## MARYLAND BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS



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## <u>Criteria for Continuing Education Category I Programs</u>

- 1. The continuing education learning objectives must meet the following requirements:
  - a) Maintenance and enhancement of professional competence;
  - b) Ongoing improvement of professional skills and knowledge;
  - c) Enrichment of social work services provided to the citizens of Maryland.

The training/course content must reflect what and how participants will learn new information and integrate it into current or future practice with clients.

- 2. Topic area will enhance participants abilities to render accepted social work practice and is consistent with values and principles of the Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners Code of Ethics (see COMAR 10.42.03) and National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics.
- 3. Content of training/course should reflect current and potential challenges that social work practitioners face.
- 4. Topic area is well researched; evidence informed, and can be found in professional/academic journals and literature. A reference list will be made available to participants to encourage further study on the topic area.

## **Qualifications for Presenters of Continuing Education Programs**

- 1. Bachelor, Master, or Doctorate Degree in Social Work from a Council on Social Work Education accredited program or advanced degree in a discipline that frequently collaborates with social workers (medicine, pharmacy, psychology, counseling, legal, human service management, etc.) or demonstrates expertise in related subject area.
- 2. Demonstrates an expertise in the specific topic area.
- 3. Demonstrates an understanding of adult learning styles and has the ability to incorporate appropriate techniques into a presentation.
- 4. Familiarity with Continuing Education target audience.