



# NASW Call for Proposals

## Continuing Education Courses – Service Members, Veterans, and Their Families

*Social workers are the largest provider of mental health services in the United States. We have a responsibility to ensure that Service Members, Veterans, and their loved ones have access to the mental and behavioral health and social services they deserve.*

### BACKGROUND

The National Association of Social Workers (NASW), the largest professional association of social workers in the United States, with over 145,000 members, is pleased to announce a call for proposals for a five-course training module aimed at preparing professional social workers to learn more about, and work with, Service Members, Veterans, and their families. These courses will be available online, for free, to all social workers and will qualify for continuing education credit.

NASW's commitment to train all social workers regardless of practice area or focus, about the unique needs of Service Members, Veterans, and their families is in cooperation with The White House Joining Forces initiative. Dr. Jill Biden joined NASW on Wednesday, July 25, 2012 at their national practice conference, to announce this professional initiative.

Dr. Biden created Joining Forces, along with First Lady Michelle Obama, to bring attention to the unique needs and strengths of America's military and veteran families. Joining Forces is a comprehensive national initiative to mobilize all sectors of society to give our Service Members, Veterans, and

their families the opportunities and services they have earned. NASW has been a proud member of Joining Forces since 2011 and is committed to educating and training all social workers so that they are prepared to meet the needs of those who have made incredible sacrifices for the United States.

### CALL FOR PROPOSALS

NASW is requesting proposals from professional social workers to be journal articles and/or to create and present a continuing education course on the needs of our nation's Service Members, Veterans, and their families. All proposals must be submitted by professional social workers with a BSW or MSW from a CSWE-accredited program, or a DSW or PhD in social work, and active membership in NASW.

Proposals should be to present on one of the topics below. These are broad topical areas and you may focus your presentation more narrowly. You may submit more than one proposal, however no presenter will be chosen to present more than one course. Courses will be at least one hour in length and cannot exceed three hours in length. Presenters can submit previously filmed presentations and if not, selected presentations will be filmed before dissemination.

**Overall course topics include, but are not limited to the following examples:**

- Clinical Social Work
  - Specific interventions
  - Unique challenges e.g. Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Traumatic Brain Injury, Military Sexual Trauma, etc.
  - Ethical considerations
  - Stigma
- Direct Practice
  - Poverty and Homelessness
  - Domestic Violence
  - Substance Use
  - Employment Services
  - Resource Referral
- Advocacy and/or Policy
  - Local, State, or Federal Advocacy
  - Legislative Advocacy
  - Organizational Policy
  - Coalition-Building and Collaboration
  - Micro and Macro Advocacy
  - Limits of Advocacy for Service Members
- Cultural Competency
  - Military and Veteran Cultures
  - Ethics and Values
  - Cross-Cultural Knowledge
  - Self-Awareness
  - Workforce Diversity
  - Cross-Cultural Leadership

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**To submit your presentation for review for this special module, please provide the following information:**

- Presenter Name and Credentials: \_\_\_\_\_
- Presenter Employer: \_\_\_\_\_
- Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_
- Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_
- Military Experience (if any): \_\_\_\_\_
- Title of presentation and a brief description (50 words or fewer)
- Audience and content level (e.g. beginner, advanced, clinical, etc.)
- Curriculum Vitae
- Biographical summary including relevant knowledge and experience (250 words or fewer)
- Three learning objectives
- A detailed bibliography utilizing current research supporting your presentation
- Course Outline/Content: Include actual presentation topics and approximate time for each
- PowerPoint Slides
- Resource materials that participants may access for additional information (website, flyer, etc.)
- Post-test consisting of a 10 to 20 multiple-choice questions with answer key as required for social work distance learning continuing education credit (no more than two true/false questions)
- Presenters may submit a filmed version of their presentation. If presenters do not have their presentation filmed and they are chosen, NASW will film them presenting the material at a later date.

Materials will only be utilized if presenters are chosen to participate. Presenters will be remunerated with \$5,000 for their time and work.

**This information is due no later than November 2, 2012 by 6:00pm EST** by emailing it to [JoiningForces@naswdc.org](mailto:JoiningForces@naswdc.org).

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