

Most states offer licensure or certification for social work practice at the bachelor level, though requirements vary by state. Below is information about each state's BSW licensure/certification, any additional requirements beyond a BSW degree, and a link to the state's website for additional information. In addition to what is listed below, most states require some form of background check and proof of citizenship, so applicants are strongly encouraged to review these requirements for licensure/certification prior to applying. If students are completing a double major, they are strongly encouraged to list BSW as their primary degree to ensure compatibility with future licensure/certification.

KEY:

LSW / LBSW = Licensed [Bachelor] Social Worker      CSW = Certified Social Worker      CSWM = Certified Social Work Manager  
 RSW / RBSW = Registered [Bachelor] Social Worker      SSW = Social Service Worker      LSWA = Licensed Social Work Associate

| State/Territory      | BSW-Level certification/licensure offered | Does Creighton's curriculum meet educational requirements? | Additional requirements/details  | State Website  |
|----------------------|---|--|--|--|
| Alabama              | LBSW                                      | Yes  | ASWB Bachelors exam, 24 months (96 hours) of supervision upon receiving licensure  | <a href="#">AL Board of Social Work Examiners</a>          |
| Alaska               | LBSW                                      | Yes  | ASWB Bachelors exam, 3 professional references (see application for reference requirements)  | <a href="#">AK Board of Clinical Social Work Examiners</a> |
| Arizona              | LBSW                                      | Yes  | ASWB Bachelors exam  | <a href="#">AZ Board of Behavioral Health Examiners</a>    |
| Arkansas             | LSW                                       | Yes  | ASWB Bachelors exam  | <a href="#">AR Social Work Licensing Board</a>             |
| California           | none                                      | N/A  |  | <a href="#">CA Board of Behavioral Sciences</a>            |
| Colorado             | none                                      | N/A  |  | <a href="#">CO Board of Social Work Examiners</a>          |
| Connecticut          | none                                      | N/A  |  | <a href="#">CT Dept. of Public Health</a>                  |
| Delaware             | LBSW                                      | Yes  | ASWB Bachelors exam  | <a href="#">DE Board of Social Work Examiners</a>          |
| District of Columbia | LSWA                                      | Yes  | ASWB Bachelors exam, 3 reference forms (2 must be social workers); COVID vaccination attestation   | <a href="#">DC Health</a>                                  |
| Florida              | none                                      | N/A  |  | <a href="#">FL Board</a>                                   |
| Georgia              | none                                      | N/A  |  | <a href="#">GA Secretary of State</a>                      |
| Guam                 | LBSW                                      | Yes  | 3 letters of reference (1 required from field instructor if graduated within 6 months); ASWB exam is waived with BSW degree from CSWE accredited program | <a href="#">Guam Board of Social Work</a>                  |

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| Hawaii          | LBSW                                      | Yes  | ASWB Bachelors exam   | <a href="#">HI Dept. of Commerce &amp; Consumer Affairs</a>         |
| Idaho           | LBSW                                      | Yes  | ASWB Bachelors exam   | <a href="#">ID Board of Social Work Examiners</a>                   |
| Illinois        | LSW                                       | Yes  | 3 years supervised professional experience (ASWB exam no longer required as of Jan. 1, 2022)  | <a href="#">IL Dept. of Financial &amp; Professional Regulation</a> |
| Indiana         | LBSW                                      | Yes  | ASWB Bachelors exam   | <a href="#">IN Professional Licensing Agency</a>                    |
| Iowa            | LBSW                                      | Yes  | ASWB Bachelors exam   | <a href="#">IA Board of Social Work</a>                             |
| Kansas          | LBSW                                      | Yes  | ASWB Bachelors exam, 3 references (1 must be supervisor from field experience; other 2 must be licensed social workers)   | <a href="#">KS Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board</a>             |
| Kentucky        | LSW                                       | Yes  | ASWB Bachelors exam   | <a href="#">KY Board of Social Work</a>                             |
| Louisiana       | RSW                                       | Yes  | fee & application   | <a href="#">LA Board of Social Work Examiners</a>                   |
| Maine           | LSW                                       | Yes  | ASWB Bachelors exam   | <a href="#">ME Professional &amp; Financial Regulation</a>          |
| Maryland        | LBSW                                      | Yes  | ASWB Bachelors exam   | <a href="#">MD Dept. of Health</a>                                  |
| Massachusetts   | LSW                                       | Yes  | ASWB Bachelors exam, 3 references (1 must be supervisor from field experience)  | <a href="#">MA Board of Registration of Social Workers</a>          |
| Michigan        | LBSW                                      | Yes  | ASWB Bachelors exam, human trafficking and implicit bias training, 4000 hours of post-degree supervised experience for at least 2 years (must apply for a limited license while accruing these hours) | <a href="#">MI Board of Social Work</a>                             |
| Minnesota       | LSW                                       | Yes  | ASWB Bachelors exam   | <a href="#">MN Board of Social Work</a>                             |
| Mississippi     | LSW                                       | Yes  | ASWB Bachelors exam, must be 21 years old   | <a href="#">MS State Board of Examiners</a>                         |
| Missouri        | LBSW                                      | Yes  | ASWB Bachelors exam, 2-hour suicide training  | <a href="#">MO Division of Professional Registration</a>            |
| Montana         | LBSW                                      | Yes  | ASWB Bachelors exam, 2000 hours of post-degree supervised experience for at least 18 months (must apply for LBSW Candidate while accruing these hours)  | <a href="#">MT Board of Behavioral Health</a>                       |

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| Nebraska        | CSW                                       | Yes  | fee & application (fee waived for individuals younger than 26, low-income, or military family)                                 | <a href="#">NE Dept. of Health &amp; Human Services</a>   |
| Nevada          | LSW                                       | Yes  | ASWB Bachelors exam, must be 21 years old  | <a href="#">NV Board of Examiners</a>                     |
| New Hampshire   | none                                      | N/A  |  | <a href="#">NH Board of Mental Health Practice</a>        |
| New Jersey      | CSW                                       | Yes  | fee & application  | <a href="#">NJ Division of Consumer Affairs</a>           |
| New Mexico      | LBSW                                      | Yes  | ASWB Bachelors exam; 2 character references; jurisprudence exam; completion of NM cultural course, workshop, or exam           | <a href="#">NM Regulation &amp; Licensing Dept.</a>       |
| New York        | none                                      | N/A  |  | <a href="#">NY Office of the Professions</a>              |
| North Carolina  | CSW, CSWM                                 | Yes, Yes   | CSW: ASWB Bachelors exam<br>CSWM: ASWB Advanced Generalist exam, 3000 hours post-degree paid employment, 100 hours supervision | <a href="#">NC Certification &amp; Licensure Board</a>    |
| North Dakota    | LBSW                                      | Yes  | ASWB Bachelors exam; 3 references (must be from faculty advisor, field social work supervisor, and 1 additional social worker) | <a href="#">ND Board of Social Work Examiners</a>         |
| Ohio            | LSW                                       | Yes  | ASWB Bachelors exam  | <a href="#">OH CSWMFT Board</a>                           |
| Oklahoma        | LSWA                                      | Yes  | ASWB Bachelors exam  | <a href="#">OK State Board of Licensed Social Workers</a> |
| Oregon          | RBSW                                      | Yes  | ASWB Bachelors exam, jurisprudence exam  | <a href="#">OR Board of Licensed Social Workers</a>       |
| Pennsylvania    | none                                      | N/A  |  | <a href="#">PA Dept. of State</a>                         |
| Puerto Rico     | LSW                                       | unable to determine  | Legal resident of Puerto Rico; 3 references from licensed social workers in PR   | <a href="#">PR State Department</a>                       |
| Rhode Island    | none                                      | N/A  |  | <a href="#">RI Dept. of Health</a>                        |
| South Carolina  | LBSW                                      | Yes  | ASWB Bachelors exam  | <a href="#">SC Board of Social Work Examiners</a>         |
| South Dakota    | LSW                                       | Yes  | ASWB Bachelors exam; 3 professional references   | <a href="#">SD Board of Social Work Examiners</a>         |
| Tennessee       | LBSW                                      | Yes  | ASWB Bachelors exam  | <a href="#">TN Health Professional Boards</a>             |

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| <b>Texas</b>          | LBSW                                      | Yes  | ASWB Bachelors exam; jurisprudence exam   | <a href="#">TX Board of Social Worker Examiners</a>            |
| <b>Utah</b>           | SSW                                       | Yes  | ASWB Bachelors exam   | <a href="#">UT Dept. of Commerce</a>                           |
| <b>Vermont</b>        | none                                      | N/A  |   | <a href="#">VT Secretary of State</a>                          |
| <b>Virgin Islands</b> | LSW                                       | unable to determine  | ASWB Bachelors exam; 3 letters of reference (1 must be from field education supervisor) | <a href="#">VI Dept. of Licensing &amp; Consumer Affairs</a>   |
| <b>Virginia</b>       | LBSW                                      | Yes  | ASWB Bachelors exam   | <a href="#">VA Dept. of Health Professions</a>                 |
| <b>Washington</b>     | none                                      | N/A  |   | <a href="#">WA Dept. of Health</a>                             |
| <b>West Virginia</b>  | LSW                                       | Yes  | ASWB Bachelors exam   | <a href="#">WV Board of Social Work</a>                        |
| <b>Wisconsin</b>      | CSW                                       | Yes  | ASWB Bachelors exam; jurisprudence exam   | <a href="#">WI Dept. of Safety &amp; Professional Services</a> |
| <b>Wyoming</b>        | CSW                                       | Yes  | ASWB Bachelors exam   | <a href="#">WY Mental Health Professions Licensing Board</a>   |

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