

MARYLAND BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS
BOARD AUTHORIZED SPONSORS UPDATE
March 25, 2025

Thank you for being a Board Authorized Sponsor (BAS)! We are sending this notice as a follow-up to our prior June 17 email blast explaining the Anti-Oppressive Social Work Practice content for the **3.0 Category I CEU requirement**. See below:

[June 17, 2024, Email to BAS](#)

Important Reminders for Sponsors:

1. Complete Continuing Education Unit (CEU) certificates make it easier and more efficient for staff to process Pre-Renewal and Post-Renewal audits. Continuing Education (CE) staff also review certificates for Reinstatement and Reactivation license applications. You can help CE staff by using or assuring that your certificate looks like our sample posted on the Continuing Education webpage: See the template here: [BAS CE Certificate](#)
 - a. For CE Certificates, use official letterhead with authorized name, signature, date, and contact information. If a licensee is audited and the CE certificate has missing information, they will have to contact you to update the certificate.

2. The Board's CE webpage provides program guidance:
 - a. There is detailed guidance on approved programs/topic areas, presenter qualifications, and target audiences. Click here for more information: [CE Program Information](#)
 - b. **Self-Care and Prevention of Indirect Trauma Training Guidance** outlines the process to submit a proposed training request to the Office of Continuing Education for review prior to start date of training. [Guidance on Self-Care Trainings](#)

3. The Board receives questions from Sponsors about training that covers both **Ethics** and **Supervision**. These same questions now also apply to the **Anti-Oppressive Social Work CEU**. *Remember, Ethics and Supervision can be Category I or II. Anti-Oppressive SW CEU must be Category I.*
 - a. You can provide an overall training that includes both Supervision and Ethics. Or you could provide a Category I training that includes Ethics and Anti-Oppressive Practice. **BUT** the licensee cannot earn CEUs for both topics in one course.

- b. The certificate received after an ethics, supervision or anti-oppressive social work practice content training should specify the learning activity on the certificate. For example,
 - i. 3 CEUs earned in Ethics (Category I or Category II)
 - ii. 3 CEUs earned in Supervision (Category I or Category II) **OR**
 - iii. 3 CEUs earned in Anti-Oppressive Social Work Practice Content (Category I)
 - c. **It is the Sponsors responsibility to determine the training program/topic area and designate Category I or II NOT the attendee.**
 - i. Do not put “Ethics” **OR** “Supervision” on the certificate.
 - ii. It is one or the other and the Sponsor makes that decision.
4. For Conferences and all-day workshops, it is possible to offer training on various topics. However, it is the Sponsor’s responsibility to provide attendees with individual certificates for each training.
- a. For example, if the morning session is 3 hours and the topic is Ethics and the afternoon session is 3 hours and the topic is Anti-Oppressive Social Work practice, the attendee should leave that workshop with two individual certificates:
 - i. 3 Category I CEUs in Ethics
 - ii. 3 Category I CEUS in Anti-Oppressive Social Work Practice
5. The Board now has a Digital Newsletter sent to licensees. Here is the link to the Newsletter webpage where you can access past issues.

[BSWE Newsletter Webpage](#)

Please do not send messages to this mailbox. It is intended for outgoing messages only. Inquiries regarding this message should be directed to the Office of Continuing Education.

Sincerely,



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