

Social Work, Bachelor of Social Work

Professional Licensure Disclosure

Program evaluated. Southwest Baptist University's Bachelor of Social Work program at the Bolivar campus. The program prepares graduates for bachelor-level generalist social-work practice and eligibility for Missouri's Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker credential. It does not prepare graduates for master's-level or clinical social-work licensure.

Meaning of the determination. SBU's BSW is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. MEETS means the jurisdiction offers a comparable bachelor-level license, certification, or registration and a CSWE-accredited BSW satisfies the educational requirement. DOES NOT MEET means no comparable bachelor-level regulated credential was identified or the jurisdiction's regulated social-work pathway requires graduate education.

Important: A MEETS determination addresses educational preparation only and does not guarantee licensure. Applicants may need to pass an ASWB or jurisdictional examination, complete supervised experience, undergo a background check, complete state-specific training, and satisfy application and fee requirements. DOES NOT MEET does not necessarily prevent employment in unlicensed social-services positions. Requirements may change; students should consult the applicable authority before enrolling or making licensure decisions.

State/Jurisdiction	Official Source	Determination	Comparable Credential / Additional Requirements
Alabama	https://socialwork.alabama.gov/	MEETS	LBSW; CSWE-accredited BSW and ASWB Bachelors examination
Alaska	https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/SocialWorkExaminers.aspx	MEETS	LBSW; CSWE-accredited BSW and ASWB Bachelors examination
Arizona	https://bbhe.az.gov/	MEETS	LBSW; CSWE-accredited BSW, examination, fingerprinting and application requirements
Arkansas	https://www.health.arkansas.gov/boards-commissions/boards/social-work-licensing-board/	MEETS	LSW; CSWE-accredited BSW and ASWB Bachelors examination
California	https://www.bbs.ca.gov/applicants/lcsw.html	DOES NOT MEET	No comparable bachelor-level social-work license; regulated pathway requires an MSW
Colorado	https://dpo.colorado.gov/SocialWork	MEETS	Bachelor-level Social Worker Candidate pathway; examination and application requirements apply
Connecticut	https://portal.ct.gov/dph/practitioner-licensing--investigations/socialworker/social-work-licensure	DOES NOT MEET	No comparable bachelor-level social-work license; LMSW/LCSW pathways require an MSW
Delaware	https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/socialworkers/	MEETS	LBSW; CSWE-accredited BSW, examination and background-check requirements
Florida	https://floridasmentalhealthprofessions.gov/licensing/licensed-clinical-social-worker/	DOES NOT MEET	No comparable bachelor-level social-work license; clinical pathway requires an MSW
Georgia	https://sos.ga.gov/georgia-composite-board-professional-counselors-social-workers-and-marriage-family-therapists	MEETS	Bachelor-level social-work license pathway; examination and application requirements apply
Hawaii	https://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/programs/socialworker/	MEETS	LBSW; CSWE-accredited BSW and ASWB Bachelors examination
Idaho	https://dopl.idaho.gov/swo/	MEETS	LSW; CSWE-accredited BSW and ASWB Bachelors examination
Illinois	https://idfpr.illinois.gov/profs/socialworker.html	MEETS	LSW; BSW applicants must complete three years of supervised post-degree experience; no exam currently required
Indiana	https://www.in.gov/pla/professions/behavioral-health-and-human-services/behavioral-health-and-human-services-licensing-board-board/	MEETS	Bachelor-level social-work license; CSWE-accredited BSW and examination
Iowa	https://dial.iowa.gov/licenses/other-professional-licensure/social-work-licensure	MEETS	LBSW; CSWE-accredited BSW and ASWB Bachelors examination
Kansas	https://www.ksbsrb.ks.gov/professions/social-workers	MEETS	LBSW; CSWE-accredited BSW and ASWB Bachelors examination
Kentucky	https://bsw.ky.gov/	MEETS	LSW; CSWE-accredited BSW and examination requirements
Louisiana	https://www.labswe.org/	MEETS	Registered Social Worker; CSWE-accredited BSW and registration requirements
Maine	https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/state-board-social-worker-licensure	MEETS	LSW; CSWE-accredited BSW and examination; conditional/supervision provisions may apply
Maryland	https://health.maryland.gov/bswe/Pages/default.aspx	MEETS	LBSW; CSWE-accredited BSW and ASWB Bachelors examination
Massachusetts	https://www.mass.gov/orgs/board-of-registration-of-social-workers	MEETS	LSW/LSWA pathways; education, experience and examination requirements vary by level
Michigan	https://www.michigan.gov/lara/bureau-list/bpl/health/hp-lic-health-prof/social-work	MEETS	Limited/Full Bachelor's Social Worker; examination and supervised-experience requirements apply

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Minnesota	https://mn.gov/boards/social-work/	MEETS	LSW; CSWE-accredited BSW and ASWB Bachelors examination
Mississippi	https://www.swmft.ms.gov/	MEETS	LSW; CSWE-accredited BSW and ASWB Bachelors examination
Missouri	https://pr.mo.gov/socialworkers.asp	MEETS	LBSW; CSWE-accredited BSW, ASWB Bachelors examination, suicide-prevention training and background check
Montana	https://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/behavioral-health/	MEETS	LBSW; CSWE-accredited BSW and applicable examination/application requirements
Nebraska	https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Mental-Health-and-Social-Work-Practice.aspx	MEETS	Bachelor-level social-work credential; CSWE-accredited BSW and applicable requirements
Nevada	https://socwork.nv.gov/	MEETS	LSW; CSWE-accredited BSW, ASWB Bachelors examination and background check
New Hampshire	https://www.oplc.nh.gov/board-mental-health-practice	MEETS	Social Worker/Social Work Associate pathway; bachelor-level examination and application requirements apply
New Jersey	https://www.niconsumeraffairs.gov/sw/Pages/default.aspx	MEETS	Certified Social Worker; CSWE-accredited BSW and certification requirements
New Mexico	https://www.rld.nm.gov/boards-and-commissions/individual-boards-and-commissions/social-work/	MEETS	LBSW; CSWE-accredited BSW, examination and state-specific requirements
New York	https://www.op.nysed.gov/professions/social-work	DOES NOT MEET	No comparable bachelor-level social-work license; LMSW requires an MSW
North Carolina	https://ncswboard.gov/	MEETS	Certified Social Worker; CSWE-accredited BSW and ASWB Bachelors examination
North Dakota	https://www.ndbswe.com/	MEETS	LBSW; CSWE-accredited BSW and ASWB Bachelors examination
Ohio	https://cswmft.ohio.gov/get-licensed/social-workers	MEETS	LSW; CSWE-accredited BSW and ASWB examination
Oklahoma	https://oklahoma.gov/socialworkers.html	MEETS	LSWA/LSW bachelor-level pathway; CSWE-accredited BSW and applicable examination/supervision requirements
Oregon	https://www.oregon.gov/blsw/Pages/index.aspx	MEETS	Registered Baccalaureate Social Worker; CSWE-accredited BSW and examination
Pennsylvania	https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dos/departments-and-offices/bpoa/boards-commissions/social-workers-marriage-family-therapists-professional-counselors.html	MEETS	Bachelor-level social-work license pathway; CSWE-accredited BSW and applicable requirements
Rhode Island	https://health.ri.gov/licensing/social-work	DOES NOT MEET	No comparable bachelor-level social-work license; current LCSW/LICSW pathways require an MSW
South Carolina	https://lfr.sc.gov/sw/	MEETS	LBSW; CSWE-accredited BSW and ASWB Bachelors examination
South Dakota	https://dss.sd.gov/licensingboards/socialwork/licensing.aspx	MEETS	Social Worker license; CSWE-accredited BSW and board-approved examination
Tennessee	https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/sw-board.html	MEETS	LBSW; CSWE-accredited BSW and examination/application requirements
Texas	https://bhec.texas.gov/texas-state-board-of-social-worker-examiners/	MEETS	LBSW; CSWE-accredited BSW, ASWB Bachelors examination and jurisprudence requirements
Utah	https://dopl.utah.gov/social-work/	MEETS	Social Service Worker; CSWE-accredited BSW and examination/application requirements
Vermont	https://sos.vermont.gov/social-workers/	DOES NOT MEET	No comparable bachelor-level social-work license; LMSW/LICSW pathways require an MSW
Virginia	https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/Boards/SocialWork/	MEETS	LBSW; CSWE-accredited BSW and examination/application requirements
Washington	https://doh.wa.gov/licenses-permits-and-certificates/professions-new-renew-or-update/social-worker-and-social-worker-associate	DOES NOT MEET	No comparable bachelor-level social-work license; regulated social-worker pathways require graduate education
West Virginia	https://wsocialworkboard.org/	MEETS	LSW; CSWE-accredited BSW and ASWB Bachelors examination
Wisconsin	https://dsps.wi.gov/Pages/Professions/SocialWorker/Default.aspx	MEETS	Certified Social Worker; CSWE-accredited BSW and applicable examination requirements
Wyoming	https://mentalhealth.wyo.gov/	MEETS	LSW bachelor-level pathway; CSWE-accredited BSW and applicable requirements
District of Columbia	https://dchealth.dc.gov/bosw	MEETS	Licensed Social Work Associate; CSWE-accredited BSW, examination and supervised practice
American Samoa	https://www.americansamoa.gov/departments-of-health	DOES NOT MEET	No identified comparable bachelor-level professional social-work license
Guam	https://guamhplo.org/gbsw	MEETS	LBSW; bachelor's degree in social work and current territorial application requirements
Northern Mariana Islands	https://www.cnmilicensing.gov/mp/	DOES NOT MEET	No identified comparable bachelor-level professional social-work license
Puerto Rico	https://www.salud.pr.gov/CMS/174	MEETS	Bachelor-level social-work license; territorial examination and application requirements may apply
U.S. Virgin Islands	https://dlca.vi.gov/boardcertifications/steps/swrequirements/	MEETS	Social Worker license; baccalaureate degree in social work and bachelor-level examination

