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## COMPARE LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

License Name	License Initials	Education Requirement	Supervised Experience (Post Degree)	Exam Requirement	Exam Requirement Details
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### ALABAMA

Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker	LICSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work	24 months	Clinical	
Licensed Master Social Worker	LMSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work		Masters	
Licensed Bachelor Social Worker	LBSW	Bachelor of Social Work	Required, number of hours not specified	Bachelors	

### ALASKA

Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work	3000 hours	Clinical	
Licensed Master Social Worker	LMSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work		Masters	
Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker	LBSW	Bachelor of Social Work		Bachelors	

### ARIZONA

License Name	License Initials	Education Requirement	Supervised Experience (Post Degree)	Exam Requirement	Exam Requirement Details
Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work, PhD in Social Work	3200 hours	Clinical	
Licensed Master Social Worker	LMSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work, PhD in Social Work		Masters	
Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker	LBSW	Bachelor of Social Work		Bachelors	
<b>ARKANSAS</b>					
Licensed Certified Social Worker	LCSW	Master of Social Work	4000 hours	Clinical	
Licensed Master Social Worker	LMSW	Master of Social Work		Masters	
Licensed Social Worker	LSW	Bachelor of Social Work		Bachelors	
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>					
Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW	Master of Social Work	3000 hours	Clinical	
Associate Clinical Social Worker	ACSW	Master of Social Work		Exam Not Required	
<b>COLORADO</b>					
Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work	3360 hours	Advanced Generalist, Clinical	
Licensed Social Worker	LSW	Master of Social Work		Masters, Advanced Generalist, Clinical	

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<b>CONNECTICUT</b>					
Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work	3000 hours	Clinical	
Master's Level Social Worker	MLSW	Master of Social Work		Masters	
<b>DELAWARE</b>					
Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work	3200 hours	Clinical	
<b>DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA</b>					
Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker	LICSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work	3000 hours	Clinical	
Licensed Independent Social Worker	LISW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work	3000 hours	Advanced Generalist	
Licensed Graduate Social Worker	LGSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work		Masters	
Licensed Social Work Associate	LSWA	Bachelor of Social Work		Bachelors	
<b>FLORIDA</b>					
Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work	1500 hours	Clinical	
Registered Clinical Social Worker Intern	RCSW-I	Master of Social Work		ASWB Exam Not Required	This is a provisional license for MSW applicants to practice under supervision, there is no exam requirement.

License Name	License Initials	Education Requirement	Supervised Experience (Post Degree)	Exam Requirement	Exam Requirement Details
Certified Master Social Worker	CMSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work	3000 hours	Advanced Generalist	
<b>GEORGIA</b>					
Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW	Master of Social Work	3000 hours	Clinical	
Licensed Master Social Worker	LMSW	Master of Social Work		Masters	
<b>HAWAII</b>					
Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work	3000 hours	Clinical	
Licensed Social Worker	LSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work with Clinical Focus		Masters	
Licensed Bachelor Social Worker	LBSW	Bachelor of Social Work		Bachelors	
<b>IDAHO</b>					
Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work	3000 hours	Clinical	
Licensed Master Social Worker	LMSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work		Masters	
Licensed Social Worker	LSW	Bachelor of Social Work		Bachelors	
<b>ILLINOIS</b>					
Licensed Clinical Social Worker 1	LCSW1	Doctorate of Social Work	2000 hours	Clinical	

License Name	License Initials	Education Requirement	Supervised Experience (Post Degree)	Exam Requirement	Exam Requirement Details
Licensed Clinical Social Worker 2	LCSW2	Master of Social Work	3000 hours	Clinical	
Licensed Social Worker 1	LSW1	Master of Social Work		Masters	
Licensed Social Worker 2	LSW2	Bachelor of Social Work	Three years	Masters	
<b>INDIANA</b>					
Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work	Two years	Clinical	
Licensed Social Worker	LSW	Master of Social Work		Masters	
Licensed Bachelor Social Worker	LBSW	Bachelor of Social Work		Bachelors	
<b>IOWA</b>					
Licensed Independent Social Worker	LISW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work	Required, number of hours not specified	Clinical	
Licensed Master Social Worker	LMSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work		Masters	
Licensed Bachelor Social Worker	LBSW	Bachelor of Social Work		Bachelors	
<b>KANSAS</b>					
Licensed Specialist Clinical Social Worker	LSCSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work	4000 hours	Clinical	

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Licensed Master Social Worker	LMSW	Master of Social Work		Masters	
Licensed Bachelor Social Worker	LBSW	Bachelor of Social Work		Bachelors	
<b>KENTUCKY</b>					
Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work	3600 hours	Clinical	
Certified Social Worker	CSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work	Required, number of hours not specified	Masters	
Licensed Social Worker 2	LSW2	Bachelor of Social Work	2 years	Bachelors	
Licensed Social Worker 1	LSW1	Bachelor of Arts	Required, number of hours not specified	Bachelors	
<b>LOUISIANA</b>					
Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW	Master of Social Work	5760 hours	Clinical	
Licensed Master Social Worker	LMSW	Master of Social Work		Masters	
Certified Social Worker	CSW	Master of Social Work		Exam Not Required	This license is for social workers who have not yet passed the Master's exam.
Registered Social Worker	RSW	Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Social Work		Exam Not Required	

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<b>MAINE</b>					
Licensed Clinical Social Worker 1	LCSW1 (LC)	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work	3200 hours	Clinical	
Licensed Clinical Social Worker 2	LCSW2 (LC)	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work	6400 hours	Clinical	
Licensed Masters Social Worker, Clinical Conditional	LMSW-CC (MC)	Master of Social Work		Masters	
Licensed Master Social Worker	LMSW (LM)	Master of Social Work		Masters	
Licensed Social Worker 1	LSW1 (LS)	Bachelor of Social Work		Bachelors	
Licensed Social Worker 2, Conditional	LSW2-C (LSX)	Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science	3200 hours	Exam Not Required	
<b>MARYLAND</b>					
Licensed Certified Social Worker-Clinical	LCSW-C	Master of Social Work	3000 hours	Clinical	
Licensed Certified Social Worker	LCSW	Master of Social Work	3000 hours	Advanced Generalist	
Licensed Master Social Worker	LMSW	Master of Social Work		Masters	
Licensed Bachelor Social Worker	LBSW	Bachelor of Social Work		Bachelors	
<b>MASSACHUSETTS</b>					

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Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker	LICSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work	3500 hours	Clinical	
Licensed Certified Social Worker	LCSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work		Masters	
Licensed Social Worker 1	LSW1	Bachelor of Social Work		Bachelors	
Licensed Social Worker 2	LSW2	Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science	3,500 hours	Bachelors	
Licensed Social Worker 3	LSW3	2.5 years of college	8750 hours	Bachelors	
Licensed Social Worker 4	LSW4	2 years of college	10500 hours	Bachelors	
Licensed Social Worker 5	LSW5	1 year of college	12250 hours	Bachelors	
Licensed Social Worker 6	LSW6	High school diploma	17,500 hours	Bachelors	
Licensed Social Work Associate 1	LSWA1	Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science		Associates	Associate Exam Required
Licensed Social Work Associate 2	LSW2	Associate/Diploma (2 year degree)		Associates	Associate Exam Required
Licensed Social Work Associate 3	LSWA3	High school diploma	4 years	Associates	Associate Exam Required

**MICHIGAN**



License Name	License Initials	Education Requirement	Supervised Experience (Post Degree)	Exam Requirement	Exam Requirement Details
Licensed Master Social Worker-Clinical	LMSW-C	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work	4000 hours	Clinical	
Licensed Master Social Worker - Macro	LMSW-M	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work	4000 hours	Advanced Generalist	
Licensed Bachelor Social Worker	LBSW	Bachelor of Social Work	4000 hours	Bachelors	
Limited Bachelor Social Worker		Bachelor of Social Work			
Social Service Technician 1	SST1	Associate Degree in Social Work	350 hours	Exam Not Required	
Social Service Technician 2	SST2	2 years of college with 4 courses in human services or HS Diploma	2000 hours	Exam Not Required	
Social Service Technician 3	SST3	Not specified	2000 hours	Exam Not Required	
Limited Social Service Technician		2 years of college		Exam Not Required	
<b>MINNESOTA</b>					
Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker	LICSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work, PhD in Social Work	4000 hours	Clinical	
Licensed Independent Social Worker	LISW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work, PhD in Social Work	4000 hours	Advanced Generalist	

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Licensed Graduate Social Worker	LGSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work, PhD in Social Work	4000 hours (required once the license is issued)	Masters	
Licensed Social Worker	LSW	Bachelor of Social Work	4000 hours (required once the license is issued)	Bachelors	
<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>					
Licensed Certified Social Worker	LCSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work, PhD in Social Work	24 months	Advanced Generalist, Clinical	The exam required depends on the path of supervision selected by the license applicant.
Licensed Master Social Worker	LMSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work, PhD in Social Work		Masters	
Licensed Social Worker	LSW	Bachelor of Social Work		Bachelors	
<b>MISSOURI</b>					
Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work	3000 hours	Clinical	
Licensed Advanced Macro Social Worker	LAMSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work	3000 hours	Advanced Generalist	
Licensed Master Social Worker	LMSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work		Masters	
Licensed Bachelors Social Worker	LBSW	Bachelor of Social Work	3000 hours	Bachelors	

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<b>MONTANA</b>					
Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work	3000 hours	Clinical	
<b>NEBRASKA</b>					
Licensed Mental Health Practitioner	LMHP	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work with Clinical Focus	3000 hours	Clinical	
Provisional Mental Health Practitioner	PMHP	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work with Clinical Focus		Exam Not Required	
Certified Master Social Worker	CMSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work	3000 hours	Masters, Advanced Generalist, Clinical	
Provisional Certified Master Social Worker	PCMSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work		Exam Not Required	
Certified Social Worker	CSW	Bachelor of Social Work, Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work		Exam Not Required	
<b>NEVADA</b>					
Clinical Social Worker	CSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work	3000 hours	Clinical	
Independent Social Worker	ISW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work	3000 hours	Advanced Generalist	
Social Worker	SW	Bachelor of Social Work, Master of Social Work		Bachelors	

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<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>					
Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker	LICSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work with Clinical Focus	3000 hours	Clinical	
<b>NEW JERSEY</b>					
Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work	3000 hours	Clinical	
Licensed Social Worker	LSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work		Masters	
Certified Social Worker 1	CSW1	Bachelor of Social Work		Exam Not Required	
Certified Social Worker 2	CSW2	Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science	1600 hours	Exam Not Required	
<b>NEW MEXICO</b>					
Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW	Master of Social Work	3600 hours	Clinical	
Licensed Independent Social Worker	LISW	Master of Social Work	3600 hours	Advanced Generalist	
Licensed Master Social Worker	LMSW	Master of Social Work		Masters	
Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker	LBSW	Bachelor of Social Work		Bachelors	
<b>NEW YORK</b>					
Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW	Master of Social Work	2000 hours	Clinical	

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Licensed Master Social Worker	LMSW	Master of Social Work		Masters	
<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>					
Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work	3000 hours	Clinical	
Licensed Clinical Social Worker Associate	LCSWA	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work		Exam Not Required	
Certified Social Work Manager	CSWM	Bachelor of Social Work, Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work	3000 hours	Advanced Generalist	
Certified Master Social Worker	CMSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work		Masters	
Certified Social Worker	CSW	Bachelor of Social Work		Bachelors	
<b>NORTH DAKOTA</b>					
Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker	LICSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work, PhD in Social Work	3000 hours	Clinical	
Licensed Certified Social Worker	LCSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work, PhD in Social Work		Masters	
Licensed Social Worker	LSW	Bachelor of Social Work		Bachelors	
<b>OHIO</b>					
Licensed Independent Social Worker	LISW	Master of Social Work	3000 hours	Advanced Generalist, Clinical	

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Licensed Social Worker	LSW	Bachelor of Social Work, Master of Social Work, PhD in Social Work		Bachelors, Masters	Bachelor's-level graduates are eligible to take the Bachelor's exam. Master's-level graduates are eligible to take the Master's exam.
Social Work Assistant	RSWA	Associate/Diploma (2 year degree)	Required, number of hours not specified	Exam Not Required	

### OKLAHOMA

Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW	Master of Social Work	4000 hours	Clinical	
Licensed Social Worker-Administration	LSW-ADM	Master of Social Work	4000 hours	Advanced Generalist	
Licensed Social Worker	LSW	Master of Social Work	4000 hours	Advanced Generalist	
Licensed Master Social Worker	LMSW	Master of Social Work		Masters	
Licensed Social Work Associate	LSWA	Bachelor of Social Work		Bachelors	

### OREGON

Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW	Master of Social Work	3500 hours	Clinical	
Certified Social Work Associate	CSWA	Master of Social Work		Exam Not Required	

License Name	License Initials	Education Requirement	Supervised Experience (Post Degree)	Exam Requirement	Exam Requirement Details
Licensed Master's Social Worker	LMSW	Master of Social Work		Masters	
Registered Baccalaureate Social Worker	RBSW	Bachelor of Social Work		Bachelors	
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>					
Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work	3000 hours	Clinical	
Licensed Social Worker	LSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work		Masters	
Licensed Bachelor Social Worker	LBSW	Bachelor of Social Work		Bachelors	
<b>RHODE ISLAND</b>					
Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker	LICSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work	3000 hours	Clinical	
Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work		Masters	
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>					
Licensed Independent Social Worker-CP	LISW-CP	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work	3000 hours	Clinical	
Licensed Independent Social Worker-AP	LISW-AP	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work	3000 hours	Advanced Generalist	
Licensed Master Social Worker	LMSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work		Masters	

License Name	License Initials	Education Requirement	Supervised Experience (Post Degree)	Exam Requirement	Exam Requirement Details
Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker	LBSW	Bachelor of Social Work		Bachelors	
<b>SOUTH DAKOTA</b>					
Certified Social Worker Private Independent Practice	CSW-PIP	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work	2 years	Clinical	
Certified Social Worker	CSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work		Masters	
Licensed Social Worker 1	LSW1	Bachelor of Social Work		Bachelors	
Licensed Social Worker 2	LSW2	Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science	Required, number of hours not specified	Bachelors	
Social Work Associate	SWA	Associate/Diploma (2 year degree), Bachelor of Arts		Associates	Associate License
<b>TENNESSEE</b>					
Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work	3000 hours	Clinical	
Licensed Advanced Practice Social Worker	LAPSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work	3000 hours	Advanced Generalist	
Licensed Master Social Worker	LMSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work		Masters	
Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker	LBSW	Bachelor of Social Work		Bachelors	



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<b>TEXAS</b>					
Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work	3000 hours	Clinical	
Licensed Master Social Worker-Advanced Practice	LMSW-AP	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work	3000 hours	Advanced Generalist	
Licensed Master Social Worker	LMSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work		Masters	
Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker	LBSW	Bachelor of Social Work		Bachelors	
<b>UTAH</b>					
Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work with Clinical Focus	4000 hours	Clinical	
Certified Social Worker	CSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work with Clinical Focus		Masters, Advanced Generalist, Clinical	
Social Service Worker 1	SSW1	Bachelor of Social Work, Master of Social Work		Bachelors	
Social Service Worker 2	SSW2	Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science	2000 hours	Bachelors	
<b>VERMONT</b>					
Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker	LICSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work	3000 hours	Clinical	

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Licensed Master Social Worker	LMSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work		Masters	
<b>VIRGINIA</b>					
Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW	Master of Social Work	3000 hours	Clinical	
Licensed Social Worker 1	LSW1	Master of Social Work		Bachelors	
Licensed Social Worker 2	LBSW	Bachelor of Social Work	3000 hours	Bachelors	
Associate Social Worker	ASW	Bachelor of Social Work		Exam Not Required	
<b>WASHINGTON</b>					
Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker	LICSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work	4000 hours	Clinical	
Licensed Social Worker Associate Independent Clinical	LSWAIC	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work		Exam Not Required	
Licensed Advanced Social Worker	LASW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work	3200 hours	Advanced Generalist	
Licensed Social Worker Associate Advanced	LSWAA	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work		Exam Not Required	
<b>WEST VIRGINIA</b>					

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Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker	LICSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work, PhD in Social Work	4000 hours	Clinical	
Licensed Certified Social Worker	LCSW	Master of Social Work	3000 hours	Advanced Generalist	
Licensed Graduate Social Worker	LGSW	Master of Social Work		Masters	
Licensed Social Worker	LSW	Bachelor of Social Work		Bachelors	
Provisional Licensed Social Worker	LSW-P	Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science		Bachelors	

### WISCONSIN

Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work	3000 hours	Clinical	
Licensed Social Worker Independent	LSWI	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work	3000 hours	Advanced Generalist	
Advanced Practice Social Worker	APSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work		Masters	
Certified Social Worker	CSW	Bachelor of Social Work, Master of Social Work		Bachelors	
Social Work Training Certificate	SWTC	Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science	Human services internship or one year of social work employment	Bachelors	

### WYOMING

License Name	License Initials	Education Requirement	Supervised Experience (Post Degree)	Exam Requirement	Exam Requirement Details
Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW	Master of Social Work	3000 hours	Advanced Generalist, Clinical	
Provisional Licensed Clinical Social Worker	PLCSW	Master of Social Work, Doctorate of Social Work		Exam Not Required	
Certified Social Worker	CSW	Bachelor of Social Work		Bachelors, Masters	

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