

## State of Wisconsin Requirements for Clinical Social Work Licensure

Effective November 1, 2002 those who wish to be licensed as clinical social workers (LCSW) in the State of Wisconsin must meet the following requirements:

1. Complete a masters level "Clinical Social Work Concentration."
  - This requirement is met through the Mental Health & Substance Abuse Concentration.
2. State Statutes require that 40% of non-field credits in a masters program be comprised of "clinical courses. . .with a primary focus on resolving intrapsychic and interpersonal problems by means of direct contact with clients at the individual, small group and family level". Effective April, 2005 this means students must complete:
  - At least one course must be in Psychopathology (SW 712); **AND**
  - A minimum of three courses from Fall/Spring 2005-2006 Planned Offerings list below:

SW 624	SW with the Small Group	SW 821	Aging and Mental Health
SW 644	SW and Developmental Disabilities	SW 825	Grief, Loss, Death and Life
SW 646	Child Abuse and Neglect	SW 860	Social Work and Substance Abuse
SW 677	Brief Therapies in SW	SW 874	Advanced Practice in Health, Aging & Disability
SW 679	Death & Dying Practice	SW 868	MH Practice with Children, Aodlescents & Families
SW 715	Family Systems in SW	SW 869	Cognitive Behavioral Interventions in Social Work
SW 741	Interventions with Children, Youth & Families	SW 923	Family Violence
SW 742	Assessing & Treating Children & Adolescents		
3. Statues require that "...field training must bee in a primary clinical setting and must include at least two semesters of field placement where more than 50% of the practice is to assess and treat interpersonal and intrapsychic issues in direct contact with individuals, families or small groups."
  - This requirement is generally met through the Mental Health Field Units:
  - Some field units from the list below have placements which qualify (contact the field instructor for more information):
    - Social Work Practice in Child and Family Welfare
    - Social Work Practice in Juvenile and Criminal Justice Systems
    - Social Work Practice in Developmental Disabilities
    - Social Work Practice in Health Care Settings
    - Social Work Practice with Older Adults
4. After graduation become certified as an Advanced Practice Social Worker (CAPSW).
5. After graduation and certification, engage in 3000 hours "clinical" practice including at least 1,000 hours face-to-face client contact under the supervision of an LCSW or LCSW who has engaged in the equivalent of 5 years full-time clinical social work, psychologist or psychiatrist.
6. Pass the LCSW Exam