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CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 03-090

Comments

[NOTE: All citations to “Manual” in the comments below are to the Administrative Rules Procedures Manual, prepared by the Revisor of Statutes Bureau and the Legislative Council Staff, dated October 2002.]

1. Statutory Authority

Section 457.08 (1) (b), (2) (b) and (3) (b), Stats., require the social worker section of the board to grant a license or certificate to a person who, in addition to meeting other requirements, submits evidence of having one of the following: (1) a bachelor’s or master’s (or just a master’s degree for two levels) degree in social work from a program accredited by, or a preaccreditation program of, the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE); or (2) a doctorate degree in social work. The current rule reflects these two options while the proposed rule adds a third option -- a degree awarded by a foreign institution of higher learning that has been determined by the CSWE to be equivalent to a CSWE-accredited program. The board should explain the statutory authority for adding a third educational option when the statute lists only two options.

2. Form, Style and Placement in Administrative Code

a. The acronym CSWE should be defined either in a new s. MPSW 3.001 or in current s. MPSW 1.02. Parenthetical acronyms should be avoided in rules. [See s. 1.01 (6) and (8), Manual.]

b. Although there is a title “FISCAL ESTIMATE” following the rule, there is no text following the title. A fiscal estimate should be provided.

5. Clarity, Grammar, Punctuation and Use of Plain Language

Should “social work” be inserted before “degree” in the new language?