

LSW Related Degree Information:

***NOTICE:** Before you fill out an application and pay the \$60 fee, contact douglas.warne@cswb.state.oh.us to insure you qualify under the related degree requirements.

The Ohio Administrative Code 4757-19-01 states the following with regard to the requirements for applying for a social worker licensed based on having a degree that was received on or before October 10, 1992, in a field that is considered to be closely related to social work.

(2) Have at least a bachelor's degree from an accredited educational institution in a program closely related to social work on or before October 10, 1992.

(a) "A program closely related to social work" means a program that shows evidence of coursework totaling twenty semester hours, or thirty quarter hours, **in three areas from paragraphs (i) through (iv) below and field work required in paragraph (v):**

(i) Human development and behavior: The social psychological, and physiological growth of an individual, and effects on the growth of a personality in a social environment;

(ii) Methods of social intervention: Casework, group work, community organization and practice, social research and administration;

(iii) Social welfare and policy: The history of social welfare and policy;

(iv) Social work theory: The study of the principles which demonstrate various types of socio-psychological interventions;

(v) Field work: Not less than four hundred hours of supervised practicum and/or field experience, with a primary focus on social intervention, structured or regulated by a department or program in the behavioral or social sciences.

(b) An applicant with a degree from a program closely related to social work shall demonstrate that the applicant's coursework meets the educational requirements contained in this rule. If a course title does not clearly indicate the content area of coursework named in this rule, the applicant shall provide additional evidence or information about the applicant's coursework to the board.

(i) The committee will not accept introductory or survey courses in other disciplines towards meeting the related degree coursework requirements.

Attached is a course worksheet for your use in determining if you meet the requirements.

After you have completed the course worksheet and have obtained documentation **stating that you had a** supervised practicum and/or field experience that was a minimum of 400 hours, please email or fax the course worksheet, transcript and practicum information to douglas.warne@cswb.state.oh.us or 614-728-7790.

