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Alabama	Meets	<p>Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW; clinical and non-clinical designations available)</p> <p>Education: Master's degree in Social Work (MSW) from a CSWE-accredited program.</p> <p>Exam: Pass the ASWB Master's level exam.</p> <p>Supervision: Start accruing hours for LICSW after becoming an LMSW; pre-approve supervision with the board.</p> <p>Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW)</p> <p>Education: MSW from a CSWE-accredited program with clinical coursework.</p> <p>Experience: 3,000 hours of postgraduate supervised clinical experience (over 24 months, at least 96 hours of supervision).</p> <p>Supervision must be completed within a 36-month period.</p> <p>Exam: Pass the ASWB Clinical level exam.</p>	<a href="https://www.socialwork.alabama.gov/">https://■■■socialwork.alabama.gov/</a>
Alaska	Meets	<p>Master Social Worker (LMSW)</p> <p>Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)</p>	<a href="https://■■■www.commerce.alaska.gov/■web/■cbpl/■ProfessionalLicensing/■SocialWorkExaminers">https://■■■www.commerce.alaska.gov/■web/■cbpl/■ProfessionalLicensing/■SocialWorkExaminers</a>
Arizona	Meets	<p>Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW)</p> <p>Education: Master of Social Work (MSW).</p> <p>Exam: ASWB Master's level exam.</p> <p>Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)</p> <p>Education: Master's or Doctorate in Social Work (MSW/DSW).</p> <p>Exam: ASWB Clinical level exam.</p> <p>Experience: Requires 3,200 hours of supervised post-degree clinical experience.</p>	<a href="https://■■■bbhe.az.gov/">https://■■■bbhe.az.gov/</a>
Arkansas	Meets	<p>Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW)</p> <p>Education: Master of Social Work (MSW).</p> <p>Exam: ASWB Master's level exam.</p> <p>Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)</p> <p>Education: Master's in Social Work (MSW).</p> <p>Exam: ASWB Clinical level exam.</p> <p>Experience: Requires 4,000 hours of supervised clinical experience (including 100 hours of supervision).</p>	<a href="https://■■■healthy.arkansas.gov/■boards-commissions/■boards/■social-work-licensing-board/">https://■■■healthy.arkansas.gov/■boards-commissions/■boards/■social-work-licensing-board/</a>
California	Meets	<p>Education: Master of Social Work (MSW).</p>	<a href="https://■■■www.bbs.ca.gov/■applicants/■lcsw.html">https://■■■www.bbs.ca.gov/■applicants/■lcsw.html</a>
Colorado	Meets	<p>Exam: ASWB Master's level exam.</p>	<a href="https://■■■dpo.colorado.gov/■SocialWork/■Applications">https://■■■dpo.colorado.gov/■SocialWork/■Applications</a>

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Connecticut	Meets	<p>Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW)            Education: Master of Social Work (MSW) from a CSWE accredited program.            Exam: Pass the ASWB Master's exam (required as of 1/2026)</p> <p>Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)            Education: MSW or DSW/PhD in Social Work from a CSWE-accredited program (or candidate program within specific date windows).            Exam: Pass the ASWB Clinical exam.            Experience:            • 3,000 hours of post master's supervised clinical social work experience.            • Must include at least 100 hours of direct supervision by a licensed clinical or certified independent social worker.</p>	<a href="https://portal.ct.gov/dph/practitioner-licensing--investigations/masters-level-social-worker/licensing-requirements?language=en_US">https://portal.ct.gov/dph/practitioner-licensing--investigations/masters-level-social-worker/licensing-requirements?language=en_US</a>
Delaware	Meets	<p>Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW)            Education : Master of Social Work (MSW) from a CSWE accredited program.            Exam: ASWB Masters exam.</p> <p>Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)            Education: MSW or doctoral degree in social work from a CSWE accredited program            Exam: ASWB Clinical Exam            Experience: • 3,200 hours of post graduate clinical social work experience, Must be completed in at least 2 years, 1,600 hours must be supervised by an LCSW.</p>	<a href="https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/socialworkers/">https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/socialworkers/</a>
District of Columbia	Meets	<p>Licensed Graduate Social Worker (LGSW) Education: Master of Social Work (MSW) from a CSWE accredited program. Licensed Independent Social Worker (Advanced Non Clinical)            • Education: MSW from a CSWE accredited program.            • Experience: 3000 paid social work experience hours in a minimum of 2 years and a maximum of 4 years, Ratio: for every 32 hours of social work experience, 1 hour of individual or group supervision            • Exam :ASWB Advanced Generalist exam            Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (Clinical License)            • Education: MSW from a CSWE accredited program.            • Experience: 3000 paid social work experience hours in a minimum of 2 years and a maximum of 4 years, Ratio: for every 32 hours of social work experience, 1 hour of individual or group supervision            • Exam : ASWB Clinical Exam</p>	<a href="https://dchealth.dc.gov/service/social-work-licensing">https://dchealth.dc.gov/service/social-work-licensing</a>

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Florida	Meets	<p>Certified Master Social Worker (CMSW)</p> <p>Education : MSW from a CSWE accredited program.</p> <p>Exam: ASWB Advanced Generalist exam (Florida accepts this for CMSW).</p> <p>Supervision: No post degree supervised clinical hours required (non clinical license).</p> <p>Registered Clinical Social Worker Intern (RCSW I) This is the pre licensure status for those working toward LCSW.</p> <p>Education: MSW from a CSWE accredited program.</p> <p>Requirements: Apply for intern registration before beginning supervised clinical hours, Must complete background screening and fingerprinting.</p> <p>Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)</p> <p>Education: MSW from a CSWE accredited program.</p> <p>Supervised Clinical Experience: Two years of supervised clinical experience, 1,500 hours of supervised clinical work required, Supervision must be provided by a qualified LCSW supervisor.</p> <p>Exam: ASWB Clinical exam</p>	<a href="https://fl.mentalhealthprofessionals.gov/licensed-clinical-social-worker/">https://fl.mentalhealthprofessionals.gov/licensed-clinical-social-worker/</a>
Georgia	Meets	<p>Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)</p>	<a href="https://sos.ga.gov/how-to-guide/how-guide-master-social-worker">https://sos.ga.gov/how-to-guide/how-guide-master-social-worker</a> <a href="https://sos.ga.gov/how-to-guide/how-guide-clinical-social-worker">https://sos.ga.gov/how-to-guide/how-guide-clinical-social-worker</a>
Hawaii	Meets	Education: MSW or doctoral degree in social work from a CSWE accredited program	<a href="https://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/programs/socialworker/?utm_source">https://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/programs/socialworker/?utm_source</a>
Idaho	Meets	Exam: ASWB Clinical Exam	<a href="https://dopl.idaho.gov/statutes-rules-and-guidance/">https://dopl.idaho.gov/statutes-rules-and-guidance/</a>
Illinois	Meets	Experience: 3,200 hours of postgraduate clinical social work experience, Must be completed in at least 2 years, 1,600 hours must be supervised by an LCSW.	<a href="https://www.naswi.org/licensure-steps">https://www.naswi.org/licensure-steps</a>
Indiana	Meets	Must include at least 100 hours of direct supervision by a licensed clinical or certified independent social worker.	<a href="https://www.in.gov/pla/professions/behavioral-health-and-human-services/behavioral-health-and-human-services-licensing-information/#Social_Workers_LSW_Master_Level">https://www.in.gov/pla/professions/behavioral-health-and-human-services/behavioral-health-and-human-services-licensing-information/#Social_Workers_LSW_Master_Level</a>
Iowa	Meets	Education: Earn a Master of Social Work (MSW) or DSW degree from a CSWE-accredited program. Exam: Pass the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Master Level Exam Offers reciprocity at the BSW, MSW and LISW levels.	<a href="https://dial.iowa.gov/licenses/other-professional-licensure/social-work-licensure">https://dial.iowa.gov/licenses/other-professional-licensure/social-work-licensure</a>
Kansas	Meets	Education: Earn a Master of Social Work (MSW) degree from a CSWE-accredited program. Exam: Pass the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Master Level Exam Offers reciprocity at the BSW, MSW and LCSW levels.	<a href="https://www.ksbsrb.ks.gov/professions/social-workers">https://www.ksbsrb.ks.gov/professions/social-workers</a>
Kentucky	Meets	Education: Earn a Master of Social Work (MSW) degree from a CSWE-accredited program. Exam: Pass the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Master Level Exam	<a href="https://bsw.ky.gov/Pages/License.aspx">https://bsw.ky.gov/Pages/License.aspx</a>

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Louisiana	Meets	<p>Registered Social Worker (RSW)</p> <p>- Education: holds a MSW degree from a CSWE accredited social work program. No exam is required for this designation.</p> <p>Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW) - Education: Holds a Master's degree from an accredited graduate school of social work and has passed an examination approved by the board.</p> <p>Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) - Education: Holds a Master's degree from an accredited graduate school of social work, completed at least 3000 hours of postgraduate social work practice over a minimum of two years and a maximum of four years while under the supervision of a board-approved clinical supervisor, and has passed an examination approved by the board.</p> <p>Reciprocity available for those in good standing with their respective regulatory board, pass an open-book exam on the LA SocialWork Practice ACt and who pay the required fee.</p>	<a href="https://www.labswe.org/">https://■■■www.labswe.org/</a>

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Maine	Meets	<p>Licensed Master Social Worker-Education: Documented proof of a master's or doctoral degree in social work from a CSWE-accredited program. Exam: Proof of passing the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Master Level Exam. If licensee holds the Licensed Social Worker (BSW with licensure), completion of 25 continuing professional education hours. Licensed Clinical Social Worker -Education: Documented proof of a doctoral or master's degree in social work or social welfare from an accredited program; Proof of a passing score on the ASWB Clinical examination; Evidence of successful completion of clinical social work experience while licensed as a licensed master social worker conditional (clinical). For applicants whose master's degrees in social work are in clinical concentrations, 96 hours of consultation concurrent with 3,200 hours of social work employment occurring within a period of not less than 2 years. For applicants whose master's degrees in social work are in nonclinical concentrations, 192 hours of consultation while licensed and concurrent with 6,400 hours of social work employment occurring within a period of not less than 4 years. Documentation of the clinical supervision. Reciprocity -An applicant must have an active equivalent social work license issued by a jurisdiction of the United States or of any foreign country. An applicant must supply documentation of the education and experience requirements for the level of licensure for which the applicant is applying. The board may recognize clinical experience and consultation completed in another state or jurisdiction following a candidate's receipt of the master's degree in social work or social welfare that is substantially equivalent to the clinical experience and consultation required by Section 5(1)(D) of this chapter. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, an applicant applying under this subsection does not need to demonstrate proof of passing the applicable examination.</p>	<a href="https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/state-board-social-worker-licensure/licensing-and-forms">https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/state-board-social-worker-licensure/licensing-and-forms</a>

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Maryland	No determination	<p>Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW) - Education: Master's degree in Social Work (MSW) from a CSWE-accredited program. No other undergraduate degree qualifies. Exam: Pass the ASWB Masters Level Exam. Licensed Certified Social Worker-Clinical (LCSW-C) -Education: Master's degree in Social Work (MSW) from a CSWE-accredited program. Hold an active LMSW license; document 12 academic credit hours clinical coursework from a CSWE accredited program (6 of 12 credits may be obtained from a BSW program) plus at least 2 years (&lt;104 hours and 3000 supervised clinical SW experience under supervision of a LCSW-C direct practice; Exam: Pass the ASWB Masters Level Exam.</p>	<a href="https://www.health.maryland.gov/lbswe/Pages/default.aspx">https://www.health.maryland.gov/lbswe/Pages/default.aspx</a>
Massachusetts	Meets	<p>Licensed Certified Social Worker (LCSW) Education: Master's degree in Social Work (MSW) from a CSWE-accredited program. Exam: Pass the ASWB Masters Level Exam. Cannot practice independently doing clinical work, requires supervision.</p> <p>Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW) Education: Master's degree from a CSWE-accredited program. Exam: Pass the ASWB Clinical Level Exam. Accrue 3,500 hours of post MSW supervised clinical social work typically over two years.</p>	Board of Registration of Social Workers   Mass.gov
Michigan	Meets	<p>Limited Licensed Master Social Worker (LLMSW) Education: Master's degree in Social Work (MSW) from a CSWE-accredited program. No exam required, temporary license for up to one year and can be renewed 6 times while getting hours for your LMSW.</p> <p>Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW) Education: Master's degree from a CSWE-accredited program and have an active LLMSW license. Exam: Pass the ASWB Masters Level Exam. Accrue 4,000 hours of post MSW supervised social work typically over two years.</p> <p>Licensed Master Social Worker-Clinical (LMSW-C) Education: Master's degree from a CSWE-accredited program and have an active LLMSW license. Exam: Pass the ASWB Clinical Level Exam. Accrue 4,000 hours of post MSW supervised CLINICAL social work typically over two years.</p> <p>Licensed Master Social Worker-Macro (LMSW-M) Education: Master's degree from a CSWE-accredited program and have an active LLMSW license. Exam: Pass the ASWB Advanced Generalist Exam Level Exam. Accrue 4,000 hours of post MSW supervised MACRO social work typically over two years.</p>	Michigan Board of Social Workers

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Minnesota	Meets	<p>Licensed Graduate Social Worker (LGSW) Education: Master's degree in Social Work (MSW) from a CSWE-accredited program. Exam: Pass the ASWB Masters Level Exam. Cannot practice independently doing clinical work, requires supervision.</p> <p>Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW) Education: Master's degree in Social Work (MSW) from a CSWE-accredited program with specific coursework in clinical content areas. Exam: Pass the ASWB Clinical Level Exam. 4,000 clinical supervised practice with 200 direct hours of direct clinical supervision.</p> <p>Licensed Independent Social Worker (LISW) Education: Master's degree from a CSWE-accredited program . Exam: Pass the ASWB Generalist Level Exam. 4,000 supervised social work practice hours under supervision (non-clinical).</p>	Social Work Students /■ State of Minnesota Board of Social Work
Mississippi	Meets	<p>Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW) Education: Master's degree from a CSWE-accredited program. Exam: Pass the ASWB Masters Level Exam.</p> <p>Licensed Certified Social Worker-Clinical (LCSW) Education: Master's degree from a CSWE-accredited program and have an active LMSW license. Exam: Pass the ASWB Clinical Level Exam. Accrue 1,000 hours of post MSW supervised CLINICAL social work typically over two years with 100 hours of face to face supervision by an LCSW.</p>	Social Work Licensure Mississippi: Step-by-Step Guide to Getting Licensed in 2026 - MSW Education
Missouri	No determination		
Montana	No determination		
Nebraska	No determination		
Nevada	No determination		
New Hampshire	No determination		
New Jersey	No determination		
New Mexico	No determination		
New York	No determination		
North Carolina	No determination		
North Dakota	No determination		
Ohio	No determination		
Oklahoma	No determination		
Oregon	No determination		
Pennsylvania	No determination		
Rhode Island	No determination		
South Carolina	No determination		
South Dakota	No determination		
Tennessee	No determination		
Texas	Meets	<p>Leads to the LMSW, which requires a masters degree from a CSWE accredited social work program, passage of the Masters examination administered by the Association of Social Work Boards, completion of the Texas Social Workers jurisprudence exam</p>	<a href="https://■■■■■bhec.texas.gov/■■■■■texas-state-board-of-social-worker-examiners/■■■■■applying-for-a-social-work-license/■■■■■how-to-become-an-lmsw/">https://■■■■■bhec.texas.gov/■■■■■texas-state-board-of-social-worker-examiners/■■■■■applying-for-a-social-work-license/■■■■■how-to-become-an-lmsw/</a>
Utah	Meets	<p>Leads to the Certified Social Worker (CSW) license (no exam requirement) and the License Clinical Social Worker credential.</p>	<a href="https://■■■■■commerce.utah.gov/■■■■■dopl/■■■■■social-work/">https://■■■■■commerce.utah.gov/■■■■■dopl/■■■■■social-work/</a>
Vermont	No determination		

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Virginia	No determination		
Washington	Meets	Requires MSW from CSWE accredited program. Leads to Social Worker Associate. Can earn Licensed Advanced Social Worker and/or Licensed Independant Clinical Social Worker with additional post-MSW supervision and work hours. All levels of licensure require ASWB exam. (For Social Work Associate, some NASW credentials meet the ASWB exam requirement).	<a href="https://doh.wa.gov/licenses-permits-and-certificates/professions-new-renew-or-update/social-worker-and-social-worker-associate">https://doh.wa.gov/licenses-permits-and-certificates/professions-new-renew-or-update/social-worker-and-social-worker-associate</a>
West Virginia	Meets	Requires MSW from CSWE accredited program. Leads to LGSW (Licensed Graduate Social Worker). With additional post-MSW supervision and work experience, graduates can earn LCSW (Licensed Certified Social Worker) and LICSW (Licensed Independant Clinical Social Worker). All levels of licensure require ASWB exam.	<a href="https://www.wvsocialworkboard.org/Licensure/License-Types/Regular-License">https://www.wvsocialworkboard.org/Licensure/License-Types/Regular-License</a>
Wisconsin	Meets	Requires MSW from CSWE accredited program. Leads to APSW (Advanced Practice Social Worker). With additional post-MSW work experience and supervision, graduates can earn ISW (Independant Social Worker). All levels of licensure require passing the accompanying ASWB exam.	<a href="https://dsps.wi.gov/Pages/Professions/SocialWorker/Default.aspx">https://dsps.wi.gov/Pages/Professions/SocialWorker/Default.aspx</a>
Wyoming	Meets	Requires MSW from CSWE accredited program. Leads to Provisional Clinical Social Worker. With additional post-MSW supervision and work experience, graduates can earn Licensed Clinical Social Worker. All levels of licensure require passing the accompanying ASWB exam.	<a href="https://mentalhealth.wyo.gov/home">https://mentalhealth.wyo.gov/home</a>
Puerto Rico	Meets	Leads to the LCSW, which requires a masters degree from a CSWE accredited social work program, passage of the masters examination administered by the Association of Social Work Boards, and two years of supervised post-degree experience	<a href="https://www.statedepartment.pr.gov/juntas-examinadoras/social-work-professionals">https://www.statedepartment.pr.gov/juntas-examinadoras/social-work-professionals</a>
Guam	Meets	Leads to the licensure, which requires a masters degree from a CSWE accredited social work program and passage of the masters examination administered by the Association of Social Work Boards.	<a href="https://guamhpol.org/gbsw">https://guamhpol.org/gbsw</a>
U.S. Virgin Islands	Meets	Leads to the CSW license, which requires a masters degree from a CSWE accredited social work program, three professional references, and one 2nd year field placement supervisory reference	<a href="https://dlca.vi.gov/boardcertifications/steps/swrequirements/">https://dlca.vi.gov/boardcertifications/steps/swrequirements/</a>
Northern Mariana Islands	Meets	Leads to the LMSW, which requires a masters degree from a CSWE accredited social work program and passage of the masters examination administered by the Association of Social Work Boards.	<a href="https://www.cnmilicensing.gov.mp/health-care-professions-licensing-board">https://www.cnmilicensing.gov.mp/health-care-professions-licensing-board</a>
American Samoa	No Determination	American Samoa does not appear to license social workers	<a href="https://ncsbn.org/lon-member-details/AmericanSamoa">https://ncsbn.org/lon-member-details/AmericanSamoa</a>

## Master of Social Work (MSW)