

Social Work Programs

Social Work has title protection in the State of Michigan

[“What is Title Protection?”](#)

If you want to call yourself a "Social Worker" in Michigan, you must be licensed” - NASW MI

Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA)

Master of Social Work

SOCIAL WORK LICENSING GUIDE ELIGIBILITY FOR LIMITED LMSW LICENSE

Limited – A license for applicants used to obtain 4,000 hours of supervised social work experience and take the examination. It can be renewed up to 6 times.

- Graduate with a **master's degree from a CSWE-accredited educational program.**
- Submit the fee with the application that is found here.
- A criminal background check is required

ELIGIBILITY FOR FULL MASTER'S SOCIAL WORKER LICENSE (LMSW) BY EXAMINATION

- Graduate with a **master's degree from an educational program that is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE).**
- Complete at least 4,000 hours of post-degree supervised social work experience over at least a two-year period. If the experience is gained in Michigan, must hold a Limited LMSW License. Must complete experience in a setting that includes work in the area of designation that will part of the MSW license; either Clinical, Macro (administrative), or both.
- Arrange for submission of verification of licensure in any state where licensed, even if the license is no longer active.
- Pass either the Clinical or the Advanced Generalist (Macro designation) Examination that is conducted by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB).
- Submit the fee with the application that is found here.
- A criminal background check is required

Bachelor of Social Work

ELIGIBILITY FOR A LIMITED BSW LICENSE

Limited – A license for applicants used to obtain 4,000 hours of supervised social work experience and take the examination. It can be renewed up to 6 times.

- Graduate with a **bachelor's degree from a CSWE- accredited educational program.**
- Practice under the supervision of a licensed master's social worker.
- Submit the fee with the application that is found here.
- A criminal background check is required

ELIGIBILITY FOR FULL BACHELOR'S SOCIAL WORKER LICENSE (LBSW) BY EXAMINATION

- Graduate with a **bachelor's degree from a CSWE-accredited educational program.**
- Complete at least 4,000 hours of post-degree supervised social work experience over at least a two-year period. If the experience is gained in Michigan, must hold a Limited LBSW License.
- Pass the Bachelors Examination that is conducted by the ASWB.
- Submit the fee with the application that is found here.
- A criminal background check is required

Nursing Programs

Upon graduation, students are prepared to become certified by the [American Nurses Credentialing Commission](#) (ANCC) or the [American Association of Critical Care Nurses](#) (AACN) and to obtain Nurse Practitioner specialty certification by the State of Michigan.

In Michigan there is RN licensure, which students already have to be in the graduate program, then, specialty certification as NP.

For the Online Admin program, there is no additional licensure that students receive.