

LCSW- Licensed Clinical Social Worker

Qualifications

- Master's Degree or higher in Social Work
- **3200 hours** of supervised work experience in the practice of clinical social work in no less than 24 months. 3200 hours shall include at least **1600 hours** of direct client contact; In 2015: direct practice may include psychoeducation-to be limited to 400 hours.
- Supervised work experience is limited to the use of psychotherapy for the purpose of assessment, diagnosis and treatment of individuals, couples, families and groups.
- **100 hours** of clinical supervision in no less the 24 months
- Pass licensing examination
- You must become an LMSW **before** you can become and LCSW

Application

- Application fee: \$250.00 (non-refundable)
- License Issuance fee: \$250.00 (Note: You are not to pay the License Issuance fee at the time that you submit your LBSW application. The issuance fee is paid upon notification by the BBHE)
- Typically it may take 90 days to process a complete application for licensure. If the application has deficiencies, it could take longer.

Methods for applying

- Regular License
 1. Forms
 2. Transcripts
 3. Fees
 4. Background check
 5. Residency
 6. Receive approval to take test
 7. Take test ASAP

Option Two

- Temporary License

1. Regular license application as state 1-7 steps plus
2. Application for a temporary license

Criteria for Temporary License

- You must have already submitted an application for a regular license by endorsement to be eligible for a temporary license

You must either

- Be currently licensed or certified by another state behavioral health regulatory entity (\$50- In general this license is good for 12 months) OR
- **Submit an application within 12 months of graduation from the education program submitted to meet licensure requirements and be approved for licensure requirements and be approved for licensure pending passage of the required exam. You are not eligible under this section if you have previously taken and failed to pass the required exam. (Fee \$50- Must take the test in 120 days of being licensed)**

Supervision in Preparation for the LCSW

- General Comments
 - Prohibition of immediate family member of other individual whose objective assessment of the supervisee's performance may be limited by a relationship with the supervisee shall not provide direct or clinical supervision
 - May not acquire supervised work experience in a professional setting in which the supervisee operates or manages or in which the supervisee has an ownership interest
 - Independent Contractor: Specific requirements, consult licensure rules.

Supervision

1. Direct Supervision

- Direct Supervisor: Immediate responsibility and oversight for all services provided by a supervisee. R4-101.A.25
- Typically a direct supervisor is the administrative boss
- A direct supervisor must be employed by the same entity as the supervisee. An individual shall provide direct supervision to a maximum of fifteen supervisees at the same time.

2. Clinical Supervision

- Clinical supervision is typically provided by a LCSW, however there is a waiver when a LMSW is unable to work with a LCSW.
- Waiver 75/25%
- Up to 75% of hours may be supervised by a licensed psychologist, or psychiatrist or LMFT, or LPC
- 25% of hours must still be provided by a LCSW

Clinical Supervision Requirements

- Receive 100 hours of clinical supervision
- 50 of these hours must be individual supervision
- 10 hours must be direct observation (in vivo or audio/videotape)
- 25 of the supervision hours at minimum must be acquired from an LCSW