

NASW - Idaho Chapter CEU Committee Guidelines

Background: Unlike many states, Idaho has different requirements for obtaining CEU's depending on your level of licensure. This is mandated by the Bureau of Occupational Licenses and addressed in the Idaho Administrative Code/Rules of the State Board of Social Work Examiners.

Type of Licensure	LSW	LMSW	LCSW
Education Content Requirements (Learning Objectives)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Content must be "germane to Social Work" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Content must be "germane to Social Work" Content must "relevant to the profession of SW at [master's] level" of licensure. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Content must be clinical in nature "Clinical Social Work...assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of mental, emotional and behavioral disorders, conditions and addictions."
Educational Level of the Presenter Requirements	Bachelor's Level or Above	Master's Level or Above	Master's Level or Above
Comments			<i>Remember, LCSWs may count up to five hours per year of non-clinical social work continuing education.</i>

Commonly asked questions about Social Work CEU's

Does NASW have to approve educational opportunities in order to satisfy the licensure requirements for Idaho SW CEU's? No. **NASW-Idaho Chapter** offers the service of reviewing educational opportunities to help social workers be sure their CEs meet Idaho's Social Work CE requirements. In addition, **NASW-Idaho Chapter** will retain copies of documentation of the educational activity in the event of a CE audit.

If the national NASW or ASWB approves an offering for SW CE, will that meet Idaho licensure requirements? Not always, as these national-level approvals often do not take into account Idaho-specific requirements for Social Work licensure, especially at the LCSW level.

Will educational offerings presented by non-Social Work disciplines meet the requirements for Social Work licensure requirements? Often, as long as the learning objectives and educational levels of the presenter(s) meet the licensure requirements, these offerings often meet the requirements. **Remember**, however, that some disciplines count CEUs differently than Social Work (For instance, nurses obtain a 1 CE for every 50 minutes of lecture/presentation. Social Workers obtain 1 CE for every 60 minutes of lecture/presentation). So be sure you are counting actual learning time...not breaks, etc.

I live in a rural area of Idaho. Can I obtain my CEUs from video, audiotapes, or the internet? Yes, as long as the course is interactive **OR** requires an examination and it meets the learning objectives and presenter educational level required by Idaho Social Work licensure.

I want to offer an educational opportunity for Social Workers. What are my responsibilities for meeting the licensure requirements?

- 1) The learning objectives of the educational opportunity must be identified and meet the licensure requirements of your targeted Social Work audience (see table above).
- 2) You should obtain the vitas of any presenter and be sure that the presenter's educational level meets the licensure requirements of your targeted Social Work audience.
- 3) A roster of participants must be obtained at the time of the educational offering.
- 4) A certificate of attendance must be provided to participants. The certificate must include: the title of the activity, the subject matter of the activity, the date(s) of the activity, the presenter's full name and credentials, the number of clock hours (not including breaks) credited and the signature of the individual certifying the participants attendance.
- 5) You should have a record-keeping system so that all of the above may be produced in the case of a CE audit for at least four years following the activity.