

Continuing Education Presenter Qualifications

The quality of continuing education courses and the value of those courses depend on the ability and the expertise of presenters. Presenters for each continuing education course must have professional qualifications and if licensed be in good standing with their professional regulatory board, if applicable.

Presenters must meet at least two of the following:

- A master's degree (or higher) in Social Work from a CSWE accredited program, or a graduate or professional degree from a regionally accredited program in psychology, medicine, nursing, law, OR in an area related to the subject matter of the course;
- At least three years demonstrated professional (post-graduate) experience or research in the area related to the subject matter taught;
- A current faculty member of an accredited undergraduate or graduate school of social work.

Please note, on a limited, case-by-case basis, some exceptions apply. If a presenter does not fit the specified criteria, they must be licensed by their professional regulatory board where required by their profession. If their profession does not require a license, then the presenter must possess the terminal degree in their profession. It is strongly suggested that if a presenter fails to meet the above criteria that they present with a social worker (BSW, MSW, PhD/DSW) to ensure that social work core content criteria is met. Social workers who are presenting programs providing clinical content must be licensed clinical social workers or must co-present with a licensed clinical social worker.

Presenters must also adhere to the following NASW Guidelines and Standards:

NASW CE Approval Guidelines

NASW Standards and Indicators for Cultural Competence in Social Work Practice

NASW Standards for Continuing Professional Education

NASW Code of Ethics