



South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation  
**South Carolina Board of Social Work Examiners**

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## REQUIREMENTS FOR INDEPENDENT LEVEL LICENSURE CLINICAL PRACTICE

1. An applicant for licensure as a Licensed Independent Social Worker-CP must submit an application and \$45 non-refundable application fee.
  - Applicants that have a “Yes” answer to any question will be considered for licensure on a case-by-case basis after receipt of all required materials. For each case, the applicant should submit:
    - a. A personal written explanation for the “Yes” answer
    - b. A copy of the formal complaint pleading(s), if applicable
    - c. A copy of the final action, disposition or settlement, if applicable
    - d. Any further information requested by the Board office
    - e. You must agree to a Board appearance if requested
2. An applicant must have a Master’s or Doctorate degree from a social work program that has been accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). Go to [www.cswe.org](http://www.cswe.org) to verify accreditation. (official transcript required)
3. An applicant must have at least forty-five academic contact hours each of psychopathology and psychodiagnostics. (official transcript required)
4. An applicant must demonstrate 15 academic contact hours or 20 continuing education contact hours in professional ethics during the course of the professional supervision period or have completed a Board-sponsored specialty course in professional ethics. (official documentation required)
5. Before the initiation of LISW-CP supervision, the applicant and the supervisor must complete the LISW Supervision Contract. The contract must be approved by the Board prior to the start of the supervision. The Board may ask that the applicant and proposed supervisor appear before the Board to answer questions concerning the proposed supervision contract
6. An applicant must demonstrate to the Board the satisfactory completion of 3000 hours of social work practice under clinical supervision. This supervised experience must have occurred after licensure as a Masters Social Worker and over a **minimum two-year and maximum four-year period** within a recognized, organized setting such as social, medical, or governmental agencies. This supervised experience must include **100 hours of face-to-face** meetings between the approved clinical supervisor and the supervisee, equitably distributed. Please review the **Guidelines For LISW Supervision**.
7. The supervisor must submit the enclosed “Report of Supervised Experience Form” for documentation of supervision at the conclusion of the supervision.
8. The Board will allow 50 percent of the supervision time to be group supervision with no more than six (6) supervisees. Those applicants already in a supervision contract wishing to obtain group supervision can amend their Contract in writing to the Board.
9. An applicant must pass the Clinical level examination administered by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB).
10. When the above materials are approved by the Board, the applicant will be sent an approval letter allowing registration for the Clinical examination.

**ASWB Requires That Candidates Present A Photo I.D. At The Testing Site. This I.D. Must Match The Name Given To The Board When The Candidate Registers To Take The Exam. If The Name Does Not Match The Name On The Photo I.D., The Candidate Will Not Be Allowed To Take The Exam.**