

APPLICATION FOR APPROVED PROVIDER STATUS

Approved providers are defined as those organizations, schools of higher education, or individuals which are approved by the Board to provide continuing education without the need for prior Board review on a program by program basis. An approved provider may provide an unlimited number of programs each year for a \$100 annual fee.

To obtain approved provider status you must complete the application for approved provider status and include with it the \$100 Approved Provider fee. Checks may be made payable to the North Dakota Board of Social Work Examiners.

Continuing education must contribute directly to the professional competency of the social worker and must be directly related to the skills and knowledge required to implement social work principles and methods. Continuing education program content must relate to theories and concepts of human behavior and the social environment, social work knowledge and skills, social work research or practice evaluation, social work ethics, or cross disciplinary courses directly relevant to social work practice or specialty. **Failure to offer programs which comply with the NDBSWE's continuing education guidelines may result in the loss of Approved Provider status.**

Non acceptable topics include, but are not limited to, those contrary to the code of ethics, as well as topics such as marketing, business, personal enrichment, time management, supervisory sessions, technology enhancement, staff orientation, agency or other meetings regarding procedural issues, CPR classes, etc. **Internet and homestudy courses are not acceptable if offered by an approved provider. Those courses are only acceptable if offered by a provider possessing ASWB or NASW provider status.**

If you have any questions regarding the application process, please feel free to contact the NDBSWE office. Thank you for your interest in providing continuing education for the social work profession!