards for confidentiality are maintained.
- 5) It is not mandatory that the clinical supervisor and the training supervisor be the same person.
 - a) Training supervision means supervision for the purposes of obtaining a license and/or development of new areas of proficiency while providing services to clients and must be done by an LISW-S unless the supervisee is granted a hardship request.
 - b) Clinical supervision means the quantitative and qualitative evaluation of the supervisee's performance; professional guidance to the supervisee; approval of the supervisee's intervention plans and their implementation; the assumption of responsibility for the welfare of the supervisee's clients; and assurance that the supervisee functions within the limits of their license. The assessment, diagnosis, treatment plan, revisions to the treatment plan and transfer or termination shall be cosigned by the supervisor and shall be available to the board upon request.
 - i) An independent social worker, a professional clinical counselor, a psychologist, a psychiatrist or a registered nurse with a master's degree

with a specialty in psychiatric nursing can provide clinical supervision to an LSW.

6) All supervising independent social workers shall maintain supervisory status by obtaining three hours of social work professional standard committee approved continuing professional education in supervision or a master's level course in supervision each renewal period.