

Most states offer licensure or certification for social work practice at the bachelor level, though requirements vary by state. Below is information about each state’s BSW licensure/certification, any additional requirements beyond a BSW degree, and a link to the state’s website for additional information. In addition to what is listed below, most states require some form of background check and proof of citizenship, so applicants are strongly encouraged to review these requirements for licensure/certification prior to applying. If students are completing a double major, they are strongly encouraged to list BSW as their primary degree to ensure compatibility with future licensure/certification. Contact Monica White, Director, Social Work Program at MonicaWhite@creighton.edu or by phone 402-280-5594.

KEY:

LSW / LBSW = Licensed [Bachelor] Social Worker CSW = Certified Social Worker CSWM = Certified Social Work Manager
RSW / RBSW = Registered [Bachelor] Social Worker SSW = Social Service Worker LSWA = Licensed Social Work Associate

State/Territory	BSW-Level certification/licensure offered	Does Creighton's curriculum meet educational requirements?	Additional requirements/details	State Website
Alabama	LBSW	Yes	ASWB Bachelors exam, 24 months (96 hours) of supervision upon receiving licensure	AL Board of Social Work Examiners
Alaska	LBSW	Yes	ASWB Bachelors exam, 3 professional references (see application for reference requirements)	AK Board of Clinical Social Work Examiners
Arizona	LBSW	Yes	ASWB Bachelors exam	AZ Board of Behavioral Health Examiners
Arkansas	LSW	Yes	ASWB Bachelors exam	AR Social Work Licensing Board
California	none	N/A		CA Board of Behavioral Sciences
Colorado	none	N/A		CO Board of Social Work Examiners
Connecticut	none	N/A		CT Dept. of Public Health
Delaware	LBSW	Yes	ASWB Bachelors exam	DE Board of Social Work Examiners
District of Columbia	LSWA	Yes	ASWB Bachelors exam, 3 reference forms (2 must be social workers)	DC Health
Florida	none	N/A		FL Board
Georgia	none	N/A		GA Secretary of State
Guam	LBSW	Yes	3 letters of reference (1 required from field instructor if graduated within 6 months); ASWB exam is waived with BSW degree from CSWE accredited program	Guam Board of Social Work

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Hawaii	LBSW	Yes	ASWB Bachelors exam	HI Dept. of Commerce & Consumer Affairs
Idaho	LBSW	Yes	ASWB Bachelors exam	ID Board of Social Work Examiners
Illinois	LSW	Yes	3 years supervised professional experience before applying; ASWB exam no longer required as of Jan. 1, 2022	IL Dept. of Financial & Professional Regulation
Indiana	LBSW	Yes	ASWB Bachelors exam	IN Professional Licensing Agency
Iowa	LBSW	Yes	ASWB Bachelors exam	IA Board of Social Work
Kansas	LBSW	Yes	ASWB Bachelors exam, 3 references (1 must be supervisor from field experience; other 2 must be licensed social workers)	KS Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board
Kentucky	LSW	Yes	ASWB Bachelors exam	KY Board of Social Work
Louisiana	RSW	Yes	fee & application	LA Board of Social Work Examiners
Maine	LSW	Yes	ASWB Bachelors exam	ME Professional & Financial Regulation
Maryland	LBSW	Yes	ASWB Bachelors exam	MD Dept. of Health
Massachusetts	LSW	Yes	ASWB Bachelors exam, 3 references (1 must be supervisor from field experience)	MA Board of Registration of Social Workers
Michigan	LBSW	Yes	ASWB Bachelors exam, human trafficking and implicit bias training, 4000 hours of post-degree supervised experience for at least 2 years (must apply for a limited license while accruing these hours)	MI Board of Social Work
Minnesota	LSW	Yes	ASWB Bachelors exam	MN Board of Social Work
Mississippi	LSW	Yes	ASWB Bachelors exam (may sit prior to graduation), must be 21 years old	MS State Board of Examiners
Missouri	LBSW	Yes	ASWB Bachelors exam (may sit prior to graduation), 2-hour suicide training	MO Division of Professional Registration
Montana	LBSW	Yes	ASWB Bachelors exam, 2000 hours of post-degree supervised experience for at least 18 months (must apply for LBSW Candidate while accruing these hours)	MT Board of Behavioral Health

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Nebraska	CSW	Yes	fee & application (fee waived for individuals younger than 26, low-income, or military family)	NE Dept. of Health & Human Services
Nevada	LSW	Yes	ASWB Bachelors exam, must be 21 years old	NV Board of Examiners
New Hampshire	LSW	Yes	ASWB Bachelors exam, 4000 hours of post-degree supervised experience	NH Board of Mental Health Practice
New Jersey	CSW	Yes	fee & application	NJ Division of Consumer Affairs
New Mexico	LBSW	Yes	ASWB Bachelors exam; 2 character references; jurisprudence exam; completion of NM cultural course, workshop, or exam	NM Regulation & Licensing Dept.
New York	none	N/A		NY Office of the Professions
North Carolina	CSW, CSWM	Yes, Yes	CSW: ASWB Bachelors exam, 3 professional references CSWM: ASWB Advanced Generalist exam, 3000 hours post-degree paid employment, 100 hours supervision, 3 professional references	NC Certification & Licensure Board
North Dakota	LBSW	Yes	ASWB Bachelors exam; 3 references (must be from social work faculty, field social work supervisor, and one licensed social worker)	ND Board of Social Work Examiners
Ohio	LSW	Yes	ASWB Bachelors exam	OH CSWMFT Board
Oklahoma	LSWA	Yes	ASWB Bachelors exam	OK State Board of Licensed Social Workers
Oregon	RBSW	Yes	ASWB Bachelors exam, jurisprudence exam	OR Board of Licensed Social Workers
Pennsylvania	LBSW	Yes	ASWB Bachelors exam, 3-hour child abuse training	PA Dept. of State
Puerto Rico	LSW	unable to determine	Legal resident of Puerto Rico; 3 references from licensed social workers in PR	PR State Department
Rhode Island	none	N/A		RI Dept. of Health

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South Carolina	LBSW	Yes	ASWB Bachelors exam (may sit in final semester of BSW)	SC Board of Social Work Examiners
South Dakota	LSW	Yes	ASWB Bachelors exam; 3 professional references	SD Board of Social Work Examiners
Tennessee	LBSW	Yes	ASWB Bachelors exam	TN Health Professional Boards
Texas	LBSW	Yes	ASWB Bachelors exam; jurisprudence exam (Note: you must graduate and pass both of these exams prior to applying for licensure)	TX Board of Social Worker Examiners
Utah	SSW	Yes	fee & application	UT Dept. of Commerce
Vermont	none	N/A		VT Secretary of State
Virgin Islands	LSW	Yes	ASWB Bachelors exam; 3 letters of reference (2 professional & 1 supervisory; at least 1 must be licensed at the CSW/CISW level)	VI Dept. of Licensing & Consumer Affairs
Virginia	LBSW	Yes	ASWB Bachelors exam	VA Dept. of Health Professions
Washington	none	N/A		WA Dept. of Health
West Virginia	LSW	Yes	ASWB Bachelors exam	WV Board of Social Work
Wisconsin	CSW	Yes	ASWB Bachelors exam; jurisprudence exam	WI Dept. of Safety & Professional Services
Wyoming	CSW	Yes	ASWB Bachelors exam	WY Mental Health Professions Licensing Board

Additional Notes

1. Creighton University makes no claim about the applicability of its academic programs to any state-established requirements outside the domain of the educational criteria of academic programs designed to prepare students for state-level licensure.
2. **For Domestic Students/U.S. Residents:** Professional licensure requirements, and determinations of which academic programs fulfill them, are established solely by individual states, and are subject to change without notice to Creighton University. The records above will be updated annually; however, Creighton University cannot guarantee that they are always accurate.

Creighton University cannot guarantee an individual's attainment of any state-established professional licensure or certification, in any field, in any jurisdiction. All prospective students considering this program, and all current students in this program, should always consult the appropriate licensing agency(ies) in the state(s) in which they wish to practice professionally to determine each state's updated professional licensure requirements and ensure Creighton University's academic program compatibility. Before seeking admission or beginning study in a course or program involving licensure or certification, please visit the program's webpage or contact the program for information on the state in which you intend to pursue licensure.

3. **For International Students:** Creighton University makes no claims about whether or not Creighton programs satisfy the requirements for professional practice, certification, or licensure in any country other than the United States. Prospective students living and/or working outside of the United States, or who intend to work outside the United States, should confirm with the appropriate certifying agency whether successful completion of any degree program at Creighton University will meet the academic credential requirements of the country in which they intend to seek employment.