

**12 AAC 18.115. Supervision of experience for clinical social work license.**

- (a) To meet the requirements of [AS 08.95.110\(a\)\(2\)](#), an applicant for a clinical social work license must document at least 100 hours of direct clinical supervision equitably distributed throughout the supervised period. No more than 50 hours required by this subsection may be in group supervision. For good cause shown, the board may grant a written request from an applicant for an exception to the limitation on the number of group supervision hours.
- (b) **Supervision can only be provided by a clinical social worker, psychologist, or psychiatrist with at least three years of experience following licensure who holds an unrestricted license to practice that profession in this state or other licensing jurisdiction during the period of supervision and who has completed at least six hours of approved continuing education in supervision or supervisory practices. For any clinical supervisor, six hours of approved continuing education in supervision or supervisory practices is required per licensure renewal period.**
- (c) **A clinical supervisor may not supervise more than five (5) applicants at any one time.**
- (d) The clinical supervisor shall document the applicant's supervised experience on a form provided by the department.
- (e) To be accepted by the board, (1) direct clinical supervision must be provided in face-to-face meetings between the supervisor and the applicant unless the board, for good cause shown, has granted an exception allowing for an alternate form of supervision; (2) if direct clinical supervision is not provided to the applicant within the applicant's agency of employment, the applicant must provide the board with a written release from the administrator of the applicant's agency for the applicant to be supervised outside the applicant's agency setting; and (3) the clinical supervisor must be responsible for direct clinical supervision of the applicant within the following content areas: (A) clinical skills; (B) practice management skills; (C) skills required for continuing competence; (D) development of professional identity; (E) ethical practice; (F) legal and regulatory requirements.
- (f) Repealed 9/11/2022.
- (g) For good cause shown, an applicant may submit to the board an alternate plan of supervision that varies from the requirement of this section, if the applicant (1) submits the alternate plan to the board on a form provided by the department; and (2) receives approval of the alternate plan by the board before the applicant begins the alternate supervised experience.
- (h) In this section, "face-to-face meetings" are meetings in which a supervisor and an applicant can speak and hear simultaneously. Face-to-face meetings may occur in person or by means of any electronic means of communication that allows the supervisor and applicant to speak and hear simultaneously.

**12 AAC 18.210. Continuing education requirement.** (a) A licensee applying for renewal of a social worker license must complete the number of continuing education contact hours set out in this section:

- (1) first biennial renewal, if the licensee has been licensed for less than 12 months during the concluding license period, 21 contact hours;
- (2) first biennial renewal, if the licensee has been licensed for at least 12 months during the concluding license period, 45 contact hours;
- (3) second or subsequent biennial renewal, 45 contact hours.

(b) In order to be eligible for renewal, the following minimum continuing education contact hours must be completed during each biennial licensing period:

- (1) six contact hours in substance abuse education;
- (2) six contact hours in cross-cultural education,
  - (i) for the first biennial renewal, all six hours must relate to Alaska Natives;
  - (ii) for second or subsequent biennial renewal, at least three hours must relate to Alaska Natives;
- (3) three contact hours in professional ethics;
- (4) three contact hours in teletherapy practice; and
- (5) three contact hours in suicide education.

(c) Only hours of actual attendance during which instruction was given will be accepted as continuing education contact hours earned from an academic course that is audited by the licensee, and the total number of contact hours earned may not exceed the academic credit hours offered for that course.

(d) Not more than one-half of the total number of continuing education contact hours required for renewal of a license under this section may be earned by completion of a correspondence, prerecorded, videotape, audiocassette, or other individual study program.

(e) Not more than 12 contact hours of continuing education activities required under this section may be completed in one day.

(f) An applicant for renewal under this section may receive up to three hours of professional ethics continuing education credit under (b)(3) of this section once every biennial licensing period for each 150 minutes of attendance at a regularly scheduled board meeting.

(g) For purposes of this section, (1) one "contact hour" equals a minimum of 50 minutes of classroom instruction between instructor and participant; (2) one academic semester credit equals 15 contact hours; (3) one academic quarter credit equals 10 contact hours; (4) "relating to Alaska Natives" means a structured educational experience such as a course, lecture, workshop, or other organized training that focuses on the indigenous peoples of Alaska as it applies to social work practices; and (5) "teletherapy practice" means the use of audio, video, or data communications to perform functions or practices within the training required for licensure under [AS 08.95](#) and this chapter and while physically separated from a client.