

Suicide Prevention Continuing Education

[Act 74 of 2016](#) was signed by Governor Wolf on July 8, 2016. Act 74 of 2016 requires licensees of the State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors to complete 1 hour of continuing education in the assessment, treatment and management of suicide risks as a portion of the total continuing education required for license renewal.

For the next biennial renewal cycle ending February 28, 2019, as a condition for renewal you must complete 1 hour of continuing education in suicide prevention. If the word “suicide” or a derivative of the word “suicide” is contained in the title of a suicide prevention course/program taken through an approved provider, the continuing education earned can be used towards satisfying the suicide prevention continuing education requirement. If the course/program pertains to suicide prevention and the title of the course/program does not contain the word “suicide”, the approved provider of the course/program must indicate on the certification of attendance/completion the number of hours of suicide prevention continuing education earned.

PLEASE NOTE: The 1 hour of continuing education in suicide prevention may NOT be used towards satisfying the 3 hours of continuing education in ethics.