

STATE OF NEVADA
BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR SOCIAL WORKERS

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PLEASE NOTE: In Nevada it is unlawful to engage in the practice of social work or represent yourself as a social worker unless licensed by Nevada pursuant to NRS 641B. Additionally, it is unlawful to engage in the Independent practice (i.e. private practice) unless licensed as an Independent or Clinical Social Worker. Only persons licensed as a Clinical Social Worker or in a Board approved internship may practice clinical social work (i.e. mental health therapy or the use of psychotherapeutic techniques.)

The following information is provided to give an overview of the levels of licensure in the state of Nevada. Please review this material prior to selecting the level of licensure for which you will be applying. For further information on each level, please refer to the specific instruction sheet.

Preliminary qualifications for all levels:

1. At least 21 years of age
2. A citizen of the United States, or is lawfully entitled to remain and work in the United States

Social Worker

- 1 possesses a baccalaureate degree or master's degree in social work from a college or university accredited by the Council on Social Work Education or which is a candidate for such accreditation
- 2 passes the ASWB Basic examination.

Or

- 1 possesses a baccalaureate degree or master's degree in a related field, or has completed equivalent course work in a related field
- 2 completes 3000 hours in Nevada as an Associate in Social Work (Note: The Associate in Social Work is no longer available for new applicants. Only persons who currently hold a license as an Associate in Social Worker in Nevada may apply under this provision.)
- 3 passes the ASWB Basic examination

Independent Social Worker

1. possesses a master's or doctoral degree in social work from a college or university accredited by the Council on Social Work Education or which is a candidate for such accreditation
2. completes 3,000 hours of supervised, postgraduate social work approved by the Board. The supervision must be by an Independent Social Worker or a Clinical Social Worker.
3. passes the ASWB Advanced examination

Clinical Social Worker

- 1 possesses a master's degree in social work from a college or university accredited by the Council on Social Work Education or which is a candidate for such accreditation
- 2 completes 3,000 hours of supervised, postgraduate clinical social work approved by the Board. At least 2,000 hours of the supervised, postgraduate clinical social work must be in the area of psychotherapeutic methods and techniques to persons, families and groups to help in the diagnosis and treatment of mental and emotional conditions. The remaining hours may be completed in other areas of clinical social work. The supervision must be by a Clinical Social Worker.
- 3 passes the ASWB Clinical examination.

A provisional license to practice as a Social Worker, Independent Social Worker, or Clinical Social Worker may be granted if all requirements for the license except the examination have been satisfactorily met. The examination must be taken within 60 days of the issuance of the provisional license. Additionally, a provisional license is available for no more than 3 years for persons who are enrolled in a program leading to a degree in social work from a college or university accredited by the Council on Social Work Education and have a related degree. **See instructions for further information.**