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Continuing education requirement for renewal of a certificate of registration as a social work assistant or a license as a social worker or an independent social worker.

- (A) Except as required by paragraph (B) of this rule, all persons who hold a license or certificate of registration in social work as a condition of renewal of their license or certificate of registration, shall complete thirty clock hours of continuing professional education in social work as defined in division (C) of section 4757.01 of the Revised Code. Content areas for continuing education may include: social work theory; social work methods; human development and behavior; social welfare and policy; social work values and ethics; social work research; social work supervision; social work administration; and social work with special populations.
- (B) Social workers with a degree from a program related to social work, as defined in rule 4757-19-01 of the Administrative Code, as the continuing professional educational requirement of the first renewal of their license shall complete for credit a combined minimum of five semester hours, or eight quarter hours, in a social work theory course and social work methods course at an accredited educational institution. These courses must be upper division or graduate level courses taken in social work departments in which the licensee received a grade of C- or higher. Fulfillment of this requirement is mandatory for the first renewal of their license. For subsequent renewals of their licenses, these individuals shall meet the requirements of paragraph (A) of this rule.
- (C) For all renewals after January 1, 2004, three of the thirty hours must be taken in social work ethics.

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