



New enhancements for the ACE program

A streamlined application process and a modern new look add substance to ACE's core value

The ASWB Approved Continuing Education (ACE) is more than a pretty new face with modern new branding. The exciting improvements to ACE go deep into the program's application process. "Now, with the new application," says Jennifer Ward, ACE coordinator, "any sized organization can more quickly apply for acceptance into the ASWB ACE program for providers of quality continuing education for social workers."

ability to present social workers with effective, relevant continuing education. ACE approval demonstrates to boards and social workers that a provider has been rigorously reviewed and found to offer quality continuing education according to best practices.

The ACE Committee has developed strong standards that providers of continuing education must meet to be approved. This in turn supports professional competency, helps licensing boards with audit responsibilities, and assists social workers with finding courses that meet their board's licensing requirements.

Social workers and licensing boards can easily search for courses and access the most current information about ACE-approved CE providers in a dedicated database at aswb.org, where providers manage their course information.

ASWB also gives information to ACE providers about continuing education issues in individual states, territories, and provinces, including the types of courses that are being required by licensing boards, and trends in continuing education regulation and continuing competence. With access to this kind of information, providers can keep their courses current and relevant.



ASWB approved continuing education

Fresh, modern branding for an important member of the ASWB Member Services family of products and services

Licensing boards, too, can rely on ACE standards and the rigor of the ACE review process. The 43 jurisdictions that accept ACE-approved continuing education for social workers find that their audit and license renewal processes are expedited.

What is ACE?

The ACE program provides an assurance of quality and compliance that can make the work of all regulatory boards easier.

One of the prime objectives of the ASWB ACE program—maintained by an expert committee of volunteers who are licensed social workers with regulatory board experience—is to help licensing boards evaluate a CE provider's

What's new?

The new ACE application process for providers of quality continuing education features many improvements that can accelerate the application process, save time and person-hours, and provide a stronger assurance of quality for the providers, social workers, and licensing boards who rely upon it. Here are some highlights:

- Faster overall application and course review process
- ACE staff guidance throughout the process
- Easy access to ACE information and resources
- New tiered pricing schedules for every size of organization
- Revamped renewal process for smooth renewals
- Modern branding to showcase the ACE-approved affiliation

Benefits of ACE

- ACE approval is a mark of distinction attesting to high-quality CE
- Boards, social workers, and providers share the common goal of maintaining professional competence
- High-quality CE supports competency in the profession
- ACE-approved providers and courses are continually promoted and available at aswb.org to keep social workers up to date.
- Social workers can quickly find courses compliant with their board's requirements
- Face-to-face and distance learning courses are available
- Licensing boards' audit responsibilities are lightened
- Licensing boards have access to ASWB ACE to facilitate identification of CE providers and clarify requirements

The benefits of a more efficient, accountable, and time-saving application process can provide increased benefits for licensing boards, whose audit and renewal processes can be expedited, and for social workers, who can enjoy an increase in the choices of and access to high-quality CE.

By relying on the ASWB ACE program, licensing boards can be certain that a CE provider's courses meet their jurisdictions' high CE standards and licensing requirements, without taking on all that work themselves. The ASWB ACE Committee of volunteers are experienced social work regulators who were organized to provide this service for boards and who understand the role of licensure in protecting the public.

For more information about ACE and to search listings of ACE courses and providers, visit www.aswb.org/ace. For personal attention, email Jennifer Ward at jward@aswb.org.