

SPOTLIGHT



On Social Work Regulation

Why must social workers complete Continuing Professional Education (CPE) ?

As noted in the first edition of the Spotlight series, the primary purpose behind all NLCSW activities is to ensure members of the public are receiving the services of qualified practitioners, whether those services are offered in direct or indirect practice. One way this is achieved is through the annual completion, submission and audit of CPE credits as detailed in [NLCSW's CPE Policy](#). Originally developed in 1996, the policy is reviewed annually to ensure continual compliance with the [Social Workers Act \(2010\)](#), the [Social Workers Regulations \(2018\)](#), the [Canadian Association of Social Workers \(CASW\) Code of Ethics and Guidelines for Ethical Practice \(2005\)](#) and the [NLCSW Standards of Practice \(2020\)](#).

While it is understood that completion of CPE is a policy, legislative and ethical requirement, social workers throughout the province continue to exceed minimum CPE requirements, demonstrating their unwavering commitment to continually increase their professional knowledge and expertise and provide the highest quality of professional services to the public.