

# APPENDIX I: Wisconsin Requirements for Clinical Social Work Licensure

Please see the [School of Social Work 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 list below (2020-21 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 & Treating Children & Adolescents
    - SW 821 Aging and Mental Health
    - SW 825 Grief, Loss, Death and Life
    - 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 SW & 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 "clinical" practice including at least 1,000 hours face-to-face client contact under and 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 an Academic Advisor for more information.