## STATE OF WISCONSIN EXAMINING BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKERS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

IN THE MATTER OF RULE-MAKING : ORDER OF THE

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE : EXAMINING BOARD OF SOCIAL EXAMINING BOARD OF SOCIAL : WORKERS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY SOCIAL WORKERS, MARRIAGE AND : THERAPISTS AND PROFESSIONAL

FAMILY THERAPISTS AND : COUNSELORS ADOPTING RULES PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS : (CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 01-059)

## ORDER

An order of the Examining Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors to create SFC 3.13 (6), relating to course descriptions for students applying for social worker training certificates.

Analysis prepared by the Department of Regulation and Licensing.

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## **ANALYSIS**

Statutes authorizing promulgation: ss. 15.08 (5) (b), 227.11 (2) and 457.03 (1), Stats.

Statutes interpreted: s. 457.09, Stats.

In this rule-making order the Examining Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors creates s. SFC 3.13 (6). Applicants for social worker training certificates must complete certain educational requirements, either before or after being granted the training certificate. Schools offering such courses may seek approval of their educational programs from the Social Worker Section. Currently, requests for such approval occasionally are received too late for the section to act on prior to the program being offered. In the past, courses which are already being taught have been disapproved. This rule will require schools seeking advance section approval for social work courses offered to social worker training certificate holders to submit course descriptions of the proposed courses to the Social Worker Section for approval well in advance, at least six months prior to being taught.

## TEXT OF RULE

SECTION 1. SFC 3.13 (6) is created to read:

SFC 3.13 (6) APPROVAL OF COURSES FOR SOCIAL WORKER DEGREE EQUIVALENCY. (a) The section may approve in advance courses offered by an accredited college or university which may be taken by a social worker training certificate holder to satisfy the requirements of sub. (2) (a) to (c).

| (b) To obtain advance section approval under par. (a), an accredited college or university shall submit course syllabi at least 6 months prior to the commencement of the class. Section approval shall continue for 2 years unless the course content changes. After 2 years, course syllabi shall be resubmitted for approval.  (END OF TEXT OF RULE)  The rules adopted in this order shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin administrative register, pursuant to s. 227.22 (2) (intro.), Stats. |  |                |   |
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|   |  | Dated Agency _ | Chairperson Examining Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors |

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