



Roadmap to licensure

Social worker

This is general information to help guide you. The order of events and state requirements may differ for each applicant.

Academic degree
granted



Accreditation & approval

Choose a program with the appropriate accreditation and state approval.

Academic coursework

Complete coursework that matches state content area requirements.

Fieldwork

Complete a practicum.

Exams & fees

Pass national and/or state-specific exams before or after the degree is granted.

Initial board application

Apply and acquire before starting post-degree hours.

Background check

Pass a personal/criminal background check to meet state requirements.

Supervised work



Board approves application

Supervised post-degree experience hours (1-2 years)

Additional coursework

In some states, additional coursework may need to be added to the program. This must be completed before required clinical exams.

Required clinical exams & fees

Final board application

Apply after all post-degree hours are completed.

Clinical license
granted



Continuing education & fees

Keep your license up-to-date by completing any continuing education courses and paying required fees for license renewal.

Licensure could be called something else in your state such as a certification, endorsement, or registration. State licensing boards review each applicant's completed education, exam scores, supervised experience, criminal history, and application materials at the time of license application to determine eligibility. Capella University cannot guarantee licensure, it is your responsibility to ensure that you meet all of your state's requirements.



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