



College of Liberal Arts and Sciences  
**Social Work**

Lesley University’s Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) and Master of Social Work (MSW) programs are accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) and encompassed by Lesley’s accreditation by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).

**If you have any questions after reviewing the information below, please contact us at [cert\\_off@lesley.edu](mailto:cert_off@lesley.edu).**

Professional social work licensure requirements vary from state to state, are a matter of individual state legislation, and are outside of the control of educational institutions. State licensing boards make determinations as to whether an applicant’s program of study meets the educational requirements for a license at the time of licensure application.

**I. State-by-State Listing: Bachelor-degree Level Social Work Licensure**

- A. Lesley University’s Bachelor of Social Work program **meets** the current educational requirements for graduates to apply for the respective Bachelor-degree level license in the following states:

Jurisdiction	License Name
Alaska	Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker
Arizona	Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker
Arkansas	Licensed Social Worker
Delaware	Licensed Bachelors Social Worker
District of Columbia	Licensed Social Work Associate
Hawaii	Licensed Bachelor Social Worker
Idaho	Licensed Social Worker
Illinois	Licensed Social Worker 2
Indiana	Licensed Bachelor Social Worker
Kansas	Licensed Bachelor Social Worker
Kentucky	Licensed Social Worker 1
Louisiana	Registered Social Worker
Maine	Licensed Social Worker 1
Maryland	Licensed Bachelor Social Worker
Massachusetts	Licensed Social Worker 1
Michigan	Limited Bachelor Social Worker
Minnesota	Licensed Social Worker
Mississippi	Licensed Social Worker
Missouri	Licensed Bachelors Social Worker
Montana	Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker Candidate
Nebraska	Certified Social Worker
Nevada	Social Worker
New Hampshire	Licensed Social Worker, Conditional
New Jersey	Certified Social Worker 1
New Mexico	Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker
North Carolina	Certified Social Worker



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<b>North Dakota</b>	Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker
<b>Ohio</b>	Licensed Social Worker
<b>Oklahoma</b>	Licensed Social Work Associate
<b>Oregon</b>	Registered Baccalaureate Social Worker
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	Licensed Bachelor Social Worker
<b>South Carolina</b>	Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker
<b>Tennessee</b>	Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker
<b>Texas</b>	Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker
<b>Utah</b>	Social Service Worker 1
<b>Virgin Islands</b>	Social Worker 1
<b>Virginia</b>	Associate Social Worker
<b>West Virginia</b>	Licensed Social Worker
<b>Wisconsin</b>	Certified Social Worker
<b>Wyoming</b>	Bachelor of Social Work

- B.** According to the ASWB website, there currently is **no state licensure process** for bachelors level social work practice in the following states, though some states may have legislation in process that could require such licensure in the future: California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, New York, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington
- C.** Lesley University **has not made a determination** whether the Bachelor of Social Work program meets the current educational requirements to apply for Bachelor-degree level social work licensure in the following states: Alabama and Iowa.

Individuals who intend to pursue professional social work licensure are strongly encouraged to request guidance from state licensing boards as to whether supplemental coursework or other actions would be necessary to make them eligible to apply for social work licensure in that state. To research the requirements for professional social work licensure for the state in which you reside or plan to practice, visit the American Social Work Board (ASWB) website at <https://www.aswb.org/licensees/about-licensing-and-regulation/socialwork-regulation/> or the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA) at <https://www.nc-sara.org/resource-directories-and-guides> for contact information and website links. We advise you to become familiar with and understand the state requirements for social work licensure for the state in which you reside or plan to practice.

**II. State-by-State Listing: Master-degree Level Social Work Licensure**

- A.** Lesley University’s Master of Social Work program is in Candidacy for accreditation by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). Candidacy status **meets** the current educational requirements for graduates to apply for the respective Master-degree level license in the following states:

<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>License Name</b>
<b>Alaska</b>	Licensed Master Social Worker
<b>Arizona</b>	Licensed Master Social Worker
<b>Arkansas</b>	Licensed Master Social Worker
<b>California</b>	Associate Clinical Social Worker
<b>Colorado</b>	Licensed Social Worker

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<b>Connecticut</b>	Master's Level Social Worker
<b>Delaware</b>	Licensed Masters Social Worker
<b>District of Columbia</b>	Licensed Graduate Social Worker
<b>Georgia</b>	Licensed Master Social Worker
<b>Hawaii</b>	Licensed Social Worker
<b>Idaho</b>	Licensed Master Social Worker
<b>Illinois</b>	Licensed Social Worker 1
<b>Indiana</b>	Licensed Social Worker
<b>Iowa</b>	Licensed Master Social Worker
<b>Kansas</b>	Licensed Master Social Worker
<b>Kentucky</b>	Certified Social Worker
<b>Louisiana</b>	Certified Social Worker
<b>Maine</b>	Licensed Master Social Worker
<b>Maryland</b>	Licensed Master Social Worker
<b>Massachusetts</b>	Licensed Certified Social Worker
<b>Michigan</b>	Limited License Master's Social Worker
<b>Minnesota</b>	Licensed Graduate Social Worker
<b>Mississippi</b>	Licensed Master Social Worker
<b>Missouri</b>	Licensed Master Social Worker
<b>Montana</b>	Licensed Master Social Worker Candidate (non-clinical)
<b>Nebraska</b>	Provisional Certified Master Social Worker
<b>Nevada</b>	Licensed Master Social Worker
<b>New Hampshire</b>	Clinical Social Worker, Conditional
<b>New Jersey</b>	Licensed Social Worker
<b>New Mexico</b>	Licensed Master Social Worker
<b>North Carolina</b>	Certified Master Social Worker
<b>North Dakota</b>	Licensed Master Social Worker
<b>Ohio</b>	Licensed Social Worker
<b>Oklahoma</b>	Licensed Master Social Worker
<b>Oregon</b>	Licensed Master's Social Worker
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	Licensed Social Worker
<b>Puerto Rico</b>	Initial Professional Social Work Licensure Provisional Licensed Social Worker
<b>Rhode Island</b>	Licensed Clinical Social Worker
<b>South Carolina</b>	Licensed Master Social Worker
<b>South Dakota</b>	Certified Social Worker
<b>Tennessee</b>	Licensed Master Social Worker
<b>Texas</b>	Licensed Master Social Worker
<b>Utah</b>	Certified Social Worker
<b>Vermont</b>	Licensed Master Social Worker
<b>Virgin Islands</b>	Certified Social Worker
<b>Virginia</b>	Licensed Master's Social Worker
<b>Washington</b>	Licensed Social Worker Associate Advanced

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<b>West Virginia</b>	Licensed Graduate Social Worker
<b>Wisconsin</b>	Advanced Practice Social Worker
<b>Wyoming</b>	Provisional Clinical Social Worker

- B.** Lesley University **has not made a determination** whether our Master of Social Work program meets the current educational requirements to apply for Master-degree level licensure in the following states: Alabama, Florida, and New York.

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**Periodic Review of Licensure Regulations and Moving to a New State**

It is important to understand the specific requirements of the state in which you intend to apply for licensure and to periodically review the requirements in order to be aware of any future changes to those requirements. If you move to a new state, you should be aware that the requirements for licensure may differ from the state in which you previously resided, and you are advised to become familiar with and understand the requirements of the new state. Students are expected to keep the University informed of any changes of location via the [Address Change Form](#) available on the Registrar's Office webpage.

*Lesley University has attempted to ensure the accuracy and reliability of the information provided at the time this notice was created. Please be aware that state licensure is a matter of individual state legislation and is outside of the control of educational institutions and, therefore, the information presented in this notice is subject to change.*