

BECOMING A PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORKER

A road map to life after graduation (in Nebraska)

BSW

Receiving your Bachelor degree from an accredited CSWE program may make you eligible to apply for "advanced standing" for your MSW



CSW

(Certified Social Worker)

- \$125 every 2 years*
- No exam needed
- Required if representing self as a "social worker"

*Fee waived for:

- Ages 18-25
- Military family
- Low-income

PLMHP/LMHP (Licensed Mental Health Practitioner)

- \$125 provisional; \$155 every 2 years thereafter
- 3000 post-MSW hours under supervision (1500 must be direct)
- Min. MSW practicum of 300 hours (150 face-to-face)
- Complete within 5 years
- Hours start after application



PCMSW/CMSW

(Certified Master Social Worker)

- \$125 provisional; \$155 every 2 years thereafter (\$50 if with LMHP)
- 3000 hours under supervision (doesn't need to be direct)
- Completion of ASWB advanced generalist or clinical exam (\$260)

LMHP + CMSW = LCSW

INDEPENDENT LICENSURE (LIMHP/LICSW)

- Additional \$50 every 2 years
- Diagnosis & treatment of major mental illness/disorders, without supervision or consultation





WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

Helpful terms to sound like a pro.

CEUS

Continuing Education Units



To maintain certification or licensure, professionals must complete 32 CEUs every two years, 4 of which must be ethics-specific. LIMHPs have additional requirements. You can earn CEUs through certain workshops, classes, trainings, and conferences.

NASW

National Association of Social Workers



The professional organization for social workers. Benefits include networking & job opportunities, access to resources & trainings, and professional advocacy. If you become a member as a student, you are eligible for a discounted rate 2-3 years post-grad as well.

LADC

Licensed Alcohol & Drug Counselor



Also referred to as "dual licensure" when with an LMHP/LCSW. Enables you to provide alcohol & drug counseling. Must complete 270 clock hours of course work, 300 hours of practical training, 6000 supervised practice, and pass exam.

HELPFUL LINKS

Nebraska Licensure:

<http://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Mental-Health-and-Social-Work-Practice.aspx>



Association of Social Work Boards: <https://www.aswb.org/>

National Association of Social Workers:

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