
Social Work Licensure

— An overview —
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Agenda

Examination process

Bachelor graduates overview

Master graduates overview



Board of SW Licensure- Licensing and Forms

Navigating the Website

LSW = LS

LMSW - LM

LMSW-CC = MC

LCSW = LC

Examination

Examination- ASWB

\$60 to apply to take exam- per website for Maine

\$230 (Bachelor's and Master's) fee to take the exam

Content outlines

Provide test takers an outline of materials to expect on exams

170 questions (20 unscored pretest)

**Non-standard testing arrangements



Taking the exam before graduation

ASWB requires all states to approve candidates prior to allowing them to take exam.

- You can take the exam with proof of degree (official transcript), or a letter from USM indicating your expected date of graduation and that you are in good standing. You would then submit the official transcript after passing the exam when you apply for licensure.
- Your licensure application is not complete until MSW degree is conferred and the official transcript from a CSWE accredited institution is submitted as proof

Note!

The Maine State Board is not in charge of the examination.

All questions should be made to: ASWB

1-866-825-9580

Maine@aswb.org

Licensure

I'm leaving Maine!

Moving now

- Apply for licensure in that state, not here.

Moving Later

- Look at that state's site regarding reciprocity
 - i.e. being able to use a Maine license to do practice in that state
- If no reciprocity, you will need to apply there

Licensure costs

Application:

- \$70 for licensure application
- \$21 Criminal history check

Renewal:

- \$70 (up to 60 days before and 90 days after due date)

Continuing Education Units (CEUs)

25 hours every license cycle (2 years)

- Four of those MUST be in ethics
- Keep records of your CEUs

Must have had 12 hours of IPV

- Part of USM curriculum

Bachelor's of Social Work- LSW

- BSW
- Completion of ASWB exam
- Must have a consultation agreement on record with the State for supervision
 - First 2-4 years of work

CANNOT ENGAGE IN PRIVATE PRACTICE

See- *Title 32,§7053-A: Functions*, for list of applicable job duties

LSW Process

- A completed [Online Application](#) for Licensure
- Documentation of successful passage of the required [ASWB Bachelors examination](#)
- A copy of your official transcript of an earned Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) or Social Welfare degree from a CSWE accredited program
- A completed "[Agreement to Provide Consultation](#)" form, signed by a qualified consultant

LSW continued

If you also have other licenses (current or old) you must include them:

“Official license verifications for all professional licenses the applicant holds or has ever held, even if they are now expired. License verifications need to include the applicant's name, license number, license type, initial issue date, current expiration date and whether the license has ever been disciplined. Copies of professional licenses are **not** acceptable.”

[Maine Board of Licensure](#)

Masters of Social Work

LMSW

LMSW-cc

LCSW

- Definitions
- Process

USM and licensure

USM's degree is for "Advanced Social Work Practice"

Do NOT let the term "clinical" confuse you!!!

LMSW

Non-clinical

For those with an MSW NOT pursuing or needing to pursue clinical work

Process:

- Take Exam
- Apply for license
- Official verification of all other licenses (ex.- CADAC)

LMSW-cc

“...a clinical, master level, conditional license which requires an earned master's or doctoral of social work degree and a passing score on the ASWB Masters examination... **may not engage in private practice.**”

Maine Board of Social Work Licensure

LMSW-cc

A “conditional license” indicates the MC licensee has entered an arrangement of consultation pursuant to Chapter 13 section 4.(1)(C) and may not practice social work without an active [consultation agreement](#) on record with the Board. If a consultation agreement ends, the MC must notify the Board and submit a new consultation agreement form for approval.

The consultant shall provide consultation pursuant to Chapter 13 Section 5.(1)(D) and provide a [Verification of Consultation](#) Form to the MC licensee when either the consultation requirement for LC licensure **has been completed**, or the consultation agreement has **ended**.

Consultation

Completion of 96 hours of consultation concurrent with 3200 hours of social work employment in a clinical setting.

Consultation is by, “licensed clinical social worker, certified social worker - independent practice, licensed clinical professional counselor, licensed marriage and family therapist, licensed psychologist, licensed psychiatrist, or similarly-credentialed licensee in any of the aforementioned professions from any state or country engaged as the consultant.”

ME State Board of Licensure; Ch. 13- Licensure, p. 5.

LMSW-cc

- Take and pass exam
- Obtain a supervisor “consultant”
- A completed [Agreement to Provide Consultation](#) form, signed by a qualified consultant
- A completed [Clinical Concentration Worksheet](#)
- Apply for licensure

Clinical Concentration Worksheet- Standard MSWs

- SWO 552- Personality Theory focused on growth and development
- SWO 660- Personality Theory focused on adult psychopathology

Four Graduate Clinical Methods Courses

- SWO 503
- SWO 603
- SWO 651
- SWO 654/655
- Practice electives

Clinical Concentration Worksheet- Advanced Standing MSWs

- SWO 370- Personality Theory focused on growth and development
- SWO 660- Personality Theory focused on adult psychopathology

Four Graduate Clinical Methods Courses

- SWO 603
- SWO 651
- SWO 654/655
- Practice electives

Practice Electives

Grief and Loss

Medical Social Work

DBT

Substance Use

LGBTQIA+ Practice

Animal-Human Bond

Family Interventions

Social Work with
Immigrants/Refugees

Empowerment-Trauma

Various HCEs

I'm licensed!! Now what?

- Weekly supervision
- Log hours and topics
 - How long should I keep this?
 - FOREVER!
- Attend trainings for CEUs
 - Keep record of CEUs