



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 4757-21-02 Scope of practice for a social worker.

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Using the definition of social work as defined in division (C) of section 4757.01 of the Revised Code, the board adopts the following scope of practice for a social worker. Each social worker has a personal competency within the license's scope of practice, which is determined by their education, training and practice as defined in paragraph (A) of rule 4757-5-02 of the Administrative Code (ethics).

(A) A social worker may perform for a fee, salary, or other consideration, counseling and psychosocial interventions without supervision; and social psychotherapy under the supervision of an independent social worker, a licensed professional clinical counselor, an independent marriage and family therapist, a psychologist, a psychiatrist, or a registered nurse with a master's degree in psychiatric nursing.

(B) When practicing as an employee of a private individual, partnership, or group practice, a social worker may perform for a fee, salary, or other consideration, counseling, psychological interventions, and social psychotherapy only if supervised by an independent social worker, a licensed professional clinical counselor, an independent marriage and family therapist, a psychologist, a psychiatrist or a registered nurse with a master's degree in psychiatric nursing.

(C) A social worker may practice as an independent contractor.

(D) The scope of practice for a social worker may include the following range of psychosocial duties:

(1) Intervention planning;

(2) Psychosocial intervention;

(3) Counseling;



(4) Social psychotherapy under supervision;

(5) Evaluation;

(6) Prevention.