

CE EXTENSIONS - If you are due to renew your license and have not completed the required CE hours, the Board may grant a one-time extension to complete remaining hours. Even if your CE hours are not complete, you still need to submit your renewal application and fee on or before your license expiration date to avoid a late fee or possible expiration of your license. To request an extension, select the extension option in the CE section of your renewal application, and **a 90-day extension from your license renewal date** will be automatically granted. Any CE hours obtained within the extension period may not be applied to next renewal term unless you have already completed your remaining hours for previous term. You should take steps right away to complete the remaining CE hours within the 90-day extension time frame. You are subject to audit following the 90-day extension.

CE Hours Required

For every two-year license renewal term, **ALL LICENSEES** must complete:

- **40 total** hours, including
 - 2 hours in social work **ethics**
 - 4 hours in **cultural responsiveness**
- **Up to half (50%)** of the 40 total hours may be completed through **independent learning** which includes activities like:
 - Online activities without live interaction
 - Research for publication, presentations, or professional development

Acceptable CE Content:

- 1) Promote the **standards of practice** found in Minnesota Statutes sections 148E.195 to 148E.240, and;
- 2) Contribute to the **practice of social work** as defined in Minnesota Statutes section 148E.010

Social Work Ethics - 2 CE:

- History and evolution of values and ethics in social work, including cultural awareness and social diversity.
- Ethics theories.
- Professional standards of social work practice, as specified in the ethical codes of the NASW, the Association of Canadian Social Workers, the Clinical Social Work Federation, and CSWE.
- Legal requirements and other considerations for each jurisdiction that registers, certifies, or licenses social workers
- Ethical decision-making process.

Cultural Responsiveness - 4 CE:

Cultural Responsiveness means increasing the knowledge, understanding, self-awareness, and practice skills that enable a social worker to serve clients from diverse socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds including:

- Understanding culture, its functions, and strengths that exist in varied cultures;
- Understanding clients' cultures and differences among and between cultural groups;
- Understanding the nature of social diversity and oppression; and understanding cultural humility."

Clinical - 12 CE (LICSWs ONLY):

- Differential diagnosis and biopsychosocial assessment, including normative development and psychopathology across the life span
- Assessment-based clinical treatment planning with measurable goals
- Clinical intervention methods informed by research and current standards of practice
- Evaluation methodologies
- Social work values and ethics, including cultural context, diversity, and social policy
- Culturally specific clinical assessment and intervention

Supervision - 6 CE (Licensing Supervisors ONLY):

- Evaluation and direction of a supervisee's social work practice.
- Continued development of a supervisee's knowledge, skills, and abilities to practice social work in an ethical and competent manner.

For further information and reference please visit the following pages:

Board of Social Work Continuing Education page - <https://mn.gov/boards/social-work/licensees/ce.jsp>

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