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# Social Work Licensure

— An overview —  
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# Agenda

Examination process

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)

# 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

# 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