

Developing ethics courses for social workers

Most jurisdictions require that social workers take a certain number of hours of coursework in ethics to meet continuing education requirements for license renewal. And providers who want to offer courses in this area may be looking for guidance about developing social work ethics courses that meet ACE standards.

Did you know that ASWB ACE offers a resource just for that purpose? [*The Guide to Social Work Ethics Course Development*](#) was published several years ago by the ASWB Approved Continuing Education Committee after two years of research and development. Intended to help both jurisdictions and CE providers, the guide's introduction outlines its goals:

The purpose of this resource is to provide a social work ethics course structure for continuing education (CE) providers that is informed by the perspective of social work regulators. *The Guide to Social Work Ethics Course Development* establishes standards for common course goals and objectives and core content as well as acceptable teaching methods, resource materials, and instructor qualifications.

The guide contains valuable information relevant to all ACE and New Jersey CE course providers. If you have not read it before or are new to creating and providing social work ethics courses, we encourage you to use this resource. You can also use the guide to ensure that your current social work ethics courses meet ACE standards. Also, please remember that ethics courses need to reflect the social work profession's current code of ethics. Be sure to review the [NASW Code of Ethics](#), revised in 2017, for more details and information about the recent changes.