This non-interactive online course provides a review and update of school law issues, home-school-community assessment and intervention strategies, school social work practice skills as well as differential diagnosis and treatment of a variety of child and family-based special needs. Topics range from Positive Behavior Support (PBS) and Functional Behavioral Assessment and Behavior Intervention Plan (FBA/BIP), Crisis/Trauma Response Assessment and Interventions, Differential Diagnosis and Educational Treatment of Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders, and Updating Legal and Policy issues.

You will be provided access to a secure course website that includes access to lecture materials, videos, and articles to enhance your learning. Successful acquisition of course materials will be demonstrated via online quizzes.

Take this course if you meet the following criteria:

1. You have an MSW and received school social work temporary approval (Form 310).
2. Your temporary approval for SSW was issued over 5 years ago but not more than 10 years ago.
3. You did not receive full approval.
4. You are from out of state and have gotten pre-approved from Roxanne Belfour, MDE, or a representative from a degree granting university in the state of Michigan to take this course for full approval.

If you received your MSW from a university other than Michigan State University, present your letter of completion of this course along with the SSW application to your degree-granting university.

CECHs: This course does NOT currently offer CECHs. We have updated the content, and the course is currently being piloted to ensure it meets the requirements of ASWB. If you are interested in being a pilot tester (CECHs may be awarded AFTER the pilot process is complete), email swkce@msu.edu with "Refresher Course Pilot Tester" in the subject.

Completing this class will not lead to University credits, and no official grade is recorded by the MSU Registrar’s Office on a transcript.

Price: $169

Register: Online only at socialwork.msu.edu/CE/Competency-Series#register.

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