



## ***Counselor, Social Worker & Marriage and Family Therapist Board***

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### SWA Continuing Education Hours – Code and Rule Discrepancy

The Social Work Professional Standards Committee of the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, & Marriage and Family Therapist Board recently identified a discrepancy between Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4757.33 and Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4757-9-03, both of which address continuing education requirements. The Ohio Revised Code stipulates that registered Social Work Assistants must complete thirty (30) hours of continuing education every two years as a condition of renewal. The Ohio Administrative Code Rule indicates a Social Work Assistant may renew with fifteen (15) hours of continuing education. The Board's intention was to modify the required hours, reducing them to fifteen hours. Unfortunately, any discrepancy between a Statute and Rule must be settled by following the Statute. Because of this discrepancy, until the Board can determine the best course of action to remedy the situation, registered Social Work Assistants must renew with thirty or more hours of continuing education. The Board will notify Social Work Assistants of any planned changes once a possible remedy has been identified.

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