

Columbia University School of Social Work's MSSW is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE).

As such, earning the MSSW is sufficient to apply to become an LMSW in most states. This document focuses on the first license application for which many students aim: the LMSW. **Students must directly research current state-based licensure information in order to obtain the most accurate information for licensure.** If licensure is a goal, students must keep up-to-date on state educational requirements throughout their MSSW education and beyond.

This document is updated annually and meant to supplement your direct and current state-based licensure planning. State agency names are provided below with a hyperlink to the state agency URL. This document is dated September 2022.

For any and all levels of licensure, please note that state agencies may require additional training, post-graduation examinations, experience, application and licensing fees, criminal background checks, and reference checks, along with other requirements for license eligibility. LCSW licensure requirements include, but are not limited to, significant hours of direct clinical work post-MSSW and supervision.

Master of Science in Social Work						
State/Jurisdiction	Degree meets CSWE Accreditation Standards		Meets full educational requirements for entry level ASWB license (e.g., LMSW)		State educational requirements to be aware of at any/all levels of licensure or certification (ASWB) -- degree areas of study, degree coursework, other courses, etc. <i>as of September 2022</i>	Agency Name and hyperlinked URL
	Yes	No	Yes	No		
Alabama	X		X		LMSW: n/a as of 09/2022 LCSW: n/a as of 09/2022	Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners
Alaska	X		X		LMSW: n/a as of 09/2022 LCSW: n/a as of 09/2022	Alaska Board of Social Work Examiners
Arizona	X		X		LMSW: n/a as of 09/2022 LCSW: n/a as of 09/2022	Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners
Arkansas	X		X		LMSW: n/a as of 09/2022 LCSW: n/a as of 09/2022	Arkansas Social Work Licensing Board
California	X			X	<p>ACSW: Suicide Risk Assessment and Intervention (6 hours of coursework or applied experience); California Law and Ethics (12 hours); Child Abuse Assessment and Reporting in California (7 hours); Human Sexuality (10 hours); Alcoholism / Other Chemical Substance Dependency (15 hours); Spousal or Partner Abuse Assessment, Detection and Intervention (15 hours); Aging, Long Term Care and Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse (10 hours); California Cultures and the Social and Psychological Implications of Socioeconomic Position (15 hours or 1 semester unit)</p> <p>LCSW: 1 semester unit = 15 hours; 1 quarter unit = 10 hours; 1 semester unit = 1.5 quarter units Suicide Risk Assessment and Intervention (6 hours of coursework or applied experience); California Law and Ethics (12 hours); Child Abuse Assessment and Reporting in California (7 hours); Human Sexuality (10 hours); Alcoholism / Other Chemical Substance Dependency (15 hours); Spousal or Partner Abuse Assessment, Detection and Intervention (15 hours); Aging, Long Term Care and Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse (10 hours); California Cultures and the Social and Psychological Implications of Socioeconomic Position (15 hours or 1 semester unit)</p> <p>sources: https://www.bbs.ca.gov/pdf/forms/lcs/aswapp.pdf https://www.bbs.ca.gov/pdf/lcs_w_guide.pdf http://www.bbs.ca.gov/pdf/publications/lawsregs.pdf</p>	California Board of Behavioral Science
Colorado	X		X		LMSW: n/a as of 09/2022 LCSW: n/a as of 09/2022	Colorado State Board of Social Work Examiners

Connecticut	X		X	<p>MLSW: n/a as of 09/2022 LCSW: n/a as of 09/2022</p>	Connecticut Department of Public Health, Social Work Licensing and Investigations Section Board of Social Work Examiners
Delaware	X		X	<p>LMSW: n/a as of 09/2022 LCSW: n/a as of 09/2022</p>	Board of Social Work Examiners
District of Columbia	X		X	<p>LGSW: n/a as of 09/2022 LISW: n/a as of 09/2022</p> <p>LICSW: Twelve (12) academic credits of clinical course work from a Council on Social Work Education accredited program with a minimum of six (6) of the twelve (12) academic credits having been obtained in a Master's of Social Work program.</p> <p>source: https://dchealth.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/doh/publication/attachments/Chapter%2070%20Social%20Work%207-5-2019.pdf</p>	DC Department of Health - Health Professional Licensing Administration (HPLA)
Florida	X		X	<p>CMSW: 3 semester hours of graduate level coursework in the following content areas: (1) agency administration and supervision; (2) program planning and evaluation; (3) staff development; (4) research; (5) community organization; (6) community services; (7) social planning and (8) human services advocacy</p> <p>RCSW-I: 24 semester hours or 32 quarter hours in theory of human behavior and practice methods as courses in clinically oriented services, including a minimum of one course in psychopathology. Courses not considered to be clinically oriented are: policy, administration, organization and communities.</p> <p>A supervised field placement that was part of the applicant's master's program, during which the applicant provided clinical services directly to clients.</p> <p>LCSW: 24 semester hours or 32 quarter hours in theory of human behavior and practice methods as courses in clinically oriented services, including a minimum of one course in psychopathology. Courses not considered to be clinically oriented are: policy, administration, organization and communities.</p> <p>A supervised field placement that was part of the applicant's master's program, during which the applicant provided clinical services directly to clients.</p> <p>8-hour Florida laws and rules course from a board approved provider listed on CE Broker. 3-hour HIV/AIDS course listed on CE Broker or complete the HIV/AIDS Affidavit. 2-hour domestic violence course from a board approved provider listed on CE Broker within six months of licensure.</p> <p>sources: https://floridasmentalhealthprofessions.gov/licensing/certified-master-social-worker/</p>	Florida Department of Health Board of Mental Health Professions
Georgia	X		X	<p>LMSW: n/a as of 09/2022 LCSW: n/a as of 09/2022</p>	Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists
Hawaii	X		X	<p>LSW: n/a as of 09/2022 LCSW: n/a as of 09/2022</p>	Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
Idaho	X		X	<p>LMSW: n/a as of 09/2022 LCSW: n/a as of 09/2022</p>	Board of Social Work Examiners
Illinois	X		X	<p>LSW1: n/a as of 09/2022 LCSW1: n/a as of 09/2022 LCSW2: n/a as of 09/2022</p>	Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation

Indiana	X		X	<p>LSW: n/a as of 09/2022</p> <p>LCSW: IC 25-23.6-5-2 The graduate program under this subdivision must have emphasized direct clinical or client health services as provided under section 3.1 of this chapter.</p> <p>Sec. 3.1. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), a graduate program is considered to have emphasized direct clinical patient or clinic health care services if the graduate program meets the following requirements:</p> <p>(1) Required coursework in clinical social work and related areas such as psychiatric social work, medical social work, social case work, case management, psychotherapy, group therapy, and any other coursework accepted by the board.</p> <p>(2) Required a supervised field placement that was part of the applicant's advanced concentration in direct practice, during which the applicant provided clinical services directly to clients.</p> <p>(3) Required completion of twenty-four (24) semester hours or thirty-seven (37) quarter hours of clinically oriented services courses in the theory and research of human behavior and social environment and practice methods. However, if the graduate degree was obtained before October 1, 1990, and the applicant submitted an application under section 3 of this chapter (before its repeal) before July 1, 1999, twenty-one (21) semester hours or thirty-one (31) quarter hours in clinically oriented services are required. Not more than six (6) semester hours or nine (9) quarter hours of the clinically oriented services courses may be from independent study coursework.</p> <p>If the applicant's transcript does not clearly identify the content of the coursework, the applicant shall submit a syllabus, a course catalog description, or other documentation that describes the coursework.</p> <p>(b) An applicant who graduated from a graduate program that did not emphasize direct patient or client services may complete the clinical curriculum requirement by returning to a graduate program allowed under section 2(1)(B) of this chapter to complete the education requirements.</p> <p>(c) Coursework that was taken at a baccalaureate level does not meet the requirements under this section unless an official of the graduate program certifies that the specific course, which a student enrolled in the same graduate program was ordinarily required to complete at the graduate level, was waived or exempted based on completion of a similar course at the baccalaureate level.</p> <p>source: http://iga.in.gov/legislative/laws/2021/ic/titles/025#25-23.6-5</p>	Indiana Behavioral Health and Human Services Licensing Board
Iowa	X		X	<p>LMSW: n/a as of 09/2022</p> <p>LISW: n/a as of 09/2022</p>	Iowa Department of Public Health
Kansas	X		X	<p>LMSW: n/a as of 09/2022</p> <p>LSCSW: 65-6306 (d) (1) The board shall issue a license as a specialist clinical social worker to an applicant who:</p> <p>(B) has completed 15 credit hours as part of or in addition to the requirements under subsection (c) supporting diagnosis or treatment of mental disorders with use of the American psychiatric association's diagnostic and statistical manual, through identifiable study of the following content areas: Psychopathology, diagnostic assessment, interdisciplinary referral and collaboration, treatment approaches and professional ethics;</p> <p>(C) has completed a graduate level supervised clinical practicum of supervised professional experience including psychotherapy and assessment, integrating diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders with use of the American psychiatric association's diagnostic and statistical manual</p> <p>sources: https://www.ksrevisor.org/statutes/chapters/ch65/065_063_0006.html https://ksbsrb.ks.gov/docs/default-source/forms/social-workers/lscsw_app_pkt.pdf</p>	Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board
Kentucky	X		X	<p>CSW: n/a as of 09/2022</p> <p>LCSW: n/a as of 09/2022</p>	Kentucky Board of Social Work
Louisiana	X		X	<p>CSW: n/a as of 09/2022</p> <p>LMSW: n/a as of 09/2022</p> <p>LCSW: n/a as of 09/2022</p>	Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners

Maine	X		X	<p>LMSW (LM): n/a as of 09/2022</p> <p>LMSW-CC (MC): 1 graduate course on Personality Theory focused on normal growth and development; 1 graduate course on Personality Theory focused on adult psychopathology; AND (4 graduate clinical methods courses in practice with individuals, couples, families, and groups OR 3 graduate clinical methods courses and 1 additional course in personality)</p> <p>LCSW (LC): Beginning January 1, 2020, an applicant for initial licensure shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the board successful completion of a minimum of 12 hours of course work in family or intimate partner violence, including course work in spousal or partner abuse that addresses screening, referral and intervention strategies, including knowledge of community resources, cultural factors, evidence-based risk assessment and same-gender abuse dynamics.</p> <p>Coursework required for degree program to be considered clinical track: 1 graduate course on Personality Theory focused on normal growth and development ; 1 graduate course on Personality Theory focused on adult psychopathology; AND (4 graduate clinical methods courses in practice with individuals, couples, families, and groups OR 3 graduate clinical methods courses and 1 additional course in personality)</p> <p><i>[LCSW can still be pursued if social work degree was non-clinical track, although post-degree practice and supervision hour requirements are higher.]</i></p> <p>sources: http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/statutes/32/title32sec7053.html https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/sites/maine.gov.pfr.professionallicensing/files/inline-files/MC_Lic_App_Rev_8_2022.pdf https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/sites/maine.gov.pfr.professionallicensing/files/inline-files/LCSW_Clinical_Lic_App_MTRRev_2022_0.pdf</p>	State Board of Social Worker Licensure
Maryland	X		X	<p>LMSW: n/a as of 09/2022 LCSW: n/a as of 09/2022</p> <p>LCSW-C: (e) Except as provided in § 19–302.1 of this subtitle, to obtain a certified social worker–clinical license, an applicant shall: (2) Have received a master’s degree in social work and documentation of completion of 12 academic credits in clinical course work from a program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education or an equivalent organization approved by the Council on Social Work Education, with a minimum of 6 of the 12 academic credits obtained in a master’s degree program</p> <p>source: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgaweb/Laws/StatuteText?article=gho&section=19-302&enactments=True&archived=False</p>	MD Board of Social Work Examiners
Massachusetts	X		X	<p>LCSW: n/a as of 09/2022 LICSW: n/a as of 09/2022</p>	Massachusetts Board of Registration of Social Workers
Michigan	X		X	<p>LLMSW: Implicit Bias – Beginning June 1, 2022, individuals seeking licensure must have completed at least 2 hours of implicit bias training within the five years immediately preceding issuance of the license or registration.</p> <p>Human Trafficking – Beginning December 22, 2021, individuals seeking licensure must have completed training in identifying victims of human trafficking that meets the standards in Administrative Rule 338.2929 prior to being issued a license. The training must only be completed one time.</p> <p>LMSW-M: same as LLMSW above</p> <p>LMSW-C: same as LLMSW above</p> <p>sources: https://ars.apps.lara.state.mi.us/AdminCode/DownloadAdminCodeFile?FileName=R%20338.2921%20to%20R%20338.2965.pdf&ReturnHTML=True https://www.michigan.gov/lara/-/media/Project/Websites/lara/bpl/Social-Worker/Licensing-Info-and-Forms/Masters-Social-Worker-Licensing-Guide.pdf https://www.michigan.gov/lara/-/media/Project/Websites/lara/bpl/Social-Worker/Licensing-Info-and-Forms/Limited-Masters-Social-Work-Licensing-Guide.pdf</p>	Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs

Minnesota	X		X	<p>LGSW: n/a as of 09/2022 LISW: n/a as of 09/2022</p> <p>LICSW: Subd. 5. Qualifications for licensure by examination as a licensed independent clinical social worker (LICSW).</p> <p>(a) To be licensed as a licensed independent clinical social worker, an applicant for licensure by examination must provide evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant:</p> <p>(1) has received a graduate degree in social work from a program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, the Canadian Association of Schools of Social Work, or a similar accreditation body that the board designates, or a doctorate in social work from an accredited university;</p> <p>(2) has completed 360 clock hours (one semester credit hour = 15 clock hours) in the following clinical knowledge areas:</p> <p>(i) 108 clock hours (30 percent) in differential diagnosis and biopsychosocial assessment, including normative development and psychopathology across the life span;</p> <p>(ii) 36 clock hours (ten percent) in assessment-based clinical treatment planning with measurable goals;</p> <p>(iii) 108 clock hours (30 percent) in clinical intervention methods informed by research and current standards of practice;</p> <p>(iv) 18 clock hours (five percent) in evaluation methodologies;</p> <p>(v) 72 clock hours (20 percent) in social work values and ethics, including cultural context, diversity, and social policy; and</p> <p>(vi) 18 clock hours (five percent) in culturally specific clinical assessment and intervention;</p> <p>(b) The requirement in paragraph (a), clause (2), may be satisfied through:</p> <p>(1) a graduate degree program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, the Canadian Association of Schools of Social Work, or a similar accreditation body that the board designates; or a doctorate in social work from an accredited university. An academic institution must certify clinical clock hours in the clinical knowledge areas on a form that the board has provided to meet this requirement;</p> <p>(2) graduate coursework from an accredited institution of higher learning. An academic institution must certify clinical clock hours in the clinical knowledge areas on a form that the board has provided to meet this requirement; or</p> <p>(3) up to 120 continuing education hours, which the applicant may complete via continuing education independent learning as defined in section 148E.010, subdivision 7d. The applicant must include documents verifying completion of clinical clock hours in the clinical knowledge areas to meet this requirement as specified in section 148E.130, subdivision 11.</p> <p>source: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/148E.055</p>	Minnesota Board of Social Work
Mississippi	X		X	<p>LMSW: n/a as of 09/2022 LCSW: n/a as of 09/2022</p>	Mississippi Board of Examiners for Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists
Missouri	X		X	<p>LMSW: Proof of completing two (2) hours of suicide assessment, referral, treatment, and management training taken within the prior two (2) years of application submission.</p> <p>LAMSW: same as LMSW above</p> <p>LCSW: same as LMSW above</p> <p>source: https://www.sos.mo.gov/cmsimages/adrules/csr/current/20csr/20c2263-2.pdf</p>	Missouri Division of Professional Registration
Montana	X		X	<p>LMSWC: n/a as of 09/2022 LMSW: n/a as of 09/2022 LCSWC: n/a as of 09/2022 LCSW: n/a as of 09/2022</p>	Montana Board of Behavioral Health

Nebraska	X		X	<p>PCMSW: n/a as of 09/2022 CMSW: n/a as of 09/2022</p> <p>PMHP: Degree coursework and training primarily therapeutic mental health in content. 007.02 MENTAL HEALTH PRACTICE. To be approved as equivalent to an approved mental health program, a program must meet the following: (A) Be at least 60 graduate semester hours in duration. If the master's degree is less than 60 semester hours, additional hours can be attained outside of the program to equal 60 semester hours. Any additional hours must be graduate hours and have a mental health focus to be considered as substantially equivalent. (B) Have a mental health focused supervised practicum or internship that included a minimum of 300 clock hours of direct client contact under the supervision of a qualified supervisor as defined in 172 NAC 94-008 of these regulations. Any artificial situation where a person presents a problem, such as role playing, is not direct client contact. The program must have an emphasis on mental health practice and include coursework in theories and techniques, professional ethics, assessment techniques, human growth and development, and research and evaluation. Two years after the effective date of these regulations the coursework must also include social and cultural diversity. No course may be used to fulfill more than 1 coursework area. The coursework must meet the following requirements [requirement descriptions truncated here for brevity -- please review the source regulations for further information]: (i) A minimum of 6 semester hours or 9 quarter hours in theories and techniques. Two years after the effective date of these regulations, the coursework must include a minimum of at least 9 semester hours or 12 quarter hours in theories and techniques. (ii) A minimum of 3 semester hours or 4.5 quarter hours in professional ethics. (iii) A minimum of 3 semester hours or 4.5 quarter hours in assessment techniques. (iv) A minimum of 3 semester hours or 4.5 quarter hours in human growth and development. (v) A minimum of 3 semester hours or 4.5 quarter hours in research and evaluation. Research and evaluation includes statistics or research design and development of research, and demonstration proposals. (vi) Two years after the effective date of these regulations, in addition to the above coursework, a minimum of 3 semester hours or 4.5 quarter hours in social and cultural diversity.</p> <p>LMHP: same as PMHP above LIMHP: same as PMHP above</p> <p>source: http://www.sos.ne.gov/rules-and-regs/regsearch/Rules/Health_and_Human_Services_System/Title-172/Chapter-094.pdf</p>	Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services
Nevada	X		X	<p>LMSW: n/a as of 09/2022 ISW: n/a as of 09/2022 CSW: n/a as of 09/2022</p>	Nevada Board of Examiners for Social Workers
New Hampshire	X		X	<p>LICSW: Mhp 304.01 Educational Requirements for Clinical Social Workers. (a) All applicants for licensure shall have a 2-year clinical graduate degree in social work from a school approved by the Council on Social Work Education. (b) Course work for a graduate degree in social work shall be primarily related to clinical social work in content as evidenced by at least 5 of the following areas of study: (1) Theories of personality development, ego psychology, object relations, human behavior and social environment; (2) Methods of casework or clinical interventions, social work practice and direct practice; (3) Theories of cross-cultural development, and race relations; (4) Marriage and family dynamics, family systems, and therapy with children; (5) Group behavior and dynamics; (6) Theories of psychopathology, adaptive, and maladaptive functioning; (7) Chemical dependency and substance abuse; (8) Research methods, including policy practice evaluation; and (9) Internship in a clinical setting, and field placement.</p> <p>source: http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rules/state_agencies/mhp300.html</p>	Board of Mental Health Practice

New Jersey	X		X	<p>LSW: n/a as of 09/2022</p> <p>LCSW: Completed 12 semester hours of graduate level course work in methods of clinical social work practice, exclusive of field placement, from an educational program accredited, or in candidacy for accreditation, by the Council on Social Work Education. The applicant shall obtain 12 credits in any of the following areas of study: (1) Diagnosis and assessment in clinical social work practice; (2) Models of psychotherapy or clinical practice (for example, psychodynamic, behavioral, cognitive therapies, task-centered, psychosocial, crisis intervention approaches, etc.); (3) Clinical supervision and consultation; and/or (4) Intervention with special populations</p> <p>source: http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/regulations/Chapter-44G-State-Board-of-Social-Work-Examiners.pdf</p>	State Board of Social Work Examiners
New Mexico	X		X	<p>LMSW: I. verification the applicant has completed one of the following: (1) a three credit hour course in New Mexico cultures listed on the applicants transcripts; (2) a board approved course, workshop or seminar in New Mexico cultures; (3) proof of previously passing the New Mexico cultural examination</p> <p>LISW: I. verification the applicant has completed one of the following: (1) a three credit hour course in New Mexico cultures listed on the applicants transcripts; (2) a board approved course, workshop or seminar in New Mexico cultures; (3) proof of previously passing the New Mexico cultural examination</p> <p>LCSW: I. verification the applicant has completed one of the following: (1) a three credit hour course in New Mexico cultures listed on the applicants transcripts; (2) a board approved course, workshop or seminar in New Mexico cultures; (3) proof of previously passing the New Mexico cultural examination</p> <p>source: https://www.srca.nm.gov/parts/title16/16.063.0003.html</p>	Board of Social Work Examiners
New York	X		X	<p>LMSW: n/a as of 09/2022</p> <p>LCSW: Include at least 12 semester hours or the equivalent of coursework that prepares the individual to practice as a licensed clinical social worker, by providing clinical content which emphasizes the person-in-environment perspective and knowledge and skills in the following: i. diagnosis and assessment in clinical social work practice; ii. clinical social work treatment; and iii. clinical social work practice with general and special populations.</p> <p>A person who has received a master's, or equivalent degree in social work, during which they did not complete a core curriculum which includes clinical courses, may satisfy this requirement by completing equivalent post-graduate clinical coursework, in accordance with the commissioner's regulations.</p> <p>sources: http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/sw/sect52-30.htm http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/sw/article154.htm</p>	NYS Office of the Professions - Social Work
North Carolina	X		X	<p>CMSW: n/a as of 09/2022 CSWM: n/a as of 09/2022 LCSWA: n/a as of 09/2022 LCSW: n/a as of 09/2022</p>	NC Social Work Certification & Licensure Board
North Dakota	X		X	<p>LMSW: n/a as of 09/2022 LCSW: n/a as of 09/2022</p>	North Dakota Board of Social Work Examiners
Ohio	X		X	<p>LSW: n/a as of 09/2022 LISW: n/a as of 09/2022</p>	Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapist Board
Oklahoma	X		X	<p>LMSW: n/a as of 09/2022 LSW: n/a as of 09/2022 LSW-ADM: n/a as of 09/2022 LCSW: n/a as of 09/2022</p>	Oklahoma State Board of Licensed Social Work
Oregon	X		X	<p>LMSW: n/a as of 09/2022 CSWA: n/a as of 09/2022 LCSW: n/a as of 09/2022</p>	Oregon State Board of Licensed Social Workers

Pennsylvania	X		X	<p>LSW: § 47.12. Qualifications for licensure (6) The applicant has completed at least 3 hours of training in child abuse recognition and reporting in accordance with § 47.58(a) (relating to child abuse recognition and reporting—mandatory training requirement).</p> <p>LCSW: § 47.12. Qualifications for licensure (6) The applicant has completed at least 3 hours of training in child abuse recognition and reporting in accordance with § 47.58(a) (relating to child abuse recognition and reporting—mandatory training requirement).</p> <p>sources: http://www.pacodeandbulletin.gov/Display/pacode?file=/secure/pacode/data/049/chapter47/s47.12.html http://www.pacodeandbulletin.gov/Display/pacode?file=/secure/pacode/data/049/chapter47/s47.58.html</p>	Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs
Rhode Island	X		X	<p>LCSW: n/a as of 09/2022</p> <p>LICSW: n/a as of 09/2022</p>	RI Department of Health, Board of Social Work Examiners
South Carolina	X		X	<p>LMSW: n/a as of 09/2022</p> <p>LISW-AP: SECTION 40-63-240. course work content shall include ninety academic contact hours of course work in advanced social work practice with communities and organizations;</p> <p>LISW-CP: SECTION 40-63-240. course work content from a program accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting body for social work programs or from a social work program whose standards are at least equivalent to the minimum standards required by the nationally recognized accrediting body as approved by the board shall include forty-five academic contact hours each of:</p> <p>(a) psychopathology;</p> <p>(b) psychodiagnostics;</p> <p>source: https://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/t40c063.php</p>	South Carolina Board of Social Work Examiners
South Dakota	X		X	<p>CSW: n/a as of 09/2022</p> <p>CSW-PIP: n/a as of 09/2022</p>	South Dakota Board of Social Work Examiners
Tennessee	X		X	<p>LMSW: n/a as of 09/2022</p> <p>LAPSW: n/a as of 09/2022</p> <p>LCSW: n/a as of 09/2022</p>	Board of Social Workers
Texas	X		X	<p>LMSW: n/a as of 09/2022</p> <p>LMSW-AP: n/a as of 09/2022</p> <p>LCSW: n/a as of 09/2022</p>	Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council - Texas State Board of Social Work Examiners
Utah	X		X	<p>CSW: n/a as of 09/2022</p> <p>LCSW: 58-60-205 Qualifications for licensure or certification as a clinical social worker, certified social worker, and social service worker.</p> <p>(1) An applicant for licensure as a clinical social worker shall:</p> <p>(f) have completed a case work, group work, or family treatment course sequence with a clinical practicum in content as defined by rule under Section 58-1-203;</p> <p>R156-60a-102. Definitions.</p> <p>In addition to the definitions in Title 58, Chapters 1 and 60, as used in Title 58, Chapters 1 and 60, or this rule:</p> <p>(3) "Clinical social work concentration and practicum", "clinical concentration and practicum" "case work", "group work", or "family treatment course sequence with a clinical practicum", "clinical practicum" or "practicum", as used in Subsections 58-60-205(1)(g) and (2)(c)(ii), means a track of professional education that is specifically established to prepare an individual to practice or engage in mental health therapy.</p> <p>sources: https://le.utah.gov/xcode/Title58/Chapter60/58-60.html https://adminrules.utah.gov/public/search/R156-60a-101/Current%20Rules</p>	Utah Department of Commerce, Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing
Vermont	X		X	<p>LMSW: n/a as of 09/2022</p> <p>LICSW: n/a as of 09/2022</p>	Office of Professional Regulation - VT Secretary of State's Office

Virginia	X		X	<p>LSMW: n/a as of 09/2022</p> <p>LCSW: § 54.1-3707.1. Educational requirements. The Board shall accept proof of the successful completion of the following as evidence of the satisfaction of the educational requirements for licensure as a clinical social worker: (i) a master's degree in social work with a clinical course of study from a program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, (ii) a master's degree in social work with a non-clinical concentration from a program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education together with successful completion of the educational requirements for a clinical course of study through a graduate program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, or (iii) a program of education and training in social work at an educational institution outside the United States recognized by the Council on Social Work Education. For the purposes of this section, "clinical course of study" means graduate coursework that includes specialized advanced courses in human behavior and the social environment, social justice and policy, psychopathology, and diversity issues; research; clinical practice with individuals, families, and groups; and clinical practicum that focuses on diagnostic, prevention, and treatment services.</p> <p>18VAC140-20-49. Educational requirements for a licensed clinical social worker. A. The applicant for licensure as a clinical social worker shall document successful completion of one of the following: (i) a master's degree in social work with a clinical course of study from a program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, (ii) a master's degree in social work with a nonclinical concentration from a program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education together with successful completion of the educational requirements for a clinical course of study through a graduate program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, or (iii) a program of education and training in social work at an educational institution outside the United States recognized by the Council on Social Work Education.</p> <p>B. The requirement for a clinical practicum in a clinical course of study shall be a minimum of 600 hours, which shall be integrated with clinical course of study coursework and supervised by a person who is a licensed clinical social worker or who holds a master's or doctor's degree in social work and has a minimum of three years of experience in clinical social work services after earning the graduate degree. An applicant who has otherwise met the requirements for a clinical course of study but who did not have a minimum of 600 hours in a supervised field placement/practicum in clinical social work services may meet the requirement by obtaining an equivalent number of hours of supervised practice in clinical social work services in addition to the experience required in 18VAC140-20-50.</p> <p>sources: http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/social/leg/Chapter%2037%20Social%20Work.docx</p>	Virginia Department of Health Professions Board of Social Work
Washington	X		X	<p>LSWAA: n/a as of 09/2022 LASW: n/a as of 09/2022 LSWAIC: n/a as of 09/2022 LICSW: n/a as of 09/2022</p>	Mental Health Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Social Workers Advisory Committee

West Virginia	X		X	<p>LGSW: §30-30-12. License to practice as a licensed graduate social worker. (b) A licensed graduate social worker may engage in the practice of clinical social work, if he or she has: (1) Obtained a master's degree from a school of social work accredited by the council on social work education that included a concentration of clinically oriented course work as defined by the board; (2) Has completed a supervised clinical field placement at the graduate level, or post-master's clinical training that is found by the board to be equivalent;</p> <p>LCSW: §30-30-10. License to practice as a certified social worker. (b) A certified social worker may engage in the practice of clinical social work, if that certified social worker has: (1) Obtained a master's degree from a school of social work accredited by the council on social work education that included a concentration of clinically oriented course work as defined by the board; (2) Has completed a supervised clinical field placement at the graduate level, or post-master's clinical training that is found by the board to be equivalent;</p> <p>LICSW: An eligible applicant must hold a master's degree in social work from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited social work program, and/or a Ph.D. or DSW degree in social work from a university that is accredited by the CSWE. The applicant must have completed a supervised clinical field placement at the graduate level, or post-master's clinical training that is found by the board to be equivalent. The applicant must have completed a graduate course in either psychopathology or abnormal psychology or other course found equivalent by the Board. This course requirement may be a part of or in addition to courses completed in the MSW program.</p> <p>§30-30-8. License to practice as an independent clinical social worker. To be eligible for a license to practice as an independent clinical social worker, the applicant must: (4) Have obtained a master's degree from a school of social work accredited by the council on social work education that included a concentration of clinically oriented course work as defined by the board; (5) Have completed a supervised clinical field placement at the graduate level, or post-master's clinical training that is found by the board to be equivalent;</p> <p>sources: https://www.wvsocialworkboard.org/Licensure/License-Types/Regular-License/Level-D-LICSW http://www.wvlegislature.gov/WVCODE/Code.cfm?chap=30&art=30</p>	WV Board of Social Work
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Wisconsin	X		X	<p>APSW: n/a as of 09/2022 CISW: n/a as of 09/2022</p> <p>LCSW: 457.08 Social worker certificates and licenses. (4) Clinical social worker license. The social worker section shall grant a clinical social worker license to any individual who is certified under sub. (1) and does all of the following: (b) Submits evidence satisfactory to the social worker section that he or she satisfies each of the following: 1. The individual has received a master's degree in social work from a program accredited by, or a preaccreditation program of, the council on social work education or a doctorate degree in social work. 2. As part of the master's or doctorate degree program specified in subd. 1. or postgraduate studies, the individual has completed a clinical social work concentration and supervised clinical field training, both of which are approved by the social worker section, except that, upon the advice of the social worker section, the examining board may promulgate rules that allow an individual to substitute a specified number of hours of supervised clinical work experience for the supervised clinical field training.</p> <p>MPSW 2.01 Definitions. (9) "Clinical social work concentration" means a course of study with a primary focus on resolving intrapsychic and interpersonal problems by means of direct contact with clients at the individual, small group and family level. A concentration on community or organizational problems, social planning or policy development does not constitute a clinical social work concentration. To qualify as a master's or doctoral degree in social work with a concentration in clinical social work, the course of study shall include one course in psychopathology and social work and, from among the following, 2 theory and practice courses: (a) Case management. (c) Clinical assessment and treatment of specific populations and problems, such as children, adolescent, elderly, alcohol and drug abuse, family or couples relationships. (d) Psychopharmacology. (e) Psychotherapeutic interventions. (f) Electives such as family therapy, social work with groups, sex- or gender-related issues and topics.</p> <p>(11) "Interpersonal" means between 2 or among 3 or more individuals or groups. (12) "Intrapsychic" means occurring within one's personality or psyche.</p> <p>sources: https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/457 https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin_code/mpsw/2</p>	State of Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services
Wyoming	X		X	<p>PCSW: n/a as of 09/2022 LCSW: n/a as of 09/2022</p>	Wyoming Mental Health Professions Licensing Board