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| Alabama | Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker | <p>Capella University's Master of Social Work program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Alabama.</p> <p>Alabama accepts a master's degree in social work from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program.</p> <p>Capella's program is CSWE-accredited.</p> <p>Applicants for a clinical level social work license may also be required to satisfy the criteria for a Licensed Master Social Worker credential in Alabama. Licensure requirements may include additional exams and supervised post-graduate experience hours. Contact the licensing agency to confirm exam requirements, application processes, and other post-graduate requirements for licensure.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |
| Alaska | Clinical Social Worker License | <p>Capella University's Master of Social Work program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Alaska.</p> <p>Alaska accepts a master's degree in social work from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program.</p> <p>Capella's program is CSWE-accredited.</p> <p>Applicants for a clinical level social work license may also be required to satisfy the criteria for a Master Social Worker License credential in Alaska. Licensure requirements may include additional exams and supervised post-graduate experience hours. Contact the licensing agency to confirm exam requirements, application processes, and other post-graduate requirements for licensure.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| American Samoa | N/A | American Samoa does not currently offer a professional license in social work. Licensure rules and regulations often change. Monitor for changes in educational requirements or creation of a license. |
| Arizona | Clinical Social Worker | Capella University's Master of Social Work program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Arizona. Arizona accepts a master's degree in social work from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program. Capella's program is CSWE-accredited. Applicants for a clinical level social work license may also be required to satisfy the criteria for a Licensed Master Social Worker credential in Arizona. Licensure requirements may include additional exams and supervised post-graduate experience hours. Contact the licensing agency to confirm exam requirements, application processes, and other post-graduate requirements for licensure. Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure. |

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| California | Associate Clinical Social Worker Registration | <p>Capella University’s Master of Social Work program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in California.</p> <p>California accepts a master's degree in social work from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program, completion of state-specific coursework and training requirements, and a passing score on the California Law and Ethics exam.</p> <p>Capella's program is CSWE-accredited and contains required content.</p> <p>The state also requires California-specific coursework and trainings to be completed before issuance of the full license. California applicants will need to complete these requirements outside of Capella before or after graduation. Refer to the California Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS) "Statutes and Regulations" booklet for details on this required coursework.</p> <p>Capella graduates will need to obtain a passing score on the California Law and Ethics exam.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |
| Colorado | Clinical Social Worker Candidate | <p>Capella University's Master of Social Work program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Colorado.</p> <p>Colorado accepts a master's degree in social work from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program and a passing score on the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) clinical exam, and completion of the Colorado jurisprudence exam.</p> <p>Capella's program is CSWE-accredited.</p> <p>Capella graduates will need to obtain a passing score on the ASWB clinical exam and provide proof of completion of the Colorado jurisprudence exam.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| Connecticut | Licensed Clinical Social Worker | <p>Capella University's Master of Social Work program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Connecticut.</p> <p>Connecticut accepts a master's degree in social work from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program.</p> <p>Capella's program is CSWE-accredited.</p> <p>Applicants for a clinical level social work license may also be required to satisfy the criteria for a Master Level Social Worker credential in Connecticut. Licensure requirements may include additional exams and supervised post-graduate experience hours. Contact the licensing agency to confirm exam requirements, application processes, and other post-graduate requirements for licensure.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |
| Delaware | Licensed Clinical Social Worker | <p>Capella University's Master of Social Work program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Delaware.</p> <p>Delaware accepts a master's degree in social work from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program.</p> <p>Capella's program is CSWE-accredited.</p> <p>Applicants for a clinical level social work license may also be required to satisfy the criteria for a Master’s Social Worker credential in Delaware. Licensure requirements may include additional exams and supervised post-graduate experience hours. Contact the licensing agency to confirm exam requirements, application processes, and other post-graduate requirements for licensure.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| District of Columbia | Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker | <p>Capella University's Master of Social Work program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in the District of Columbia.</p> <p>The District of Columbia accepts a master's degree in social work from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program.</p> <p>Capella's program is CSWE-accredited.</p> <p>Applicants for a clinical level social work license may also be required to satisfy the criteria for a Licensed Graduate Social Worker credential in the District of Columbia. Licensure requirements may include additional exams and supervised post-graduate experience hours. Contact the licensing agency to confirm exam requirements, application processes, and other post-graduate requirements for licensure.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |
| Florida | Registered Clinical Social Work Intern | <p>Capella University's Master of Social Work program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Florida.</p> <p>Florida accepts a master's degree in social work from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program, completion of state-specific coursework and training requirements, and a passing score on the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) clinical exam.</p> <p>Capella's program is CSWE-accredited and contains the state-specific coursework required for licensure.</p> <p>Capella graduates will need to obtain a passing score on the ASWB clinical exam.</p> <p>Florida applicants will need to complete state-specific trainings outside of Capella before or after graduation.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| Guam | Licensed Clinical Social Worker | <p>Capella University's Master of Social Work program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Guam.</p> <p>Guam accepts a master's degree in social work from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program.</p> <p>Capella's program is CSWE-accredited.</p> <p>Applicants for a clinical level social work license may also be required to satisfy the criteria for a Licensed Master's Social Worker credential in Guam. Licensure requirements may include additional exams and supervised post-graduate experience hours. Contact the licensing agency to confirm exam requirements, application processes, and other post-graduate requirements for licensure.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| Idaho | Licensed Clinical Social Worker | <p>Capella University's Master of Social Work program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Idaho.</p> <p>Idaho accepts a master's degree in social work from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program.</p> <p>Capella's program is CSWE-accredited.</p> <p>Applicants for a clinical level social work license may also be required to satisfy the criteria for a Licensed Masters Social Worker credential in Idaho. Licensure requirements may include additional exams and supervised post-graduate experience hours. Contact the licensing agency to confirm exam requirements, application processes, and other post-graduate requirements for licensure.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| Indiana | Clinical Social Worker | <p>Capella University's Master of Social Work program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Indiana.</p> <p>Indiana accepts a master's degree in social work from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program and state-specific coursework requirements.</p> <p>Capella's program is CSWE-accredited and contains the state-specific coursework required for licensure.</p> <p>Applicants for a clinical level social work license may also be required to satisfy the criteria for a Licensed Social Worker credential in Indiana. Licensure requirements may include additional exams and supervised post-graduate experience hours. Contact the licensing agency to confirm exam requirements, application processes, and other post-graduate requirements for licensure.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| Kansas | Specialist Clinical Social Worker | <p>Capella University's Master of Social Work program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Kansas.</p> <p>Kansas accepts a master's degree in social work from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program.</p> <p>Capella's program is CSWE-accredited.</p> <p>Applicants for a clinical level social work license may also be required to satisfy the criteria for a Licensed Master Social Worker credential in Kansas. Licensure requirements may include additional exams and supervised post-graduate experience hours. Contact the licensing agency to confirm exam requirements, application processes, and other post-graduate requirements for licensure.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| Louisiana | Licensed Clinical Social Worker | <p>Capella University's Master of Social Work program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Louisiana.</p> <p>Louisiana accepts a master's degree in social work from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program.</p> <p>Capella's program is CSWE-accredited.</p> <p>Applicants for a clinical level social work license may also be required to satisfy the criteria for a Licensed Master's Social Worker credential in Louisiana. Licensure requirements may include additional exams and supervised post-graduate experience hours. Contact the licensing agency to confirm exam requirements, application processes, and other post-graduate requirements for licensure.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| Maine | Licensed Master Social Worker, Conditional Clinical | <p>Capella University's Master of Social Work program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Maine.</p> <p>Maine accepts a master's degree in social work from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program, state-specific coursework requirements, and a passing score on the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Masters exam.</p> <p>Capella's program is CSWE-accredited and contains the state-specific coursework required for licensure.</p> <p>Capella graduates will need to obtain a passing score on the ASWB Masters exam.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |
| Maryland | Certified Social Worker, Clinical License | <p>Capella University's Master of Social Work program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Maryland.</p> <p>Maryland accepts a master's degree in social work from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program.</p> <p>Capella's program is CSWE-accredited.</p> <p>Applicants for a clinical level social work license may also be required to satisfy the criteria for a Licensed Master Social Worker credential in Maryland. Licensure requirements may include additional exams and supervised post-graduate experience hours. Contact the licensing agency to confirm exam requirements, application processes, and other post-graduate requirements for licensure.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| Massachusetts | Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker | <p>Capella University's Master of Social Work program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Massachusetts.</p> <p>Massachusetts accepts a master's degree in social work from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program.</p> <p>Capella's program is CSWE-accredited.</p> <p>Applicants for a clinical level social work license may also be required to satisfy the criteria for a Licensed Certified Social Worker credential in Massachusetts. Licensure requirements may include additional exams and supervised post-graduate experience hours. Contact the licensing agency to confirm exam requirements, application processes, and other post-graduate requirements for licensure.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |
| Michigan | Limited Master's Social Work License | <p>Capella University's Master of Social Work program will meet the requirements for professional licensure in Michigan.</p> <p>Michigan accepts a master's degree in social work from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program and state-specific training requirements.</p> <p>Capella's program is CSWE-accredited.</p> <p>Michigan applicants will need to complete state-specific trainings outside of Capella before or after graduation.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| Minnesota | Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker | <p>Capella University's Master of Social Work program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Minnesota.</p> <p>Minnesota accepts a master's degree in social work from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program and completion of state-specific coursework requirements.</p> <p>Capella's program is CSWE-accredited and contains the state-specific coursework required for licensure.</p> <p>Applicants for a clinical level social work license may also be required to satisfy the criteria for a Licensed Graduate Social Worker credential in Minnesota. Licensure requirements may include additional exams and supervised post-graduate experience hours. Contact the licensing agency to confirm exam requirements, application processes, and other post-graduate requirements for licensure.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |
| Mississippi | Licensed Clinical Social Worker | <p>Capella University's Master of Social Work program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Mississippi.</p> <p>Mississippi accepts a master's degree in social work from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program.</p> <p>Capella's program is CSWE-accredited.</p> <p>Applicants for a clinical level social work license may also be required to satisfy the criteria for a Licensed Master's Social Worker credential in Mississippi. Licensure requirements may include additional exams and supervised post-graduate experience hours. Contact the licensing agency to confirm exam requirements, application processes, and other post-graduate requirements for licensure.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| Missouri | Licensed Clinical Social Worker | <p>Capella University's Master of Social Work program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Missouri.</p> <p>Missouri accepts a master's degree in social work from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program.</p> <p>Capella's program is CSWE-accredited.</p> <p>Applicants for a clinical level social work license may also be required to satisfy the criteria for a Licensed Master Social Worker credential in Missouri. Licensure requirements may include additional exams and supervised post-graduate experience hours. Contact the licensing agency to confirm exam requirements, application processes, and other post-graduate requirements for licensure.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |
| Montana | Licensed Clinical Social Worker Candidate | <p>Capella University's Master of Social Work program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Montana.</p> <p>Montana accepts a master's degree in social work from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program and a passing score on the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) clinical exam.</p> <p>Capella's program is CSWE-accredited.</p> <p>Capella graduates will need to obtain a passing score on the ASWB clinical exam.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| Nebraska | Provisional Certification as a Master Social Worker | <p>Capella University's Master of Social Work program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Nebraska.</p> <p>Nebraska accepts a master's degree in social work from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program and a passing score on the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) clinical exam.</p> <p>Capella's program is CSWE-accredited.</p> <p>Capella graduates will need to obtain a passing score on the ASWB clinical exam.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |
| Nevada | Licensed Clinical Social Worker | <p>Capella University's Master of Social Work program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Nevada.</p> <p>Nevada accepts a master's degree in social work from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program.</p> <p>Capella's program is CSWE-accredited.</p> <p>Applicants for a clinical level social work license may also be required to satisfy the criteria for a Licensed Master Social Worker credential in Nevada. Licensure requirements may include additional exams and supervised post-graduate experience hours. Contact the licensing agency to confirm exam requirements, application processes, and other post-graduate requirements for licensure.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| New Hampshire | Clinical Social Worker, Conditional License | <p>Capella University’s Master of Social Work program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in New Hampshire.</p> <p>New Hampshire accepts a master's degree in social work from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program, state-specific coursework requirements, and a passing score on the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) clinical exam.</p> <p>Capella's program is CSWE-accredited and contains the state-specific coursework required for licensure.</p> <p>Capella graduates will need to obtain a passing score on the ASWB clinical exam.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |
| New Jersey | Licensed Clinical Social Worker | <p>Capella University's Master of Social Work program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in New Jersey.</p> <p>New Jersey accepts a master's degree in social work from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program and state-specific coursework requirements.</p> <p>Capella's program is CSWE-accredited and contains the state-specific coursework required for licensure.</p> <p>Applicants for a clinical level social work license may also be required to satisfy the criteria for a Licensed Social Worker credential in New Jersey. Licensure requirements may include additional exams and supervised post-graduate experience hours. Contact the licensing agency to confirm exam requirements, application processes, and other post-graduate requirements for licensure.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| New Mexico | Independent Clinical Social Worker | <p>Capella University's Master of Social Work program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in New Mexico.</p> <p>New Mexico accepts a master's degree in social work from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited , completion of state-specific training requirements, and a passing score on both the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) exam and the New Mexico Jurisprudence examinations.</p> <p>Capella's program is CSWE-accredited.</p> <p>Capella graduates must obtain a passing score on both the ASWB exam and the New Mexico Jurisprudence examination, and complete state-specific training in New Mexico cultures outside of Capella.</p> <p>Applicants for a clinical level social work license may also be required to satisfy the criteria for a Master Social Worker credential in New Mexico. Licensure requirements may include additional exams and supervised post-graduate experience hours. Contact the licensing agency to confirm exam requirements, application processes, and other post-graduate requirements for licensure.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| New York | Licensed Clinical Social Worker | <p>Capella University's Master of Social Work program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in New York.</p> <p>New York accepts a master's degree in social work from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program and state-specific coursework requirements.</p> <p>Capella's program is CSWE-accredited and contains the state-specific coursework required for licensure.</p> <p>Applicants for a clinical level social work license may also be required to satisfy the criteria for a Licensed Master Social Work credential in New York. Licensure requirements may include additional exams and supervised post-graduate experience hours. Contact the licensing agency to confirm exam requirements, application processes, and other post-graduate requirements for licensure.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |
| North Carolina | Licensed Clinical Social Worker | <p>Capella University's Master of Social Work program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in North Carolina.</p> <p>North Carolina accepts a master's degree in social work from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program.</p> <p>Capella's program is CSWE-accredited.</p> <p>Applicants for a clinical level social work license may also be required to satisfy the criteria for a Certified Master Social Worker credential in North Carolina. Licensure requirements may include additional exams and supervised post-graduate experience hours. Contact the licensing agency to confirm exam requirements, application processes, and other post-graduate requirements for licensure.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| North Dakota | Licensed Clinical Social Worker | <p>Capella University's Master of Social Work program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in North Dakota.</p> <p>North Dakota accepts a master's degree in social work from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program.</p> <p>Capella's program is CSWE-accredited.</p> <p>Applicants for a clinical level social work license may also be required to satisfy the criteria for a Licensed Master Social Worker credential in North Dakota. Licensure requirements may include additional exams and supervised post-graduate experience hours. Contact the licensing agency to confirm exam requirements, application processes, and other post-graduate requirements for licensure.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |
| Northern Mariana Islands | Licensed Clinical Social Worker | <p>Capella University's Master of Social Work program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in the Northern Mariana Islands.</p> <p>The Northern Mariana Islands accepts a master's degree in social work from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program.</p> <p>Capella's program is CSWE-accredited.</p> <p>Applicants for a clinical level social work license may also be required to satisfy the criteria for a Licensed Master's Social Worker credential in the Northern Mariana Islands. Licensure requirements may include additional exams and supervised post-graduate experience hours. Contact the licensing agency to confirm exam requirements, application processes, and other post-graduate requirements for licensure.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| Ohio | Independent Social Worker | <p>Capella University's Master of Social Work program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Ohio.</p> <p>Ohio accepts a master's degree in social work from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program.</p> <p>Capella's program is CSWE-accredited.</p> <p>Applicants for a clinical level social work license may also be required to satisfy the criteria for a Licensed Social Worker credential in Ohio. Licensure requirements may include additional exams and supervised post-graduate experience hours. Contact the licensing agency to confirm exam requirements, application processes, and other post-graduate requirements for licensure.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |
| Oklahoma | Licensed Clinical Social Worker | <p>Capella University's Master of Social Work program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Oklahoma.</p> <p>Oklahoma accepts a master's degree in social work from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program.</p> <p>Capella's program is CSWE-accredited.</p> <p>Applicants for a clinical level social work license may also be required to satisfy the criteria for a Licensed Master's Social Worker credential in Oklahoma. Licensure requirements may include additional exams and supervised post-graduate experience hours. Contact the licensing agency to confirm exam requirements, application processes, and other post-graduate requirements for licensure.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| Oregon | Clinical Social Work Associate | <p>Capella University's Master of Social Work program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Oregon.</p> <p>Oregon accepts a master's degree in social work from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program, and a passing score on both the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) clinical exam and the Oregon Board of Licensed Social Workers (BLSW) statutes and rules exam.</p> <p>Capella's program is CSWE-accredited.</p> <p>Capella graduates will need to obtain a passing score on both the ASWB clinical exam and the Oregon BLSW statutes and rules exam.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |
| Pennsylvania | Licensed Clinical Social Worker | <p>Capella University's Master of Social Work program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Pennsylvania.</p> <p>Pennsylvania accepts a master's degree in social work from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program.</p> <p>Capella's program is CSWE-accredited.</p> <p>Applicants for a clinical level social work license may also be required to satisfy the criteria for a Licensed Social Worker credential in Pennsylvania. Licensure requirements may include additional exams and supervised post-graduate experience hours. Contact the licensing agency to confirm exam requirements, application processes, and other post-graduate requirements for licensure.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| Puerto Rico | Licensed Social Worker | <p>Capella University’s Master of Social Work program will meet the requirements for professional licensure in Puerto Rico.</p> <p>Puerto Rico accepts a bachelor’s degree from any recognized university or college, 2 years of postgraduate studies in social work, and a social work diploma.</p> <p>Capella's program awards a social work diploma.</p> <p>Capella students that intend to seek licensure in Puerto Rico should plan to complete the program at minimum, in 2 years.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |
| Rhode Island | Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker | <p>Capella University's Master of Social Work program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Rhode Island.</p> <p>Rhode Island accepts a master's degree in social work from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program.</p> <p>Capella's program is CSWE-accredited.</p> <p>Applicants for a clinical level social work license may also be required to satisfy the criteria for a Licensed Clinical Social Worker credential in Rhode Island. Licensure requirements may include additional exams and supervised post-graduate experience hours. Contact the licensing agency to confirm exam requirements, application processes, and other post-graduate requirements for licensure.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| South Carolina | Independent Social Worker, Clinical Practice | <p>Capella University's Master of Social Work program alone will not meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in South Carolina. Capella’s program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure if certain conditions are fulfilled.</p> <p>South Carolina accepts a master's degree in social work from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program which contains state-specific coursework requirements and a passing score on the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) exam.</p> <p>Capella's program is CSWE-accredited.</p> <p>Capella students will need to choose specific elective course(s) to fulfill the state-specific coursework requirements for licensure. Please contact Enrollment Services or Academic Advising to build a suitable academic plan.</p> <p>Capella graduates will need to obtain a passing score on the ASWB exam.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| South Dakota | Certified Social Worker in Private or Independent Practice | <p>Capella University's Master of Social Work program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in South Dakota.</p> <p>South Dakota accepts a master's degree in social work from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program.</p> <p>Capella's program is CSWE-accredited.</p> <p>Applicants for a clinical level social work license may also be required to satisfy the criteria for a Certified Social Worker credential in South Dakota. Licensure requirements may include additional exams and supervised post-graduate experience hours. Contact the licensing agency to confirm exam requirements, application processes, and other post-graduate requirements for licensure.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |
| Tennessee | Clinical Social Worker | <p>Capella University's Master of Social Work program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Tennessee.</p> <p>Tennessee accepts a master's degree in social work from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program.</p> <p>Capella's program is CSWE-accredited.</p> <p>Applicants for a clinical level social work license may also be required to satisfy the criteria for a Master Social Worker credential in Tennessee. Licensure requirements may include additional exams and supervised post-graduate experience hours. Contact the licensing agency to confirm exam requirements, application processes, and other post-graduate requirements for licensure.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| Texas | Licensed Clinical Social Worker | <p>Capella University's Master of Social Work program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Texas.</p> <p>Texas accepts a master's degree in social work from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program.</p> <p>Capella's program is CSWE-accredited.</p> <p>Applicants for a clinical level social work license may also be required to satisfy the criteria for a Licensed Master Social Worker credential in Texas. Licensure requirements may include additional exams and supervised post-graduate experience hours. Contact the licensing agency to confirm exam requirements, application processes, and other post-graduate requirements for licensure.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |
| US Virgin Islands | Certified Independent Social Worker | <p>Capella University's Master of Social Work program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in the US Virgin Islands.</p> <p>The US Virgin Islands accepts a master's degree in social work from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program.</p> <p>Capella's program is CSWE-accredited.</p> <p>Applicants for a clinical level social work license may also be required to satisfy the criteria for a Certified Social Worker credential in the US Virgin Islands. Licensure requirements may include additional exams and supervised post-graduate experience hours. Contact the licensing agency to confirm exam requirements, application processes, and other post-graduate requirements for licensure.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| Utah | Licensed Clinical Social Worker | <p>Capella University's Master of Social Work program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Utah.</p> <p>Utah accepts a master's degree in social work from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program and training in suicide prevention.</p> <p>Capella's program is CSWE-accredited.</p> <p>Utah applicants will need to ensure they complete a two hour suicide prevention course outside of Capella.</p> <p>Applicants for a clinical level social work license may also be required to satisfy the criteria for a Licensed Certified Social Worker credential in Utah. Licensure requirements may include additional exams and supervised post-graduate experience hours. Contact the licensing agency to confirm exam requirements, application processes, and other post-graduate requirements for licensure.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |
| Vermont | Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker | <p>Capella University's Master of Social Work program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Vermont.</p> <p>Vermont accepts a master's degree in social work from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program and a passing score on both the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) clinical exam and the Vermont jurisprudence examination.</p> <p>Capella's program is CSWE-accredited.</p> <p>Capella graduates will need to obtain a passing score on both the ASWB clinical exam and the Vermont jurisprudence examination.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| Virginia | Licensed Clinical Social Worker | <p>Capella University's Master of Social Work program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Virginia.</p> <p>Virginia accepts a master's degree in social work from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program.</p> <p>Capella's program is CSWE-accredited.</p> <p>Applicants for a clinical level social work license may also be required to satisfy the criteria for a Licensed Master Social Worker credential in Virginia. Licensure requirements may include additional exams and supervised post-graduate experience hours. Contact the licensing agency to confirm exam requirements, application processes, and other post-graduate requirements for licensure.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |
| Washington | Independent Clinical Social Worker Associate | <p>Capella University’s Master of Social Work program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Washington.</p> <p>Washington accepts a master's degree in social work from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program and a passing score on the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) clinical exam.</p> <p>Capella's program is CSWE-accredited.</p> <p>Capella graduates will need to obtain a passing score on the ASWB clinical exam.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| West Virginia | Independent Clinical Social Worker | <p>Capella University's Master of Social Work program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in West Virginia.</p> <p>West Virginia accepts a master's degree in social work from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program.</p> <p>Capella's program is CSWE-accredited.</p> <p>Applicants for a clinical level social work license may also be required to satisfy the criteria for a Licensed Graduate Social Worker credential in West Virginia. Licensure requirements may include additional exams and supervised post-graduate experience hours. Contact the licensing agency to confirm exam requirements, application processes, and other post-graduate requirements for licensure.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| Wisconsin | Licensed Clinical Social Worker | <p>Capella University's Master of Social Work program alone will not meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Wisconsin. Capella’s program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure if certain conditions are fulfilled.</p> <p>Wisconsin accepts a master's degree in social work with a concentration in clinical social work from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program which contains state-specific coursework and one academic year in the supervised practice of clinical social work.</p> <p>Capella's program is CSWE-accredited.</p> <p>Capella students will need to choose specific elective course(s) to fulfill the state-specific coursework requirements for licensure and ensure they complete one academic year in the supervised practice of clinical social work. Please contact Enrollment Services or Academic Advising to build a suitable academic plan.</p> <p>Applicants for a clinical level social work license may also be required to satisfy the criteria for an Advanced Practice Social Worker credential in Wisconsin. Licensure requirements may include additional exams and supervised post-graduate experience hours. Contact the licensing agency to confirm exam requirements, application processes, and other post-graduate requirements for licensure.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| Wyoming | Provisional Clinical Social Worker | <p>Capella University's Master of Social Work program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Wyoming.</p> <p>Wyoming accepts a master's degree in social work from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program and a passing score on the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) clinical exam.</p> <p>Capella's program is CSWE-accredited.</p> <p>Capella graduates will need to obtain a passing score on the ASWB clinical exam.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |