

MS in Social Work

Disclaimer: State licensing boards review each applicant's completed education, exam scores, supervised experience, criminal history, and application materials at the time of license application to determine eligibility.

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State Name	Credential Title	Professional Licensure Disclosure
N/A	Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) or Independent Social Worker (LISW)	Most states have a clinical level social worker license that is required to provide counseling or therapy services to clients. States require 1-3 years of supervised post-master's degree work experience plus passing an additional exam to qualify. Some states also have specific coursework requirements for the clinical/independent license: California - continuing education training required outside of Capella (6 areas) Florida - 2 additional course Indiana - 2 additional course Maine - 3 additional course Maryland - 2 additional courses Minnesota - Specific electives and Advanced Standing learners need continuing education outside of Capella New York - No additional courses New Jersey - No additional courses South Carolina - 2 additional courses & continuing education training required outside of Capella Virginia - 1 additional course Wisconsin - 1 additional course
Alabama	Licensed Social Worker	Alabama accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.
Alaska	Licensed Social Worker	Alaska accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.
Arizona	Licensed Social Worker	Arizona accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.
Arkansas	Licensed Social Worker	Arkansas accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.

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California	Associate Clinical Social Worker (ASW) Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)	<p><u>Licensed Social Worker (LSW)</u> California accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.</p> <p>California requires completion of 18 clock hours of training in California Law and Ethics that must be completed outside of Capella.</p> <p><u>Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)</u> California accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.</p> <p>California requires additional clock hour training in 6 different content areas that must be completed outside of Capella.</p>
Colorado	Licensed Social Worker	Colorado accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.
Connecticut	Licensed Social Worker	Connecticut accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.
Delaware	Licensed Social Worker	Delaware accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.
District of Columbia	Licensed Social Worker	District of Columbia accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.

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Florida	Registered Clinical Social Worker Intern	<p>Florida requires a provisional license before the full Licensed Clinical Social Worker license can be awarded. This provisional license is called the Registered Clinical Social Worker Intern. For the Registered Clinical Social Worker Intern license, Florida accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.</p> <p>Capella Learners will need to align their coursework to fulfill specific content areas.</p> <p>Add SWK5800 OR SWK5802 as an elective to fulfill the Theory of Human Behavior and Practice Methods content area.</p> <p>Add COUN5107 as an elective to fulfill the Psychopathology content area.</p>
Georgia	Licensed Social Worker	Georgia accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.
Hawaii	Licensed Social Worker	Hawaii accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.
Idaho	Licensed Social Worker	Idaho accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.
Illinois	Licensed Social Worker	Illinois accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.

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Indiana	Licensed Social Worker (LSW) Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)	<p><u>Licensed Social Worker (LSW)</u> Indiana accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.</p> <p><u>Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)</u> Indiana accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.</p> <p>Capella learners will need to choose COUN5107 as an elective to fulfill the Psychopathology content area AND choose SWK5800 as an elective to fulfill the Family Practice content area.</p> <p>Advanced Standing learners may need to complete an additional course in the Human Behavior in the Social Environment content area. Board may count BSW coursework.</p>
Iowa	Licensed Social Worker	Iowa accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.
Kansas	Licensed Social Worker	Kansas accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.
Kentucky	Licensed Social Worker	Kentucky accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.
Louisiana	Licensed Social Worker	Louisiana accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.

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Maine	<p>Licensed Social Worker (LSW)</p> <p>Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)</p>	<p><u>Licensed Social Worker (LSW)</u> Maine accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.</p> <p><u>Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)</u> Maine accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.</p> <p>Capella learners will need to add COUN5107 as an additional course to fulfill the Personality Theory Focused on Adult Psycho-Pathology content area.</p> <p>Learners will need to choose either SWK5800 and SWK5801; OR SWK5802 and SWK5803 as two electives to fulfill the Clinical Methods Courses in Practice with Individuals, Couples, Families, and Groups (Option A).</p> <p>Advanced Standing learners may need to complete an additional course in the Personality Theory Focused on Normal Growth and Development content area.</p> <p>Board may count BSW coursework.</p>
Maryland	<p>Licensed Social Worker (LSW)</p> <p>Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)</p>	<p><u>Licensed Social Worker (LSW)</u> Maryland accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.</p> <p><u>Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)</u> Maryland accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.</p> <p>Capella learners will need to choose either SWK5800 and SWK5801; OR SWK5802 and SWK5803 as two electives to fulfill the Clinical course work content area.</p>
Massachusetts	<p>Licensed Social Worker</p>	<p>Massachusetts accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.</p>

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Michigan	Licensed Social Worker	Michigan accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.
Minnesota	<p>Licensed Graduate Social Worker (LGSW)</p> <p>Licensed Independent Social Worker (LISW)</p>	<p><u>Licensed Graduate Social Worker (LGSW)</u> Minnesota accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.</p> <p><u>Licensed Independent Social Worker (LISW)</u> Minnesota accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.</p> <p>Capella learners will need to add COUN5107 as an additional course to fulfill the Differential Diagnosis and Biopsychosocial Assessment, Including Normative Development and Psychopathology Across the Life Span content area.</p> <p>Learners will need to choose either SWK5800 and SWK5801; OR SWK5802 and SWK5803 as two electives to fulfill the Differential Diagnosis and Biopsychosocial Assessment, Including Normative Development and Psychopathology Across the Life Span content area.</p> <p>Learners may want to add COUN5238 for additional hours in the Clinical Intervention Methods Informed by Research and Current Standards of Practice content area.</p> <p>Advanced Standing learners may need to complete an additional course in the Human Behavior in the Social Environment content area.</p> <p>Board may count BSW coursework.</p> <p>Advanced Standing learners will need to complete 32 continuing education hours outside of Capella to fulfill the Social Work Values and Ethics, Including Cultural Context, Diversity, and Social Policy content area.</p>
Mississippi	Licensed Social Worker	Mississippi accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.

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Missouri	Licensed Social Worker	Missouri accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.
Montana	Licensed Social Worker	Montana accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.
Nebraska	Licensed Social Worker	Nebraska accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.
Nevada	Licensed Social Worker	Nevada accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.
New Hampshire	Licensed Social Worker	New Hampshire accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.
New Jersey	Licensed Social Worker (LSW) Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)	<u>Licensed Social Worker (LSW)</u> New Jersey accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university. <u>Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)</u> New Jersey accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.
New Mexico	Licensed Social Worker	New Mexico accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.

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New York	Licensed Social Worker (LSW) Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)	<u>Licensed Social Worker (LSW)</u> New York accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university. <u>Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)</u> New York accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university. Advanced Standing learners will need to choose one or more of these courses as elective: SWK5800 - SWK5803.
North Carolina	Licensed Social Worker	North Carolina accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.
North Dakota	Licensed Social Worker	North Dakota accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.
Ohio	Licensed Social Worker	Ohio accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.
Oklahoma	Licensed Social Worker	Oklahoma accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.
Oregon	Licensed Social Worker	Oregon accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.
Pennsylvania	Licensed Social Worker (LSW) Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA)	<u>Licensed Social Worker (LSW)</u> Pennsylvania accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university. <u>Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA)</u> Based on our research, Capella graduates from the Master of Social Work program, appear to meet the educational requirements for the Pennsylvania Behavioral Specialist license.

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Rhode Island	Licensed Social Worker	Rhode Island accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.
South Carolina	Licensed Social Worker (LSW) Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)	<p><u>Licensed Social Worker (LSW)</u> South Carolina accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.</p> <p><u>Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)</u> South Carolina accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.</p> <p>Capella learners will need to choose either SWK5800 OR SWK5802 as an elective to fulfill the Psych diagnostics content area AND choose PSY6210 as an elective to fulfill the Psychopathology content area.</p> <p>Learners must complete 15 academic contact hours, or 20 continuing education contact hours, or have completed a Board sponsored specialty course post-degree during the professional supervision period to fulfill the Professional Ethics content area.</p>
South Dakota	Licensed Social Worker	South Dakota accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.
Tennessee	Licensed Social Worker	Tennessee accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.
Texas	Licensed Social Worker	Texas accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.
Utah	Licensed Social Worker	Utah accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.
Vermont	Licensed Social Worker	Vermont accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.

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Virginia	Licensed Social Worker (LSW) Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)	<p><u>Licensed Social Worker (LSW)</u> Virginia accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.</p> <p><u>Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)</u> Virginia accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.</p> <p>Capella learners will need to choose COUN5107 as an elective to fulfill the Psychopathology content area.</p> <p>Advanced Standing learners may need to complete an additional course in the Human Behavior and the Social Environment sub-content area.</p> <p>Board may count BSW coursework.</p>
Washington	Licensed Social Worker	<p>Washington accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.</p> <p>Effective July 15th, 2020 Washington no longer requires completion of 4 hours of AIDS education.</p>
West Virginia	Licensed Social Worker	West Virginia accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.

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Wisconsin	Licensed Social Worker (LSW) Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)	<p><u>Licensed Social Worker (LSW)</u> Wisconsin accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.</p> <p><u>Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)</u> Wisconsin accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.</p> <p>Capella learners will need to choose COUN5107 as an elective to fulfill the Psychopathology content area.</p>
Wyoming	Licensed Social Worker	Wyoming accepts completion of a CSWE accredited master's degree program from a regionally accredited university.