## MARYLAND BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS



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## Criteria for Continuing Education Category I and Category II Learning Activities

- 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; and
- c) Enrichment of social work services provided to the citizens of Maryland.

The learning activity 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 fall within the scope of social work practice, 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).
- 3. Content of learning activities should reflect current and potential challenges that social work practitioners face with suggested tools/techniques to address these challenges. Content must be updated regularly to ensure content is current and valid.
- 4. Topic area is well researched, evidence based, articles/research published in professional/academic social work or behavioral health journals and literature. A current 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 (psychology, counseling, substance use, legal, human service management, medical, pharmacology, etc.) or demonstrate expertise in related subject area.
- 2. Resume/CV documents training received in the topic area and demonstrate 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 for the target audience.
- 4. The Target Audience are licensed social workers and behavioral health professionals.