

2015 Annual Meeting of the Delegate Assembly

ACE Committee Report

The Approved Continuing Education (ACE) Committee reports to the Board of Directors. The Committee is primarily responsible for reviewing applicants for the ACE program, a North American approval program for social work continuing education providers. The committee's work will be guided by the ASWB Strategic Plan whenever applicable.

Ongoing charge

The ACE Committee is charged with the following on an ongoing basis:

1. Developing and monitoring criteria used to assess applicants to the ACE program, and recommending the eligibility of ACE applicants to the ASWB Board of Directors.
2. Monitoring approved providers to ensure continued compliance with ACE requirements.
3. Reviewing the relationship between the course materials of ACE providers and individual jurisdictional criteria.
4. Developing and monitoring programs to assess individual social work continuing education programs in various subject areas.

Charge for 2015

1. Complete continuing competency recommendations and submit to Board of Directors by the fall business meeting of the association.

Recommendations/Actions

37 applications were reviewed by the ACE Committee to date in 2015

178 providers are currently approved and listed on www.aswb.org

7 are Canadian providers

171 approved providers are within the U.S.

45 providers are currently approved to offer social work ethics courses

44 ACE providers are approved to co-sponsor

2,671 courses are posted on the ACE Search webpage as of September 30, 2015

47 provider approvals were renewed for a three-year period



ACE Committee Members

Chair
Anwar Najor-Durack (MI)

Donna Ennis (MN)

Ellen Costilla (NM)

Elaine Halsall (BC)

Marcia Heitz (IL)

Micki Lilly (NC)

Alison MacDonald (SK)

Valarie Sims-Rucker (IL)

Patricia O'Reilly (WV)
ASWB Board liaison

Also present

Donna Edwards, ASWB staff

Jennifer Henkel, ASWB staff

Jennifer Ward, ASWB staff

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The ACE Committee held two in-person meetings, in March 2015 and July 2015, and six telephone conference call meetings. In addition to reviewing applications, the committee focused on policy and guideline clarification and development in response to the ongoing ACE charges.

Program Updates for 2015

- New ACE application process was implemented and received positively by providers and ACE committee members.
- New fee structure was implemented based on number of courses per provider.
- ACE approval as of July 1, 2015, is being accepted by California BBS.
- West Virginia now accepts ACE-approved distance learning classes.

ACE Committee Working Groups & Topics

Professional continuing competency: Article written by several ACE Committee members titled "Is CE Enough?"