



Lesley University's Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) and Master of Social Work (MSW) programs are encompassed by Lesley's accreditation by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE). The BSW program is accredited by the [Council on Social Work Education](#) (CSWE). The MSW program has been granted Second Year of Candidacy status for accreditation by the [Council on Social Work Education](#) (CSWE)\*.

\*Students who enter programs that are in Candidacy for accreditation by the CSWE (or who enrolled in the academic year in which Candidacy was granted) will be retroactively recognized as having graduated from a CSWE-accredited program once the program attains Initial Accreditation. Candidacy is typically a three-year process, and Lesley's MSW program is working toward attaining Initial Accreditation in Spring 2023. Candidacy applies to all program sites and program delivery methods. Accreditation provides reasonable assurance about the quality of the program and the competence of students graduating from the program. **If you have any questions after reviewing the information below, please contact us at [cert\\_off@lesley.edu](mailto:cert_off@lesley.edu).**

Professional social work licensure requirements vary from state to state, are a matter of individual state legislation, and are outside of the control of educational institutions. State licensing boards make determinations as to whether an applicant's program of study meets the educational requirements for a license at the time of licensure application.

**I. State-by-State Listing: Bachelor-degree level social work licensure**

- A. Lesley University's Bachelor of Social Work program **meets** the current educational requirements for graduates to apply for the respective Bachelor-degree level license in the following states:

<b>Alaska</b>	Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker
<b>Arizona</b>	Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker
<b>Arkansas</b>	Licensed Social Worker
<b>Delaware</b>	Licensed Bachelors Social Worker
<b>District of Columbia</b>	Licensed Social Work Associate
<b>Hawaii</b>	Licensed Bachelor Social Worker
<b>Idaho</b>	Licensed Social Worker
<b>Illinois</b>	Licensed Social Worker 2
<b>Indiana</b>	Licensed Bachelor Social Worker
<b>Kansas</b>	Licensed Bachelor Social Worker
<b>Kentucky</b>	Licensed Social Worker 1
<b>Louisiana</b>	Registered Social Worker
<b>Maine</b>	Licensed Social Worker 1
<b>Maryland</b>	Licensed Bachelor Social Worker
<b>Massachusetts</b>	Licensed Social Worker 1
<b>Michigan</b>	Limited Bachelor Social Worker
<b>Minnesota</b>	Licensed Social Worker
<b>Mississippi</b>	Licensed Social Worker
<b>Missouri</b>	Licensed Bachelors Social Worker
<b>Montana</b>	Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker Candidate
<b>Nebraska</b>	Certified Social Worker
<b>Nevada</b>	Social Worker
<b>New Hampshire</b>	Licensed Social Worker, Conditional
<b>New Jersey</b>	Certified Social Worker 1
<b>New Mexico</b>	Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker
<b>North Carolina</b>	Certified Social Worker



<b>North Dakota</b>	Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker
<b>Ohio</b>	Licensed Social Worker
<b>Oklahoma</b>	Licensed Social Work Associate
<b>Oregon</b>	Registered Baccalaureate Social Worker
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	Licensed Bachelor Social Worker
<b>South Carolina</b>	Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker
<b>Tennessee</b>	Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker
<b>Texas</b>	Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker
<b>Utah</b>	Social Service Worker 1
<b>Virginia</b>	Associate Social Worker
<b>West Virginia</b>	Licensed Social Worker
<b>Wisconsin</b>	Certified Social Worker
<b>Wyoming</b>	Bachelor of Social Work

- B.** According to the ASWB website, there currently is **no state licensure process** for bachelors level social work practice in the following states, though some states may have legislation in process that could require such licensure in the future: California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington
- C.** Lesley University **has not made a determination** whether the Bachelor of Social Work program meets the current educational requirements to apply for Bachelor-degree level social work licensure in the following states: Alabama and Iowa.

Individuals who intend to pursue professional social work licensure are strongly encouraged to request guidance from state licensing boards as to whether supplemental coursework or other actions would be necessary to make them eligible to apply for social work licensure in that state. To research the requirements for professional social work licensure for the state in which you reside or plan to practice, visit the American Social Work Board (ASWB) website at <https://www.aswb.org/licensees/about-licensing-and-regulation/social-work-regulation/> or the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA) at <https://www.nc-sara.org/professional-licensure-directory> for contact information and website links. We advise you to become familiar with and understand the state requirements for social work licensure for the state in which you reside or plan to practice.

**II. State-by-State Listing: Master-degree level social work licensure**

- A.** Lesley University's Master of Social Work program is in Candidacy for accreditation by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). Candidacy status **meets** the current educational requirements for graduates to apply for the respective Master-degree level license in the following states:

<b>Georgia</b>	Licensed Master Social Worker
<b>Idaho</b>	Licensed Master Social Worker
<b>Kansas</b>	Licensed Master Social Worker
<b>Kentucky</b>	Certified Social Worker
<b>Louisiana</b>	Licensed Master Social Worker/Certified Social Worker
<b>Maryland</b>	Licensed Master Social Worker
<b>Massachusetts</b>	Licensed Certified Social Worker
<b>Mississippi</b>	Licensed Master Social Worker
<b>New Jersey</b>	Licensed Social Worker



<b>New Mexico</b>	Licensed Master Social Worker
<b>North Carolina</b>	Certified Master Social Worker
<b>North Dakota</b>	Licensed Master Social Worker
<b>Ohio</b>	Licensed Social Worker
<b>Oklahoma</b>	Licensed Master Social Worker
<b>South Carolina</b>	Licensed Master Social Worker
<b>South Dakota</b>	Certified Social Worker
<b>Tennessee</b>	Licensed Master Social Worker
<b>Utah</b>	Certified Social Worker

- B.** Lesley University’s Master of Social Work program **does not meet** the educational requirements to apply for Master-degree level licensure in the following states: Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Texas, Vermont, Virgin Islands, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming
- C.** Lesley University **has not made a determination** whether our Master of Social Work program meets the current educational requirements to apply for Master-degree level licensure in the following states: Alabama, Florida, and New York.

Individuals who intend to pursue professional social work licensure are strongly encouraged to request guidance from state licensing boards as to whether supplemental coursework or other actions would be necessary to make them eligible to apply for social work licensure in that state. To research the requirements for professional social work licensure for the state in which you reside or plan to practice, visit <https://www.aswb.org/licensees/about-licensing-and-regulation/social-work-regulation/>. We advise you to become familiar with and understand the state requirements for social work licensure for the state in which you reside or plan to practice.

**Periodic Review of Licensure Regulations and Moving to a New State**

It is important to understand the specific requirements of the state in which you intend to apply for licensure and to periodically review the requirements in order to be aware of any future changes to those requirements. If you move to a new state, you should be aware that the requirements for licensure may differ from the state in which you previously resided, and you are advised to become familiar with and understand the requirements of the new state. Students are expected to keep the University informed of any changes of location via the [Address Change Form](#) available on the Registrar’s Office webpage.

*Lesley University has attempted to ensure the accuracy and reliability of the information provided at the time this notice was created. Please be aware that state licensure is a matter of individual state legislation and is outside of the control of educational institutions and, therefore, the information presented in this notice is subject to change.*