

THE WEEKLY UPDATE

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March 17, 2008

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

The Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs is offering Undergraduate Research Scholar funded positions for the 2008-09 academic year. The purpose of the program is to engage Ohio University's best undergraduate students with opportunities to work one-on-one with faculty and staff on research relevant to their educational and career goals. Voinovich scholars work ten hours per week, ten weeks per quarter and receive \$10 per hour. The Voinovich School works within the university and throughout the region in the areas of public service, leadership, entrepreneurship, energy and the environment issues that affect the quality of life for the residents of Appalachian Ohio and the state.

For eligibility requirements or any further information, please contact Belle Cancellare via e-mail – cancellare@ohio.edu or tel. 593-9600.

COMMUNITY SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The community service "project of the week" program is designed to offer students, faculty, staff and community members the opportunity to get involved with specific opportunities to perform services needed with the Athens community. This is a great opportunity to get involved in various activities and community services at your own conveniences. To find out what "project of the week" for this weekend is, please visit www.ohio.edu/communityservice or call center for community service at (740) 593-4007.

REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE

Marcia Holleman from the Counselor, Social Work & Marriage and Family Therapist Board is coming to Ohio University campus on Thursday, April 17th to present on the licensure procedures and requirements and the criminal records check requirements from 8pm until 10 pm. Anyone who is licensed and attends can receive 2 hrs of CEU's. Further notice will be given regarding the location but for the mean time, please set aside this time on your schedule. To acquaint yourself ahead of time and read some information on the criminal records check required for initial licensure, please see the attached file.

SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING

On April 18th the Athens County Suicide Prevention Coalition is sponsoring a free training from 9:00am - 3:00pm at Athens Community Center. Please see the flyer (attached) along with the registration form.

ROCK FOR AUTISM!

Featuring:
The Wing Nuts & NSK-The OU Jazz Band
Date: April 18, 2008
Time: 7pm
Music at 8pm
Ohio University Baker Center, Ballroom
Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at door

To purchase tickets call 740-592-2743
Or www.autismseohio.org/rock



Counselor, Social Worker & Marriage and Family Therapist Board

50 West Broad Street, Suite 1075
Columbus, Ohio 43215-5919
614-466-0912 & Fax 614-728-7790

<http://cswmft.ohio.gov> & cswmft.info@cswb.state.oh.us

CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK REQUIRED FOR INITIAL LICENSURE

Section 4757.101 of the Ohio Revised Code requires all individuals applying for a license issued by the CSWMFT Board (Board) to submit fingerprints for a criminal records check completed by the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCII) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

Applicants residing in Ohio are required to utilize "WebCheck", Ohio's electronic fingerprint system, to electronically submit their fingerprints to BCII. The Board will typically receive the results of a criminal records check submitted via "WebCheck" within 7 to 10 business days. In addition to the \$22 BCII fee and \$24 FBI fee, the electronic fingerprinting company/agency will charge its own fee to process the fingerprints.

Since the law requires applicants for licensure to submit a criminal records check completed by both BCII and FBI, you **must** use the services of a "WebCheck" vendor that participates in the "National WebCheck." The Sheriff's offices in all 88 Ohio counties participate in the "National Web Check." A list of other "WebCheck" vendors in Ohio, arranged by county, is available online at:

<http://www.ag.state.oh.us/business/fingerprint/data/index.asp>

When locating an electronic fingerprinting site on this web page, please note that you must use the services of a vendor that has (NWC) listed after the vendor's name. Only these entities participate in "National WebCheck." The Board does not endorse or recommend any specific electronic fingerprinting company/agency.

You need both the BCII and FBI criminal records check for initial licensure. By law, the Board cannot complete the processing of your application until it receives the background check reports from both the BCII and FBI.

Steps for "WebCheck"

1. Identify a "WebCheck" vendor that participates in the "National WebCheck."
2. Submit your fee directly to the "WebCheck" vendor. **DO NOT SEND YOUR FINGERPRINTS OR FEE TO THE BOARD.**
3. Request that the criminal records check results from both the BCII and FBI be sent directly to:
**Counselor, Social Worker & Marriage and Family Therapist Board
50 West Broad Street, Suite 1075
Columbus, Ohio 43215-5919**
4. List the reason for fingerprinting as: "Required for licensure per ORC 4757.101."
5. List the agency code as 1AB002
6. Write clearly in black ink, as unreadable cards will be rejected. Do not alter the card or boxes.

Instructions for Individuals Residing Outside of Ohio

Individuals residing outside of Ohio must contact the Board at 614-466-0912 or cswmft.info@cswb.state.oh.us to request the appropriate forms. The Board will mail the forms needed for your fingerprints to be processed at your local law enforcement agency.

New Law Affects All Initial Licenses Issued Beginning March 24, 2008

Recent legislation requires applicants for licenses issued by virtually all Ohio professional and occupational licensing boards, including the Counselor, Social Worker & Marriage and Family Therapist Board (Board), to complete a criminal records check as part of the initial application process. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Chapter 4757.101 (effective March 24, 2008), the Board shall not issue an initial license in the absence of a criminal records check and a determination that the results do not make the applicant ineligible for a license to practice counseling, social work and/or marriage and family therapy.

The Board cannot issue a license on or after March 24, 2008 until the results of a criminal records check conducted in compliance with procedures established by the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCII) is completed. Under existing law, the Board may refuse to issue a license to any candidate for violation of ORC 4757.36 (A): “(5) Been convicted in this or any other state of any crime that is a felony in this state”. The Board may also deny based on evidence that deems the candidate is not in compliance with Board law requiring “good moral character” under ORC 4757.21/4757.22/4757.27 or 4757.28 (B)(1).

Q&A Regarding Criminal Records Checks for Counselor, Social Worker & Marriage and Family Therapist Board Licensure

Question 1: I recently had an FBI records check completed for another purpose. Can I just use those results to meet the requirement of the Board?

Answer: No, the statute requires that an applicant for an initial license or restored license from a licensing agency shall submit a request to the bureau of criminal identification and investigation for a criminal records check of the applicant... Upon completion of the criminal records check, the superintendent shall report the results of the criminal records check and any information the federal bureau of investigation provides to the licensing agency identified in the request for a criminal records check.

Question 2: How much time will this add to the licensure process?

Answer: Records check results should get to the Board in no more than 7-10 days after you are fingerprinted electronically. If the Board has an acceptable criminal records check in hand prior to the Board’s application review process, the license will be issued without delay in 1-5 business days after the review process is completed. For out-of-state applicants completing the records check, the results will only have the added mail time for delivery to BCII, assuming that the fingerprints provided are acceptable to BCII.

Question 3: What happens if I have a criminal history reported to the Board?

Answer: You will be notified. Depending on the nature of the results of the records check, the Board will determine if the offense(s) render the application ineligible for licensure and/or whether the offenses on record were denied on the notarized application form. The Board may refuse to issue a license to any applicant based on conviction of a felony or of any offense involving moral turpitude, for not being of “good moral character,” or for using fraud, misrepresentation, or deception in the application process.

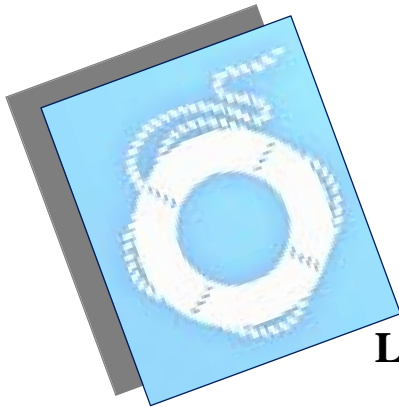
Question 4: Will I need to do a criminal records check to renew my license every two years?

Answer: No. The records check requirement does not apply to the biennial renewal process.

The Athens County Suicide Prevention Coalition

Presents:

“Saving Lives: Understanding Depression and Preventing Suicide”



Presenter:

Ellen Anderson PhD, SPCC

Date: April 18, 2008

Time: 9:00 am—3:00 pm

Location: Athens Community Center
733 East State Street
Athens, Ohio 45701

Dr. Anderson developed and implemented a Gatekeeper Training on Suicide Prevention and has been providing this training for clinicians, suicide prevention coalitions, educators and other service providers as a consultant to Ohio Department of Mental Health, and later to the Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation.

5.0 CEU's available for RNs, LPNs, and other Health Care Specialists along with Counselors and Social Workers through the Ohio Department of Health and the Marital and Family Therapists Board.

*****This is a free training. Space is limited.*****

****Lunch will not be provided****

Registration

Attention: Kim O'Rourke
Athens-Hocking-Vinton 317 Board

Phone: (740) 593-3177

Fax: (740) 592-1996

kim@ahv317.co.athens.oh.us

Registration Deadline: April 14, 2008

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WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM
ATTENTION: KIM O'ROURKE

(PLEASE PRINT all information completely)

Name _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ County _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Presenter:
Ellen Anderson PhD, SPCC

April 18, 2008

8:30 am – 8:55 am Registration (Must be registered prior to 9:00am)

9:00 am – 3:00 pm Workshop

Athens Community Center
733 East State Street
Athens, Ohio 45701

****Lunch will not be provided****

Additional Questions Contact:
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