

To: Oregon Board of Licensed Social Workers

From: Oregon CSWE accredited Social Work Educational Programs

Date: Submitted March 7th, 2019 for meeting scheduled for April 19th, 2019.

Re: Allowing licensed social workers to obtain CEUs for supervising social work students in field practicum

Dear Board Members,

We are writing to request that the Oregon Board of Licensed Social Workers add to OAR 877-025-0006 a continuing education option for licensed social work professionals who supervise social work practicum students from an accredited social work education program. *"Field education (or practicum) is the signature pedagogy for social work. The intent of field education is to integrate the theoretical and conceptual contribution of the classroom with the practical world of the practice setting. It is a basic precept of social work education that the two interrelated components of curriculum—classroom and field—are of equal importance within the curriculum, and each contributes to the development of the requisite competencies of professional practice. Field education is systematically designed, supervised, coordinated, and evaluated based on criteria by which students demonstrate the Social Work Competencies"* (EPAS 2015). Currently, most field instructors volunteer their time to provide supervision to aspiring students and the profession. Providing them the opportunity to earn CEUs for their supervision services would be a way to recognize their contribution to the profession and further encourage participation in this important role.

Proposed Language: Supervision of a social work practicum (internship, field placement) student enrolled in a Council on Social Work Education accredited social work education program. A licensee may receive up to 6 hours per academic year. Required documentation shall be a letter of verification from the school for social work.

Other Information:

1. Currently, there are other licensing boards offering CEUs for field instruction. These include but are not limited to: Washington, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Rhode Island, Delaware, and Texas. (Please see attached data.)
2. Social work programs have accreditation criteria that they must adhere to. This criteria works to foster optimal outcomes for students and the profession and includes the vetting, support, and training of field instructors in the area of supervision.

3. Oregon Field Directors of accredited social work programs will work to create minimum expectations for providing CEUs to social work practicum supervisors that include:
- a. Attend required field instructor trainings and orientations put forth by the college/university.
 - b. Meet for regular supervision between student and field instructor, as put forth by the social work program.
 - c. Ensure learning plan components are satisfied.
 - d. Complete and participate in required practicum evaluations.
 - e. Participate in required site visits.

Thank you for your time in reviewing this request. Should you have any questions regarding this request please contact Rachel Jensen, Director of Field Education, Pacific University at jensenr@pacificu.edu.

Sincerely,

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