State of Wisconsin Requirements for Clinical Social Work Licensure

Effective November 1, 2002 those who wish to be licensed as clinical social workers (LCSW) in the State of Wisconsin must meet the following requirements:

1. Complete a Masters level “Clinical Social Work Concentration.”
   - This requirement is met through the Mental Health Concentration.

2. State Statutes require that 40% of non-field credits in a master’s program be comprised of “clinical courses...”
   - At least one course must be in Psychopathology (SW 712); **AND**
   - A minimum of two courses from list below (2011-12 planned offerings). (Not all courses are offered each semester or academic year)
   - SW 624 SW with the Small Group
   - SW 644 SW and Developmental Disabilities
   - SW 646 Child Abuse and Neglect
   - SW 656 Family Practice in Foster and Kinship Care
   - SW 679 Death & Dying: Challenges for Practice
   - SW 741 Interventions with Children, Youth & Families
   - SW 742 Assessing & Treating Children & Adolescents
   - SW 821 Aging and Mental Health
   - SW 835 Advanced Practice in Mental Health
   - SW 844 Social Work Practice in Juvenile and Criminal Justice Systems
   - SW 854 Crisis Intervention
   - SW 870 Clinical SW Interventions in Severe Mental Illnesses
   - SW 874 Advanced Practice in Health, Aging & Disability
   - SW 923 Family Violence
   - SW 924 Family Problems in SW
   - SW 929 SW & Substance Abuse

3. Statues require that “...field training must be in a primary clinical setting and must include at least two semesters of field placement where more than 50% of the practice is to assess and treat interpersonal and intrapsychic issues in direct contact with individuals, families or small groups.”
   - This requirement is generally met through the Mental Health Field Units:
   - Some field units from the list below have placements which qualify. (Contact the field instructor for more information.):
     - Social Work Practice in Child and Family Welfare
     - Social Work Practice in Juvenile and Criminal Justice Systems
     - Social Work Practice in Developmental Disabilities
     - Social Work Practice in Health Care Settings
     - Social Work Practice with Older Adults

4. After graduation become certified as an Advanced Practice Social Worker (CAPSW).

5. After graduation and certification, engage in 3000 hours “clinical” practice including at least 1,000 hours face-to-face client contact under the supervision of an LCSW or LCSW who has engaged in the equivalent of 5 years full-time clinical social work, psychologist or psychiatrist.

6. Pass the LCSW Exam