

Dordt University Master of Social Work (M.S.W.)

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Dordt University prepares students for certification and licensure within the state of Iowa. Students may want to attain certification within a different state according to their residence. States may vary in their licensure requirements. Below are the determinations Dordt University has found for each state in which our program meets the educational requirements for professional licensure. Three options are indicated, meeting the certification requirements, do not meet the requirements, or no determination has been made. Dordt University is accredited by the higher Learning Commission. Dordt University has accredited programs in nursing, education, social work and engineering as well. Dordt University's MSW has entered candidacy with the council on Social Work Education (CSWE) and will be fully accredited by February 2023. Accreditation status will then be retroactively applied to all who graduate from the program before it is fully accredited.

State:	Dordt University educational requirements meets state licensure requirements:	State agency for more information:	Additional information:
Alabama	Yes	https://www.socialwork.alabama.gov/	Education requirement: MSW from a CSWE-accredited program. Field experience needed.
Alaska	Yes	https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/SocialWorkExaminers.aspx	Education requirement: MSW from a CSWE-accredited program.
Arizona	Yes	http://www.azbbhe.us/node/827	Education requirement: MSW from a CSWE-accredited program.
Arkansas	Yes	https://www.arkansas.gov/swlb/	Education requirement: MSW from a CSWE-accredited program.
California	Yes, with additional work	https://www.bbs.ca.gov/applicants/lcsw.html	Steps to becoming a LCSW: 1. Earn a CSWE-accredited MSW. 2. Complete additional required coursework on child abuse,

			human sexuality, alcoholism, aging, partner abuse, and suicide risk. 3. Complete 3,000 total supervised social work hours over a minimum of 104 weeks. 4. Apply for licensure. https://www.bbs.ca.gov/applicants/lcsw.html
Colorado	Yes, with additional work	https://dpo.colorado.gov/SocialWork/Applications	Steps to becoming a LCSW: 1. Complete CSWE-accredited MSW degree. 2. Completed postgraduate supervised experience. 3. Complete a health care professional's profile. 4. Pass the jurisprudence examination. 5. Apply for the ASWB exam. 6. Submit required materials and application. Steps to becoming a LSW: 1. Complete CSWE-accredited MSW degree. 2. Pass the jurisprudence examination. 3. Apply for the ASWB exam. 4. Submit required materials and application.
Connecticut	Yes	https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Practitioner-Licensing--Investigations/Socialworker/Social-Work-Licensure	Education requirement: MSW from a CSWE-accredited program. Field experience needed.
Delaware	Yes	https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/socialworkers/	Education requirement: MSW from a CSWE-accredited program. Field experience needed.

Florida	Yes, with additional work	https://floridasmentalhealthprofessions.gov/licensing/licensed-clinical-social-worker/	Education requirement: MSW from a CSWE-accredited program. 24 semester hours or 32 quarter hours in theory of human behavior and practice methods as courses in clinically oriented services, including a minimum of one course in psychopathology, an eight-hour laws and rules (jurisprudence) course and a two-hour prevention of medical errors course. Field experience needed.
Georgia	Yes	https://sos.ga.gov/index.php/licensing/plb/43	Education requirement: MSW from a CSWE-accredited program. Field experience needed.
Hawaii	Yes	http://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/programs/socialworker/	Education requirement: MSW from a CSWE-accredited program. Field experience needed.
Idaho	Yes	https://dopl.idaho.gov/	Education requirement: MSW from any university approved by the Idaho State Board of Occupational Licenses. Field experience needed.
Illinois	Yes	c	Education requirement: MSW from a an accredited university approved by the US Department of Education. Field experience needed for LISW.
Indiana	Yes	https://www.in.gov/pla/professions/behavioral-health-and-human-services-licensing-board/	Education requirement: MSW from a CSWE-accredited

			program. Field experience needed for LISW.
Iowa	Yes	https://idph.iowa.gov/Licensure/Iowa-Board-of-Social-Work	Education requirement: MSW from a CSWE-accredited program. Field experience needed for LISW.
Kansas	Yes	https://ksbsrb.ks.gov/professions/social-workers	Education requirement: MSW from a CSWE-accredited program. Field experience needed for LSCSW.
Kentucky	Yes	https://bsw.ky.gov/Pages/index.aspx	Education requirement: MSW from a educational institution approved by the board. Field experience needed for LCSW.
Louisiana	Yes	https://www.labswe.org/	Education requirement: MSW from a CSWE-accredited program. Field experience needed for LSCSW.
Maine	Yes	https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/state-board-social-worker-licensure	Education requirement: MSW from a CSWE-accredited program. Field experience and three professional recommendations needed for LSCSW.
Maryland	Yes	https://www.humanservicesedu.org/maryland-social-work-requirements/	Education requirement: MSW from a CSWE-accredited program. Field experience needed for LSCSW.
Massachusetts	Yes	https://www.mass.gov/orgs/board-of-registration-of-social-workers	Education requirement: MSW from a CSWE-accredited program. Field experience needed for LSCSW. Offers 4 levels of licensure, each offer differing requirements.

Michigan	Yes	https://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-89334_72600_72603_27529_27554---,00.html	Education requirement: MSW from a CSWE-accredited program. Field experience needed for LSCSW.
Minnesota	Yes	https://mn.gov/boards/social-work/	A graduate degree in social work from a program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Field experience needed for LICSW and LGSW.
Mississippi	Yes	https://www.swmft.ms.gov/	Education requirement: MSW from a CSWE-accredited program. Field experience needed for LSCSW.
Missouri	Yes	https://pr.mo.gov/socialworkers.asp	Education requirement: MSW from a CSWE-accredited program. Field experience needed for LAMSW.
Montana	Yes	https://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/behavioral-health/	Education requirement: MSW from a CSWE-accredited program. Field experience needed for LSCSW.
Nebraska	Yes	https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Mental-Health-and-Social-Work-Practice.aspx	Education requirement: MSW from a CSWE-accredited program. Field experience needed for CMSW.
Nevada	Yes	https://socwork.nv.gov/Licensees/	Education requirement: MSW from a CSWE-accredited program. Field experience needed.
New Hampshire	Yes	https://www.oplc.nh.gov/new-hampshire-board-nursing	Education requirement: MSW from a CSWE-accredited program. Field experience needed.

New Jersey	Yes	https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/sw/Pages/default.aspx	A master's degree in social work from a program currently accredited by CSWE, For the LCSW - includes 12 semester hours of graduate-level courses required in any of the following areas: human behavior and the social environment; diagnosis and assessment; models of psychotherapy or clinical practice; clinical supervision and consultation; and/or intervention with special populations. Field experience needed. For the LSW – MSW from a CSWE-accredited educational program.
New Mexico	Yes	https://www.rld.nm.gov/boards-and-commissions/individual-boards-and-commissions/social-work/	Education requirement: MSW from a CSWE-accredited program. Field experience needed for LISW.
New York	Yes, with additional work	http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/sw/ https://www.op.nysed.gov/professions-index/social-work	There are two types of licensure, LMSW and LCSW, both require MSW from accredited educational program by CSWE. NY also requires applicants to complete training related to identification and reporting of child abuse from and approved training provider. For LCSW must have 36 months of supervised social work practice.
North Carolina	Yes	https://ncswboard.gov/	Education requirement: MSW from a CSWE-accredited

			program. Field experience needed for LCSW.
North Dakota	Yes	https://www.ndbswe.com/	Education requirement: MSW from a CSWE-accredited program. Field experience needed for LICSW.
Ohio	Yes	https://cswmft.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/cswmft/get-licensed/social-workers/lsw%2Blicense%2Binstructions	Education requirement: MSW from a CSWE-accredited program.
Oklahoma	Yes	https://www.ok.gov/socialworkers/	Education requirement: MSW from a CSWE-accredited program. Field experience needed for LCSW.
Oregon	Yes	https://www.oregon.gov/BLSW/Pages/index.aspx	Education requirement: MSW from a CSWE-accredited program. Field experience needed for LCSW.
Pennsylvania	Yes	https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/SocialWorkersMarriageandFamilyTherapistsandProfessionalCounselors/Pages/default.aspx	Education requirement: MSW from a CSWE-accredited program. Field experience needed for LCSW.
Rhode Island	Yes	https://health.ri.gov/licenses/detail.php?id=245	Education requirement: MSW from a CSWE-accredited program. Field experience needed for LICSW.
South Carolina	Yes	https://lir.sc.gov/sw/	Education requirement: MSW from a CSWE-accredited program. Field experience needed for LISW-AP and LISW-CP.
South Dakota	Yes	https://dss.sd.gov/licensingboards/socialwork/social.aspx	Education requirement: MSW from a CSWE-accredited

			program. Field experience needed for CSW-PIP.
Tennessee	Yes	https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/sw-board.html	Education requirement: MSW from a CSWE-accredited program. Field experience needed for LCSW and LAPSW.
Texas	Yes	https://www.dshs.texas.gov/consumerprotection/transition.aspx	Education requirement: MSW from a CSWE-accredited program. Field experience needed for LCSW or LMSW-AP. Also need to take the Texas Jurisprudence Exam.
Utah	Yes	https://dopl.utah.gov/soc/	Education requirement: MSW from a CSWE-accredited program. Field experience needed for LCSW.
Vermont	Yes	https://sos.vermont.gov/social-workers/	Education requirement: MSW from a CSWE-accredited program. Field experience needed for LCSW.
Virginia	Yes	http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/social/	Education requirement: MSW from a CSWE-accredited program. Field experience needed for LCSW and LSW.
Washington	Yes	https://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworUpdate/SocialWorker	Education requirement: MSW from a CSWE-accredited program. Field experience needed for LICSW and LASW.
West Virginia	Yes	https://www.wvsocialworkboard.org/	Education requirement: MSW from a CSWE-accredited program. Field experience needed for LCSW and LICSW.
Wisconsin	Yes	https://naswwi.socialworkers.org/	Education requirement: MSW from a CSWE-accredited

			program. Field experience needed for LCSW and CISW.
Wyoming	Yes	https://ai.wyo.gov/divisions/directors-office/licensing	Education requirement: MSW from a CSWE-accredited program. Field experience needed for LCSW.
Washington D.C.	Yes	https://dchealth.dc.gov/node/323012	Education requirement: MSW from a CSWE-accredited program. Field experience needed for LISW and LICSW.
American Samoa	No	Dhss.as	
Guam	No	https://guamhplo.org/gbsw	The Guam Social Work Board of the Territory of Guam is an independent regulatory agency with the authority to license and regulate the profession of social work in Guam. The board is in the process of developing regulations for the licensure of social workers at the baccalaureate, masters, and clinical levels.
Northern Mariana Islands	Yes, with additional regulations currently underway.	https://www.cnmilicensing.gov.mp	The board recently adopted regulations for licensing baccalaureate, masters, and clinical social workers.
Puerto Rico	Yes	https://www.statedepartment.pr.gov/juntas-examinadoras/social-work-professionals	Education requirement: MSW from a CSWE-accredited program. Field experience needed for LISW and LICSW.
U.S. Virgin Islands	Yes	https://dlca.vi.gov/boardcertifications/steps/swrequirements/	Education requirement: MSW from a CSWE-accredited program as well as two years of experience in a social work capacity.

