

# PROVIDER NEWS

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## **ETHICS COURSES**

The ACE committee has been researching issues in social work ethics and ethics CE course requirements. Among the preliminary findings: approximately 86 percent of regulatory boards surveyed require continuing education in ethics as part of disciplinary actions. Almost half of regulatory boards require CE in ethics for licensure renewal. While content in ethics courses varies widely, more social workers are searching for courses dealing with social work ethics.

## **REQUEST FOR ETHICS COURSES FROM ACE PROVIDERS**

At a recent ASWB meeting, some social work board members and administrators requested information about high quality social work ethics courses from ASWB ACE approved providers. Boards are looking for courses meeting ASWB ACE approval standards and board requirements. If you offer social work ethics courses that meet ACE program development requirements, please send course syllabi and information to the ACE program office (Jennifer Ward, 400 South Ridge Parkway, Culpeper, VA 22701. Fax 540-829-0142)

## **ASWB WELCOMES NEW CANADIAN PROVINCES**

Welcome to the Canadian provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, who have joined Alberta as members of ASWB. In these provinces, social workers are required to complete 40 professional development credits per year for registration renewal.

The province of Alberta specifies three categories of professional development activities:

1. CE programs; academic courses in social work and related fields; ACE-approved seminars, workshops, etc; and participation in a social work regulatory board or committee.  
A maximum of 40 hours may be earned in these activities.
2. Work-based learning supervision, some committee and volunteer work, and attendance at non-accredited social work conferences, seminars, etc.  
A maximum of 20 hours may be earned in these activities.

3. Self-directed learning.  
A maximum of 10 credits may be earned in this category.

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Fredericton, NB E3B 5G2  
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### **CHECK THE INFORMATION ON YOUR WEB LISTING**

The ACE Provider Survey can be down loaded from the ACE providers section, on the ASWB web site. To update your information, please complete it and fax it to us. Address your fax to Jennifer Ward, ACE Coordinator. Fax #540-829-0142.

### **LOGO AVAILABLE TO ACE PROVIDERS**

The ACE logo is available for use by ACE approved providers in promotional materials or certificates. Call Jennifer at the ACE office: 800-225-6880, extension 3027, or email her at [jward@aswb.org](mailto:jward@aswb.org).

### **INVITATION TO CITIZEN ADVOCACY CONFERENCE**

CE Providers are invited to attend **Demonstrating Continuing Professional Competence: a national summit to develop strategies for assuring that health care professionals remain competent throughout their careers**, sponsored by the Citizen Advocacy Center, July 17 and 18 in San Francisco. Go to [www.aswb.org](http://www.aswb.org) for more information.

### **ACE-PROVIDERS@YAHOOGROUPS.COM RESPONSE**

When you hit "reply" to an email message received from [ace-providers@yahoogroups](mailto:ace-providers@yahoogroups) newsletter, your response will reach everyone on the mailing list. For a private reply to this email newsletter, send your comments directly to Jennifer at [jward@aswb.org](mailto:jward@aswb.org).