



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 4757-19-05 Social worker trainee applications.

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Registration of training supervision shall be only for master's level students from council on social work education "CSWE" accredited programs who are not licensed as social workers. The purpose of social worker trainee status is to aid non-licensed master's level social work students to acquire field placement at an agency. Per section 4757.10 of the Revised Code, students are not required to have social worker trainee status to complete their field placement requirements, including the provision of supervised psychosocial interventions, but may be required to obtain registration as a social worker trainee by the supervising agency as a condition of acceptance for field placement. A student may also voluntarily choose to obtain registration. Applicants shall:

- (A) Meet the board's requirements for criminal convictions as established under section 9.79 of the Revised Code.
- (B) Complete the board's online application.
- (C) Complete a criminal records check per paragraph (E) of rule 4757-1-04 of the Administrative Code.
- (D) Provide proof of enrollment in a master's level field education course (practicum/internship/field work). A copy of the university's online enrollment document shall be acceptable; or a letter, email or facsimile from the professor, social work office or registrar stating the applicant is enrolled.
- (E) Provide proof of enrollment as specified in paragraph (D) of this rule for their existing registration to be extended through the next quarter or semester of their field education course.
- (F) Have the same scope of practice as a licensed social worker in rule 4757-21-02 of the Administrative Code.
- (G) Be supervised at a field placement by a licensed social worker with a master's degree in social



work, a licensed independent social worker or a licensed independent social worker with a supervision designation. Only a licensed independent social worker with a supervision designation may provide the supervision to a social worker trainee who is engaged in the practice of social psychotherapy, which includes the diagnosis and treatment of mental and emotional disorders.

(H) Social worker trainee status is not a substitute for licensure and is only valid at the school approved field placement site(s) where the student is completing his or her field placement through the dates listed on the board's online license verification system.

(I) Trainee status shall be active only within the dates displayed on the online license verification system.

(J) Trainee status may be extended for up to no more than six months following the trainee's date of graduation.