

Chapter 18. Board of Social Work Examiners.

(Words in **boldface and underlined** indicate language being added; words [CAPITALIZED AND BRACKETED] indicate language being deleted.)

12 AAC 18.112(2)(B) is amended to read:

12 AAC 18.112. Continued competency.

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(B) the continuing education requirements described in

12 AAC 18.210(a)(1), (3), [AND] (4), **and (5)**. (Eff. 10/14/99, Register 152; am 8/29/2003, Register 167; am 3/26/2020, Register 233; am ____/____/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.95.030 AS 08.95.120

12 AAC 18.210 is amended to read:

12 AAC 18.210. CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT. (a) For the first biennial renewal of a person's social worker license, an applicant for renewal shall document completion of 45 contact hours of continuing education activities acceptable to the board that were earned during the two years before the expiration date of the person's license that included a minimum of

- (1) six contact hours in substance abuse education;
- (2) six contact hours in cross-cultural education relating to Alaska Natives;
- (3) three contact hours in professional ethics; [AND]
- (4) three contact hours in teletherapy practice[.] **; and**
- (5) three contact hours in suicide education.**

(b) After a person's first biennial renewal of a social worker license, an applicant for renewal shall document completion of 45 contact hours of continuing education activities acceptable to the board that were earned during that licensing period and included a minimum of

(1) six contact hours in substance abuse education;

(2) six contact hours in cross-cultural education, of which three hours include issues relating to Alaska Natives;

(3) three contact hours in professional ethics; [AND]

(4) three contact hours in teletherapy practice[.] **; and**

(5) three contact hours in suicide education.

(c) **An applicant for renewal of a license under this Chapter who has been licensed for less than 12 months of the concluding license period shall document completion of 21 contact hours of continuing education activities acceptable to the board that were earned during that licensing period and included a minimum of**

(1) six contact hours in substance abuse education;

(2) six contact hours in cross-cultural education relating to Alaska Natives;

(3) three contact hours in professional ethics;

(4) three contact hours in teletherapy practice; and

(5) three contact hours in suicide education. (Eff. 9/26/91, Register 119; am

10/14/99, Register 152; am 11/4/2015, Register 216; am 3/2/2020, Register 233; am

_____/_____/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.95.030 AS 08.95.040

12 AAC 18.990 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(11) “suicide education” means a structured educational experience such as a course, lecture, workshop, or other organized training that focuses on suicide awareness, prevention, intervention, postvention and, or, crisis management, as such applies to current social work practices. (Eff. 9/26/91, Register 119; am 10/15/99, Register 152; am 5/11/2012, Register 202; am 3/26/2020, Register 233; am ____/____/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.95.030 AS 08.95.050 AS 08.95.100
AS 08.95.040