

Social Work Programs Leading to Licensure State by State Compliance Disclosure

NMU offers two programs designed to lead to licensure for social work practice: the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) and the Master of Social Work (MSW). The BSW program has been continuously accredited by the Council of social Work Education (CSWE) since 1974. The new MSW program began formally as an Accreditation Candidate program with full accreditation anticipated in 2022.

Following is a statement from the Council on Social work Education:

Social Work Licensing Information

Licensing of social work practitioners is under the authority of a designated office in each individual state. All 50 states and the District of Columbia require that a social worker sitting for a licensing exam be a graduate of a CSWE-accredited program.

Contact information for individual state licensing boards can be found on the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) website at www.aswb.org or through an internet search for a licensing board for a particular state.

The [Association of Social Work Boards \(ASWB\)](http://www.aswb.org) is the association of boards that regulate social work. ASWB develops and maintains the social work licensing examination used across the country and is a central resource for information on the legal regulation of social work. Through the association, social work boards can share information and work together. ASWB also is available to help individual social workers and social work students with questions they may have about licensing and the social work examinations.

Copied from <https://www.cswe.org/Accreditation/Information/Social-Work-Licensing-Information> on April 21, 2021.

This chart provides an overview of licensure levels by state/territory and whether our CSWE accredited program curriculum meets the educational requirements for that specific license to the best of our knowledge. The Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) provided the data necessary to make this determination. Should you wish to further explore eligibility for professional licensure, we encourage you to contact your licensure board and us before enrolling. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee our chart's accuracy due to changing policy and other considerations. For access to the data used for the development of this chart, you can access the ASWB site here: <https://www.aswb.org/accreditation-data/>.

State/Territory/Province	License Name	License Initials	NMU BSW Compliant?	NMU MSW Compliant?
ALABAMA				
	Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker	LICSW	No	Yes
	Licensed Master Social Worker	LMSW	No	Yes
	Licensed Bachelor Social Worker	LBSW	Yes	No

ALASKA				
	Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW	No	Yes
	Licensed Master Social Worker	LMSW	No	Yes
	Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker	LBSW	Yes	No
ALBERTA				
	Registered Social Worker-Clinical	RSW-C	No	Yes
	Registered Social Worker	RSW	Yes	Yes
	Provisional Registered Social Worker	P-RSW	Yes	Yes
ARIZONA				
	Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW	No	Yes
	Licensed Master Social Worker	LMSW	No	Yes
	Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker	LBSW	Yes	No
ARKANSAS				
	Licensed Certified Social Worker	LCSW	No	Yes
	Licensed Master Social Worker	LMSW	No	Yes
	Licensed Social Worker	LSW	Yes	No
CALIFORNIA				
*Additional courses are required contact our program for additional information.	Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW	No	Yes
	Associate Clinical Social Worker	ACSW	No	Yes
COLORADO				
	Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW	No	Yes
	Licensed Social Worker	LSW	No	Yes
CONNECTICUT				
	Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW	No	Yes
	Master's Level Social Worker	MLSW	No	Yes
DELAWARE				

	Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW	No	Yes
	Licensed Masters Social Worker	LMSW	No	Yes
	Licensed Bachelors Social Worker	LBSW	Yes	No
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA				
	Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker	LICSW	No	Yes
	Licensed Independent Social Worker	LISW	No	Yes
	Licensed Graduate Social Worker	LGSW	No	Yes
	Licensed Social Work Associate	LSWA	Yes	No
FLORIDA				
<p>Florida requires specific courses, contact us for assistance on making this determination. Completed 24 semester hours or 32 quarter hours in theory of human behavior and practicemethods as courses in clinically oriented services, including a minimumof one course in psychopathology.</p> <p>Courses not considered to be clinically oriented are: policy, administration, organization and communities. A degree review/plan is necessary for students. Contact our program for additional help prior to enrollment.</p> <p>**The applicant submits proof satisfactory to the department that theapplicant has received a doctoral degree in social work, or a master’s degree with a major emphasis or specialty in clinical practice or administration, including, but not limited</p>	Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW	No	Yes*
	Registered Clinical Social Worker Intern	RCSW-I	No	Yes*

to, agency administration and supervision, program planning and evaluation, staff development, research, community organization, community services, social planning, and human service advocacy. A degree review/plan is necessary for students. Contact our program for additional help prior to enrollment.

Certified Master Social Worker	CMSW		No	Yes**
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GEORGIA

Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW		No	Yes
Licensed Master Social Worker	LMSW		No	Yes

GUAM

Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW		No	Yes
Licensed Master Social Worker	LMSW		No	Yes
Licensed Bachelor Social Worker	LBSW		Yes	No

HAWAII

Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW		No	Yes
Licensed Social Worker	LSW		No	Yes
Licensed Bachelor Social Worker	LBSW		Yes	No

IDAHO

Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW		No	Yes
Licensed Master Social Worker	LMSW		No	Yes
Licensed Social Worker	LSW		Yes	No

ILLINOIS

Licensed Clinical Social Worker 1	LCSW1		No	Yes
Licensed Clinical Social Worker 2	LCSW2		No	No
Licensed Social Worker 1	LSW1		No	Yes
Licensed Social Worker 2	LSW2		Yes	No

INDIANA

Required completion of twenty-four (24) semester hours of clinically oriented services courses in the theory and research	Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW		No	Yes
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of human behavior and social environment and practice methods. A degree review/plan is necessary for students. Contact our program for additional help prior to enrollment.	Licensed Social Worker	LSW	No	Yes
	Licensed Bachelor Social Worker	LBSW	Yes	No
IOWA				
	Licensed Independent Social Worker	LISW	No	Yes
	Licensed Master Social Worker	LMSW	No	Yes
	Licensed Bachelor Social Worker	LBSW	Yes	No
KANSAS				
* Requires the completion 15 credit hours as part of or in addition to the requirements of 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. A degree review/plan is necessary for students. Contact our program for additional help prior to enrollment.	Licensed Specialist Clinical Social Worker	LSCSW	No	Yes*
	Licensed Master Social Worker	LMSW	No	Yes
	Licensed Bachelor Social Worker	LBSW	Yes	No
KENTUCKY				
	Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW	No	Yes
	Certified Social Worker	CSW	No	Yes
	Licensed Social Worker 1	LSW1	Yes	No
	Licensed Social Worker 2	LSW2	No	No
LOUISIANA				
	Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW	No	Yes
	Licensed Master Social Worker	LMSW	No	Yes

Certified Social Worker	CSW	No	Yes
Registered Social Worker	RSW	Yes	No

MAINE

*An applicant for initial licensure shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the board successful completion of a minimum of 12 hours of coursework in family or intimate partner violence, including coursework 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. A degree review/plan is necessary for students. Contact our program for additional help prior to enrollment.

Licensed Clinical Social Worker 1	LCSW1 (LC)	No	Yes*
Licensed Clinical Social Worker 2	LCSW2 (LC)	No	Yes*
Licensed Masters Social Worker, Clinical Conditional	LMSW-CC (MC)	No	Yes*
Licensed Master Social Worker	LMSW (LM)	No	Yes*
Licensed Social Worker 1	LSW1 (LS)	Yes	No
Licensed Social Worker 2, Conditional	LSW2-C (LSX)	No	No

MARYLAND

Licensed Certified Social Worker-Clinical	LCSW-C	No	Yes
Licensed Certified Social Worker	LCSW	No	Yes
Licensed Master Social Worker	LMSW	No	Yes
Licensed Bachelor Social Worker	LBSW	Yes	No

MASSACHUSETTS

Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker	LICSW	No	Yes
Licensed Certified Social Worker	LCSW	No	Yes
Licensed Social Worker 1	LSW1	Yes	No
Licensed Social Worker 2	LSW2	No	No
Licensed Social Worker 3	LSW3	No	No
Licensed Social Worker 4	LSW4	No	No
Licensed Social Worker 5	LSW5	No	No

Licensed Social Worker 6	LSW6	No	No
Licensed Social Work Associate 1	LSWA1	No	No
Licensed Social Work Associate 2	LSW2	No	No
Licensed Social Work Associate 3	LSWA3	No	No

MICHIGAN

Licensed Master Social Worker-Clinical	LMSW-C	No	Yes
Licensed Master Social Worker - Macro	LMSW-M	No	Yes
Limited License Master's Social Worker	LLMSW	No	Yes
Licensed Bachelor Social Worker	LBSW	Yes	No
Limited Bachelor Social Worker	LBSW	Yes	No
Social Service Technician 1	SST1	No	No
Social Service Technician 2	SST2	No	No
Social Service Technician 3	SST3	No	No
Limited Social Service Technician	LSST	No	No

MINNESOTA

* Must complete 360 clock hours (one semester credit hour = 15 clock hours) in the following clinical knowledge areas: 108 clock hours (30 percent) in differential diagnosis and biopsychosocial assessment, including normative development and psychopathology across the life span; 36 clock hours (ten percent) in assessment-based clinical treatment planning with measurable goals; 108 clock hours (30 percent) in clinical intervention methods informed by research

Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker	LICSW	No	Yes*
Licensed Independent Social Worker	LISW	No	Yes*

<p>and current standards of practice; 18 clock hours (five percent) in evaluation methodologies; 72 clock hours (20 percent) in social work values and ethics, including cultural context, diversity, and social policy; and 18 clock hours (five percent) in culturally specific clinical assessment and intervention. A degree review plan is necessary for students. Contact our program for additional help prior to enrollment.</p>	Licensed Graduate Social Worker	LGSW	No	Yes
	Licensed Social Worker	LSW	Yes	No

MISSISSIPPI

	Licensed Certified Social Worker	LCSW	No	Yes
	Licensed Master Social Worker	LMSW	No	Yes
	Licensed Social Worker	LSW	Yes	No

MISSOURI

	Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW	No	Yes
	Licensed Advanced Macro Social Worker	LAMSW	No	Yes
	Licensed Master Social Worker	LMSW	No	Yes
	Licensed Bachelors Social Worker	LBSW	Yes	No

MONTANA

	Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW	No	Yes
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	Licensed Master's Social Worker	LMSW	No	Yes
	Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker	LBSW	Yes	No
	Social Worker Licensure Candidate	SWLC	Yes	Yes

NEBRASKA

<p>Individuals who completed the practicum/internship after September 1, 1995, the practicum/internship must have included a minimum of 300 clock hours of direct client contact of which 150 clock hours must be face-to-face in a work setting, under the supervision of a qualified supervisor as defined in 172 NAC 81-002. Any artificial situation where a person presents a problem, such as role playing, is not acceptable. Theories and Techniques: At least 6 semester hours or 9 quarter hours. Courses that cover therapeutic techniques and strategies for human behavioral intervention. This includes major contributions of the biological, behavioral, cognitive, and social sciences relevant to understanding assessment and treatment of the person and his/her environment with emphases on the social systems framework, personality theories and development through the life cycle, and their application. Professional Ethics: At least 3 semester hours or 4.5 quarter hours. The application of ethical and legal issues to the practice. Examples are family law, codes of ethics, boundaries, peer review, record keeping, confidentiality, informed consent, and duty to</p>	Licensed Independent Mental Health Practitioner	LIMHP	No	Yes*
	Licensed Mental Health Practitioner	LMHP	No	Yes*
	Provisional Mental Health Practitioner	PMHP	No	Yes*
	Certified Master Social Worker	CMSW	No	Yes
	Provisional Certified Master Social Worker	PCMSW	No	Yes
	Certified Social Worker	CSW	Yes	Yes

<p>warn. Assessment Techniques: At least 3 semester hours or 4.5 quarter hours. Includes the process of collecting pertinent data about client or client systems and their environment and appraising the data as a basis for making decisions regarding treatment and/or referral. Examples are ability to make a clinical diagnostic impression, knowledge of psychopathology, and assessment of substance abuse and other addictions. Human Growth and Development: At least 3 semester hours or 4.5 quarter hours. The integration of the psychological, sociological, and biological approaches within the life cycle. Examples are awareness of culture, gender, or human sexuality at developmental levels, human behavior (normal and abnormal), personality theory, and learning theory. Research and Evaluation: At least 3 semester hours or 4.5 quarter hours. Includes such areas as statistics or research design and development of research and demonstration proposals.</p> <p>Undergraduate Courses: Graduate programs accepting an undergraduate course(s) as meeting the course criteria in subsection 2b through 2f will be acceptable. A degree review/plan is necessary for students. Contact our program for additional help prior to enrollment.</p>				
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NEVADA

	Clinical Social Worker	CSW	No	Yes
	Independent Social Worker	ISW	No	Yes
	Social Worker	SW	Yes	Yes

NEW HAMPSHIRE

<p>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) Coursework 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. A degree review/plan is necessary for students. Contact our program for additional help prior to enrollment.</p>	<p>Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker</p>	<p>LICSW</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Yes*</p>
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NEW JERSEY

<p>Completed 12 semester hours of graduate level coursework 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. A degree review/plan is necessary for students. Contact our program for additional help prior to enrollment.</p>	<p>Licensed Clinical Social Worker</p>	<p>LCSW</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Yes*</p>
	<p>Licensed Social Worker</p>	<p>LSW</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Yes</p>
	<p>Certified Social Worker 1</p>	<p>CSW1</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>No</p>
	<p>Certified Social Worker 2</p>	<p>CSW2</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>

NEW MEXICO

	<p>Licensed Clinical Social Worker</p>	<p>LCSW</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Yes</p>
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	Licensed Independent Social Worker	LISW	No	Yes
	Licensed Master Social Worker	LMSW	No	Yes
	Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker	LBSW	Yes	No
NEW YORK				
<p>*A applicant must demonstrate satisfactory completion of 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: a. diagnosis and assessment in clinical social work practice; b. clinical social work treatment; and c. clinical social work practice with general and special populations. A degree review/plan is necessary for students. Contact our program for additional help prior to enrollment. **Applicants should possess curricular content, including but not limited to, each of the following content areas: i. social work values and ethics; ii. diversity, social justice, and at-risk populations; iii. human behavior in the social environment; iv. social welfare policy and service delivery systems; v. foundation and advanced social work practice; and vi. social work practice evaluation and research; 3. include a field practicum of at least 900 clock hours in social work integrated with the curricular content prescribed in paragraph (2) of this subdivision. A degree review/plan is necessary for students. Contact our program for additional help prior to enrollment.</p>	Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW	No	Yes*
	Licensed Master Social Worker	LMSW	No	Yes**
NORTH CAROLINA				
	Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW	No	Yes
	Licensed Clinical Social Worker Associate	LCSWA	No	Yes
	Certified Social Work Manager	CSWM	Yes	Yes
	Certified Master Social Worker	CMSW	No	Yes
	Certified Social Worker	CSW	Yes	No
NORTH DAKOTA				
	Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW	No	Yes

	Licensed Master Social Worker	LMSW	No	Yes
	Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker	LBSW	Yes	No

OHIO

<p>Six semester hours or their equivalent of coursework in the area of human development and behavior which includes: the social, psychological, and physiological growth of an individual, and the effects of growth of a personality in the social environment.</p> <p>(2) Six semester hours or their equivalent of social work practice courses taught by an individual with an advanced degree in social work. Coursework shall include methods of social intervention: casework, group work, community organization and practice, social research, and administration: in addition, three semester hours of coursework or its equivalent in the area of social work research shall be required. (3) Six semester hours or their equivalent in the social welfare and policy area. Social welfare and policy include the history of social welfare; policy development and analysis. (4) Three semester hours or their equivalent shall be required in social work theory which includes the study of the principles, which demonstrate various types of bio-psycho-social interventions. (5) Not less than four hundred clock hours of supervised practicum and/or field experience, with a primary focus on social intervention coordinated by an individual with an advanced degree in social work (6) The program shall reflect continuous effort to enrich the educational experience by incorporating content on social work professional and legal ethics, and racial ethnic and cultural diversity as well as (7) women's issues into the curriculum. (8) Social work programs which are accredited by "The Council on Social Work Education"(CSWE) are recognized as qualifying degrees in social work. A degree review/plan is necessary for students. Contact our program for additional help prior to enrollment.</p>	Licensed Independent Social Worker	LISW	No	Yes
	Licensed Social Worker	LSW	Yes *	Yes
	Social Work Assistant	RSWA	No	No

OKLAHOMA

	Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW	No	Yes
	Licensed Social Worker-Administration	LSW-ADM	No	Yes
	Licensed Social Worker	LSW	No	Yes
	Licensed Master Social Worker	LMSW	No	Yes
	Licensed Social Work Associate	LSWA	Yes	No

OREGON				
	Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW	No	Yes
	Certified Social Work Associate	CSWA	No	Yes
	Licensed Master's Social Worker	LMSW	No	Yes
	Registered Baccalaureate Social Worker	RBSW	Yes	No
PENNSYLVANIA				
	Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW	No	Yes
	Licensed Social Worker	LSW	No	Yes
	Licensed Bachelor Social Worker	LBSW	Yes	No
RHODE ISLAND				
	Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker	LICSW	No	Yes
	Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW	No	Yes
SOUTH CAROLINA				
<p>*Coursework 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: (a) psychopathology; (b) psychodiagnostics. A degree review/plan is necessary for students. Contact our program for additional help prior to enrollment.</p> <p>**Coursework content shall include ninety academic contact hours of coursework in advanced social work practice with communities and organizations. A degree review/plan is necessary for students. Contact our program for additional help prior to enrollment.</p>	Licensed Independent Social Worker-CP	LISW-CP	No	Yes*
	Licensed Independent Social Worker-AP	LISW-AP	No	Yes
	Licensed Master Social Worker	LMSW	No	Yes
	Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker	LBSW	Yes	No

SOUTH DAKOTA

	Certified Social Worker Private Independent Practice	CSW-PIP	No	Yes
	Certified Social Worker	CSW	No	Yes
	Licensed Social Worker	LSW	Yes	No
	Social Work Associate	SWA	No	No

TENNESSEE

	Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW	No	Yes
	Licensed Advanced Practice Social Worker	LAPSW	No	Yes
	Licensed Master Social Worker	LMSW	No	Yes
	Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker	LBSW	Yes	No

TEXAS

	Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW	No	Yes
	Licensed Master Social Worker-Advanced Practice	LMSW-AP	No	Yes
	Licensed Master Social Worker	LMSW	No	Yes
	Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker	LBSW	Yes	No

UTAH

	Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW	No	Yes
	Certified Social Worker	CSW	No	Yes
	Social Service Worker 1	SSW1	Yes	Yes
	Social Service Worker 2	SSW2	No	No

VERMONT

	Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker	LICSW	No	Yes
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	Licensed Master Social Worker	LMSW	No	Yes
VIRGIN ISLANDS				
	Certified Independent Social Worker	CISW	No	Yes
	Certified Social Worker	CSW	No	Yes
	Social Worker 1	SW1	Yes	No
	Social Worker 2	SW2	No	No
	Social Work Associate	SWA	No	No
VIRGINIA				
<p>Applicants with 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. 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. A degree review/plan is necessary for students. Contact our program for additional help prior to enrollment.</p>	Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW	No	Yes*
	Licensed Master's Social Worker	LMSW	No	Yes
	Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker	LBSW	Yes	No
	Associate Social Worker	ASW	Yes	No

WASHINGTON

	Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker	LICSW	No	Yes
	Licensed Social Worker Associate Independent Clinical	LSWAIC	No	Yes
	Licensed Advanced Social Worker	LASW	No	Yes
	Licensed Social Worker Associate Advanced	LSWAA	No	Yes

WEST VIRGINIA

* Applicant must have obtained a master's degree from a school of socialwork accredited by the council on social work education that included a concentration of clinically oriented coursework as defined by the board; 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. A degree review/plan is necessary for students. Contact our program for additional help prior to enrollment.	Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker	LICSW	No	Yes*
	Licensed Certified Social Worker	LCSW	No	Yes
	Licensed Graduate Social Worker	LGSW	No	Yes
	Licensed Social Worker	LSW	Yes	No
	Provisional Licensed Social Worker	LSW-P	No	No

WISCONSIN

Applicant 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. A degree review/plan is necessary for students. Contact our program for additional help prior to enrollment.	Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW	No	Yes
	Certified Independent Social Worker	CISW	No	Yes
	Advanced Practice Social Worker	APSW	No	Yes
	Certified Social Worker	CSW	Yes	Yes
	Social Work Training Certificate	SWTC	No	No

WYOMING

	Licensed Clinical Social Worker	LCSW	No	Yes
	Provisional Clinical Social Worker	PCSW	No	Yes
	Certified Social Worker	CSW	Yes	No

An additional statement from CSWE regarding new program candidacy:

Candidacy indicates that the social work program has made progress toward meeting criteria for the program quality assessment as evaluated via a peer review process. A program that has attained Candidacy has demonstrated a commitment to meeting the compliance standards set by the Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards (EPAS), but has not yet demonstrated full compliance.

Students who enter programs that attain Candidacy in or before the academic year in which they begin their program of study will be retroactively recognized as having graduated from a CSWE-accredited program as long as the program attains Initial Accreditation. Candidacy is typically a three (3) year process and attaining Candidacy does not guarantee that a program will eventually attain Initial Accreditation. Candidacy applies to all program sites (i.e., locations) and delivery methods of the program. Accreditation provides reasonable assurance about the quality of the program and the competence of students graduating from the program.

Programs in candidacy are issued a retroactive accreditation date which goes into effect once the program gains Initial Accreditation. This date is the academic year in which the program was granted candidacy status. For example, if a program was granted candidacy status in the academic year of 2020-2021, any student entering the program in the fall of 2020 and beyond will be considered to have graduated from an accredited social work program so long as the program receives its eventual Initial Accreditation.

Read more about the Candidacy process in the Candidacy section of the [EPAS Handbook](#) housed on the CSWE website.

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