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Domestic Violence Training Requirements

Initial Licensure

Beginning January 1, 2020 - an applicant for initial licensure as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in Maine shall demonstrate a minimum of 12 hours of course work in family or intimate partner violence.

An applicant for initial licensure that cannot demonstrate completion of the required 12 hours of course work at the time the application is submitted shall submit documentation that the requirement has been met upon the applicant's first application for renewal.

Renewal

ALL LICENSEES APPLYING FOR RENEWAL If the family or intimate violence coursework was not completed with your degree coursework, you will be required to complete it for your first renewal beginning January 30, 2020.

Course work for both initial licensure and renewal shall include the following subjects:

- Spousal or partner abuse addressing screening, referral and intervention strategies;
- Knowledge of community resources, cultural factors, evidence-based risk assessment and same-gender abuse dynamics.

The coursework may be fulfilled through

- Course work taken in fulfillment of educational requirements for licensure; or
- Course work provided through contact hours, internet hours or distance learning programs as evidenced by documentation of completion

This is a one-time requirement. The course work taken to fulfill this requirement will also count as part of the total hours of continuing education required for renewal.

You do not have to submit documentation of the coursework unless you are audited and it is requested by the board. You will answer the question regarding completion of the coursework "Yes" or "No" on your renewal application along with the other questions on that application.

To access the complete statute, please go to the website for the Board of Social Worker Licensure via the following link:

http://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/social_workers/laws.html