

## 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 URL. This document is dated June of 2020.

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 license (e.g., LMSW)			State educational requirements to be aware of at any/all levels of licensure or certification (ASWB) <i>as of June 2020</i>	Agency Name and hyperlinked URL
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Unable to determine		
Alabama	X		X				<a href="#">Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners</a>
Alaska	X		X				<a href="#">Alaska Board of Social Work Examiners</a>
Arizona	X		X				<a href="#">Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners</a>
Arkansas	X		X				<a href="#">Arkansas Social Work Licensing Board</a>
California	X			X		X	<a href="#">California Board of Behavioral Science</a>
Colorado	X		X				<a href="#">Colorado State Board of Social Work Examiners</a>
Connecticut	X		X				<a href="#">Connecticut Department of Public Health, Social Work Licensing and Investigations Section</a>
Delaware	X		X				<a href="#">Board of Social Work Examiners</a>
District of Columbia	X		X				<a href="#">DC Department of Health - Health Professional Licensing Administration (HPLA)</a>
Florida	X		X			X	<a href="#">Florida Department of Health Board of Mental Health Professions</a>
Georgia	X		X				<a href="#">Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists</a>
Hawaii	X		X				<a href="#">Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs</a>
Idaho	X		X				<a href="#">Board of Psychologist Examiners</a>
Illinois	X		X				<a href="#">Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation</a>
Indiana	X		X			X	<a href="#">Indiana Behavioral Health and Human Services Licensing Board</a>
Iowa	X		X				<a href="#">Iowa Department of Public Health</a>
Kansas	X		X			X	<a href="#">Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board</a>
Kentucky	X		X				<a href="#">Kentucky Board of Social Work</a>
Louisiana	X		X				<a href="#">Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners</a>
Maine	X		X			X	<a href="#">State Board of Social Worker Licensure</a>
Maryland	X		X			X	<a href="#">The Board of Examiners of Psychologists</a>

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Massachusetts	X		X				<a href="#">Massachusetts Board of Registration of Social Workers</a>
Michigan	X		X				<a href="#">Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs</a>
Minnesota	X		X			X	<a href="#">Minnesota Board of Social Work</a>
Mississippi	X		X				<a href="#">Mississippi Board of Examiners for Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists</a>
Missouri	X		X			X	<a href="#">Missouri Division of Professional Registration</a>
Montana	X		X				<a href="#">Board of Behavioral Health</a>
Nebraska	X		X			X	<a href="#">Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services</a>
Nevada	X		X				<a href="#">Nevada Board of Examiners for Social Workers</a>
New Hampshire	X		X				<a href="#">Board of Mental Health Practice</a>
New Jersey	X		X			X	<a href="#">State Board of Social Work Examiners</a>
New Mexico	X			X		X	<a href="#">Board of Social Work Examiners</a>
New York	X		X			X	<a href="#">Professional Education Program Review</a>
North Carolina	X		X				<a href="#">NC Social Work Certification &amp; Licensure Board</a>
North Dakota	X		X				<a href="#">North Dakota Board of Social Work Examiners</a>
Ohio	X		X			X	<a href="#">Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapist Board</a>
Oklahoma	X		X				<a href="#">Oklahoma State Board of Licensed Social Work</a>
Oregon	X		X				<a href="#">Oregon State Board of Licensed Social Workers</a>
Pennsylvania	X		X			X	<a href="#">Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs</a>
Rhode Island	X		X				<a href="#">RI Department of Health, Board of Social Work Examiners</a>
South Carolina	X		X			X	<a href="#">South Carolina Board of Social Work Examiners</a>
South Dakota	X		X				<a href="#">South Dakota Board of Social Work Examiners</a>
Tennessee	X		X			X	<a href="#">Board of Social Workers</a>
Texas	X		X				<a href="#">Texas Department of State Health Services- Texas State Board of Social Work Examiners</a>
Utah	X		X				<a href="#">Utah Department of Commerce, Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing</a>
Vermont	X		X				<a href="#">Office of Professional Regulation - VT Secretary of State's Office</a>
Virginia	X		X			X	<a href="#">Virginia Department of Health Professions Board of Social Work</a>
Washington	X		X			X	<a href="#">Mental Health Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Social Workers Advisory Committee</a>
West Virginia	X		X			X	<a href="#">WV Board of Social Work</a>
Wisconsin	X		X			X	<a href="#">State of Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services</a>
Wyoming	X		X				<a href="#">Wyoming Mental Health Professions Licensing Board</a>