

Licensure Information for Students and Applicants



Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) ***Master of Social Work (MSW)***

Lesley University's Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) and Master of Social Work (MSW) programs are accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) and encompassed by Lesley's accreditation by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE). **If you have any questions after reviewing the information below, please contact us at 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.

To research the requirements for social work licensure for the state in which you intend to seek licensure or employment, visit the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) website at <https://www.aswb.org/licenses/> or the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA) website at <https://www.nc-sara.org/resource-directories-and-guides> 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 intend to seek licensure or employment.

Provided below is Lesley University's determination, as of the date of this disclosure, whether Lesley's **Bachelor of Social Work** degree program meets or does not meet the educational requirements for graduates to apply for the respective Bachelor-degree level license in each U.S. state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. States and territories for which Lesley University has not yet made a determination are identified as such below.

→ Check Your State ←

State-by-State Listing: Bachelors-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: Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Delaware, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virgin Islands, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming.
- B.** According to the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) website, there currently is **no state licensure process** for Bachelors-degree 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, Puerto Rico, 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.
 - a.** *Individuals who intend to pursue social work licensure in one of the states listed in category C are strongly encouraged to request guidance from state licensing boards as to whether supplemental coursework, field training, or other actions would be necessary to make them eligible to apply for social work licensure in that state.*

Provided below is Lesley University's determination, as of the date of this disclosure, whether Lesley's **Master of Social Work** degree program meets or does not meet the educational requirements for graduates to apply for the respective Master-degree level license in each U.S. state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. States and territories for which Lesley University has not yet made a determination are identified as such below.

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State-by-State Listing: Masters-degree Level Social Work Licensure

- A. Lesley University's Master of Social Work program **meets** the current educational requirements for graduates to apply for the respective Master-degree level license in the following states: Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virgin Islands, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming
- B. Lesley University **has not made a determination** whether the 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.
 - a. *Individuals who intend to pursue social work licensure in one of the states listed in category B are strongly encouraged to request guidance from state licensing boards as to whether supplemental coursework, field training, or other actions would be necessary to make them eligible to apply for social work licensure in that state.*

Student Location

A determination of a student's location is made at the time of the student's application for admission. For students who apply to Lesley University's on-campus programs, Massachusetts will be their location. For students who apply to Lesley University's online and low-residency programs, the local address entered by students in their applications for admission will be their location. If students applying to online or low-residency programs do not enter a local address, the permanent address entered by students in their applications for admission will be their location.

Periodic Review of Licensure Regulations and Moving to a New State

It is important for all applicants and students to understand the specific requirements of the state in which they intend to apply for licensure and plan to practice, and to periodically review the requirements in order to be aware of any future changes to those requirements. If a student's plans for where they intend to seek initial licensure or plan to practice change, they must become aware of the requirements for licensure for the new state.

Throughout the Program, students are required to keep the University informed of any changes in their location (state) via the Address Change Form available on the [Lesley Support Hub's webpage](#).

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