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## **ADDITIONAL TRAINING OR COURSEWORK REQUIRED FOR ASWs**

Verification of training or coursework can be submitted with the Associate Clinical Social Worker (ASW) Registration application or with the LCSW Licensure application. Only coursework that meets the requirements specified in law will be accepted. *All training verifications should be included with your application unless the training is identified on your transcripts previously submitted for associate registration.*

- A. **Child Abuse Assessment and Reporting** (BPC Section 4996.2(h)) - 7 contact hours of training or coursework.
- B. **Human Sexuality** (BPC Section 4996.2(g)) - 10 hours of training or coursework.
- C. **Alcoholism and Chemical Substance Dependency** (BPC Section 4996.2(e); Section 1810 of Title 16, California Code of Regulations) - 15 hours of training or coursework.
- D. **Spousal or Partner Abuse Assessment, Detection, and Intervention** (BPC Sections 4996.2(f) and 4996.17). Required for applicants who began graduate training on or after January 1, 1995 as follows:
- No specific number of hours required for those who began graduate training prior to 12/31/2003, but course must adequately cover assessment, detection and intervention.
  - For those who began graduate training on or after January 1, 2004, and for out-of-state applicants (regardless of when graduate training began) this coursework or training must be 15 hours.
- E. **Aging, Long-term Care and Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse** (BPC Section 4996.25) - 10 hours of training or coursework. Required for applicants who began graduate training on or after January 1, 2004.
- F. **California Law and Professional Ethics for Clinical Social Workers** (ONLY required for applicants with out-of-state education per BPC Section 4996.17) – 18 hours of training or coursework that includes all of the following subjects:
- Advertising
  - Scope of practice
  - Scope of competence
  - Treatment of minors
  - Confidentiality, including state and federal laws
  - Dangerous patients
  - Psychotherapist-patient privilege
  - Recordkeeping
  - Patient access to records
  - Dual relationships

- Child, elder and depended adult abuse
- Online Therapy
- Insurance reimbursement
- Civil liability
- Disciplinary actions and unprofessional conduct
- Ethics complaints and ethical standards
- Termination of therapy
- Standards of care
- Relevant family law
- Therapist disclosures to patients
- Differences in legal and ethical standards in different types of work settings
- Licensing law and process