

APPENDIX I: Wisconsin Requirements for Clinical Social Work Licensure

Please see the [licensure website](#) for more information. Those who wish to be licensed as clinical social workers (LCSW) in the State of Wisconsin must meet the following requirements:

1. Complete a master's level "Clinical Social Work Concentration." This requirement is met through the Mental Health Focus Area.
2. According to state statutes, a clinical social work course of study "shall include one course in psychopathology in social work and, two (2) theory and practice courses from among the following: (a) Case Management (b) Clinical assessment and treatment of specific populations and problems, such as children, adolescent, elderly, alcohol and drug abuse, family or couples relationships (c) Psychopharmacology (d) Psychotherapeutic Interventions (e) Electives such as family therapy, social work with groups, sex- or gender-related issues, and topics."
 - A. At least one course must be in Psychopathology (SW 612 or SW 712 meet this requirement); **AND**
 - B. A minimum of two courses from the list below (2021-22 Part-time Program planned offerings)*
 - SW 644 Issues in Developmental Disabilities
 - SW 646 Child Abuse and Neglect
 - SW 656 Family Practice in Foster Kinship Care
 - SW 741 Interventions with Children, Youth & Families
 - SW 742 Assessing and Treating Children and Adolescents
 - SW 821 Aging and Mental Health
 - SW 835 Advanced Practice in MH (required for mental health focus area practice course)
 - SW 870 Cognitive and Behavioral Mental Health Treatments for Adults
 - SW 929 Social Work and Substance Use Disorders
3. Statutes 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 Unit.
4. After graduation become certified as an Advanced Practice Social Worker (CAPSW).
5. After graduation and certification, engage in 3000 hours of "clinical" practice including at least 1,000 hours of face-to-face client contact under an approved supervisor.
6. Pass the LCSW Exam

** if two psychopathology courses are taken, one may count toward 2.B. requirement*

State of Minnesota: Effective August 1, 2011, those who wish to be licensed as an Independent Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) in Minnesota must, after graduating with their MSW, obtain a LGSW, practice under supervision and document 360 clock hours in six clinical knowledge areas. Please see [our Social Work Certification and Licensure website](#) for more information.

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Please see the [Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work Certification & Licensure](#) website for additional information.

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The Mental Health Focus Area meets this requirement.
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- A. At least one course must be in Psychopathology (SW 612 or SW 712 meet this requirement);
AND
- B. A minimum of two courses from list below (*not all courses are offered each semester or academic year*)

SW627	Sex Trafficking and Sex Trading	SW821	SW Practice in Aging and Mental Health
SW639	Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender (GLBT) Individuals and Social Welfare	SW835	Advanced Practice in Mental Health (required for Mental Health focus area)
SW644	Issues in Developmental Disabilities	SW854	Crisis Intervention in Social Work
SW646	Child Abuse and Neglect	SW870	Cognitive and Behavioral Mental Health Treatments for Adults
SW648	End of Life: Implications and Challenges for Practice	SW923	Family Violence
SW656	Family Practice in Foster & Kinship Care	SW924	Family Problems in Social Work
SW741	Interventions with Children, Youth, and Families	SW929	Social Work and Substance Use Disorders
SW742	Assessing & Treating Children & Adolescents		

If two psychopathology courses are taken (such as SW612 and SW712), one may be counted toward 2.B. requirement.

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The Mental Health Field Units generally meet this requirement.
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