University of Washington School of Social Work
Professional Licensure Disclosure – MSW Program

In accordance with University of Washington (UW) and federal regulations regarding Professional Licensure Disclosures, the UW School of Social Work provides the following information related to state licensure for the Master of Social Work (MSW) program.

The UW MSW program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) and is designed to meet the educational requirements for social work licensure in Washington State. Licensure requirements vary by state and may change over time. In addition to educational requirements, states typically require examinations, background checks, and post-graduate supervised experience.

This disclosure reflects the educational requirements only and does not guarantee licensure. Students are responsible for confirming licensure requirements with the appropriate state licensing authority.

Interstate Social Work Licensure Compact (Updated 2025)

As of August 2025, 28 states have enacted legislation to join the Social Work Licensure Compact. The compact will allow eligible licensed social workers to practice across participating states once implemented. Washington State enacted compact legislation in March 2024. Participation in the compact does not replace initial licensure requirements.

Compact States: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Georgia, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota*, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington.

*Minnesota enacted legislation with implementation contingencies.

State-by-State Educational Licensure Determination

State / Territory	Licensing Board	UW MSW Educational Requirement Determination
Alabama	Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners	The UW MSW program meets the educational requirements for licensure in this state. Additional requirements such as examinations, background checks, jurisprudence

		exams, and post-graduate supervised experience are required for licensure. Students should consult the state licensing board for the most current requirements.
Alaska	The Alaska Board of Social Workers	The UW MSW program meets the educational requirements for licensure in this state. Additional requirements such as examinations, background checks, jurisprudence exams, and post-graduate supervised experience are required for licensure. Students should consult the state licensing board for the most current requirements.
American Samoa	American Samoa Health Services Regulatory Board	The UW MSW program meets the educational requirements for licensure in this territory. Additional requirements such as examinations, background checks, jurisprudence exams, and post-graduate supervised experience are required for licensure. Students should consult the state licensing board for the most current requirements
Arizona	Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners	The UW MSW program meets the educational requirements for licensure in this state. Additional requirements such as examinations, background checks, jurisprudence exams, and post-graduate supervised experience are

		required for licensure. Students should consult the state licensing board for the most current requirements.
Arkansas	Arkansas Department of Health – Social Work Licensing Board	The UW MSW program meets the educational requirements for licensure in this state. Additional requirements such as examinations, background checks, jurisprudence exams, and post-graduate supervised experience are required for licensure. Students should consult the state licensing board for the most current requirements.
California	California Board of Behavioral Sciences	The UW MSW program meets the educational requirements for licensure in this state. Additional requirements such as examinations, background checks, jurisprudence exams, and post-graduate supervised experience are required for licensure. Students should consult the state licensing board for the most current requirements.
Colorado	Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies – Division of Professions and Occupations	The UW MSW program meets the educational requirements for licensure in this state. Additional requirements such as examinations, background checks, jurisprudence exams, and post-graduate supervised experience are required for licensure. Students should consult the

		state licensing board for the most current requirements.
Connecticut	State of Connecticut Department of Public Health	The UW MSW program meets the educational requirements for licensure in this state. Additional requirements such as examinations, background checks, jurisprudence exams, and post-graduate supervised experience are required for licensure. Students should consult the state licensing board for the most current requirements.
Delaware	Delaware Division of Professional Regulation - Board of Social Work Examiners	The UW MSW program meets the educational requirements for licensure in this state. Additional requirements such as examinations, background checks, jurisprudence exams, and post-graduate supervised experience are required for licensure. Students should consult the state licensing board for the most current requirements.
District of Columbia	DC Health – Board of Social Work	The UW MSW program meets the educational requirements for licensure in this state. Additional requirements such as examinations, background checks, jurisprudence exams, and post-graduate supervised experience are required for licensure. Students should consult the state licensing board for the

		most current requirements.
Florida	Florida Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage & Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling	The UW MSW program meets the educational requirements for licensure in this state. Additional requirements such as examinations, background checks, jurisprudence exams, and post-graduate supervised experience are required for licensure. Students should consult the state licensing board for the most current requirements.
Georgia	Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage & Family Therapists	The UW MSW program meets the educational requirements for licensure in this state. Additional requirements such as examinations, background checks, jurisprudence exams, and post-graduate supervised experience are required for licensure. Students should consult the state licensing board for the most current requirements.
Guam	Guam Board of Social work	The UW MSW program meets the educational requirements for licensure in this territory. Additional requirements such as examinations, background checks, jurisprudence exams, and post-graduate supervised experience are required for licensure. Students should consult the state licensing board for the most current requirements.

Hawaii	Hawaii Department of Commerce & Consumer Affairs – Professional & Vocational Licensing Division	The UW MSW program meets the educational requirements for licensure in this state. Additional requirements such as examinations, background checks, jurisprudence exams, and post-graduate supervised experience are required for licensure. Students should consult the state licensing board for the most current requirements.
Idaho	Idaho Division of Occupational & Professional Licenses – Board of Social Work Examiners	The UW MSW program meets the educational requirements for licensure in this state. Additional requirements such as examinations, background checks, jurisprudence exams, and post-graduate supervised experience are required for licensure. Students should consult the state licensing board for the most current requirements.
Illinois	Illinois Department of Financial & Professional Regulation	The UW MSW program meets the educational requirements for licensure in this state. Additional requirements such as examinations, background checks, jurisprudence exams, and post-graduate supervised experience are required for licensure. Students should consult the state licensing board for the most current requirements.
Indiana	Indiana Professional Licensing Agency –	The UW MSW program meets the educational

	Behavioral Health & Human Services Licensing Board	requirements for licensure in this state. Additional requirements such as examinations, background checks, jurisprudence exams, and post-graduate supervised experience are required for licensure. Students should consult the state licensing board for the most current requirements.
Iowa	Iowa Department of Inspections, Appeals, & Licensing	The UW MSW program meets the educational requirements for licensure in this state. Additional requirements such as examinations, background checks, jurisprudence exams, and post-graduate supervised experience are required for licensure. Students should consult the state licensing board for the most current requirements.
Kansas	Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board	The UW MSW program meets the educational requirements for licensure in this state. Additional requirements such as examinations, background checks, jurisprudence exams, and post-graduate supervised experience are required for licensure. Students should consult the state licensing board for the most current requirements.
Kentucky	Commonwealth of Kentucky Board of Social Work	The UW MSW program meets the educational requirements for licensure in this state. Additional

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Louisiana	Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners	The UW MSW program meets the educational requirements for licensure in this state. Additional requirements such as examinations, background checks, jurisprudence exams, and post-graduate supervised experience are required for licensure. Students should consult the state licensing board for the most current requirements.
Maine	Maine Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation – State Board of Social Worker Licensure	The UW MSW program meets the educational requirements for licensure in this state. Additional requirements such as examinations, background checks, jurisprudence exams, and post-graduate supervised experience are required for licensure. Students should consult the state licensing board for the most current requirements.
Maryland	Maryland Department of Health – Board of Social Work Examiners	The UW MSW program meets the educational requirements for licensure in this state. Additional requirements such as examinations, background

		checks, jurisprudence exams, and post-graduate supervised experience are required for licensure. Students should consult the state licensing board for the most current requirements.
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Board of Registration of Social Workers	The UW MSW program meets the educational requirements for licensure in this state. Additional requirements such as examinations, background checks, jurisprudence exams, and post-graduate supervised experience are required for licensure. Students should consult the state licensing board for the most current requirements.
Michigan	Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs	The UW MSW program meets the educational requirements for licensure in this state. Additional requirements such as examinations, background checks, jurisprudence exams, and post-graduate supervised experience are required for licensure. Students should consult the state licensing board for the most current requirements.
Minnesota	State of Minnesota Board of Social Work	The UW MSW program meets the educational requirements for licensure in this state. Additional requirements such as examinations, background checks, jurisprudence exams, and post-graduate

		supervised experience are required for licensure. Students should consult the state licensing board for the most current requirements.
Mississippi	Mississippi Board of Examiners for Social Workers and Marriage & Family Therapists	The UW MSW program meets the educational requirements for licensure in this state. Additional requirements such as examinations, background checks, jurisprudence exams, and post-graduate supervised experience are required for licensure. Students should consult the state licensing board for the most current requirements.
Missouri	Missouri Division of Professional Registration	The UW MSW program meets the educational requirements for licensure in this state. Additional requirements such as examinations, background checks, jurisprudence exams, and post-graduate supervised experience are required for licensure. Students should consult the state licensing board for the most current requirements.
Montana	Montana Department of Labor & Industry - Board of Behavioral Health	The UW MSW program meets the educational requirements for licensure in this state. Additional requirements such as examinations, background checks, jurisprudence exams, and post-graduate supervised experience are required for licensure.

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Nebraska	Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services -	The UW MSW program meets the educational requirements for licensure in this state. Additional requirements such as examinations, background checks, jurisprudence exams, and post-graduate supervised experience are required for licensure. Students should consult the state licensing board for the most current requirements.
Nevada	Nevada Board of Examiners for Social Workers	The UW MSW program meets the educational requirements for licensure in this state. Additional requirements such as examinations, background checks, jurisprudence exams, and post-graduate supervised experience are required for licensure. Students should consult the state licensing board for the most current requirements.
New Hampshire	New Hampshire Office of Professional Licensure and Certification	The UW MSW program meets the educational requirements for licensure in this state. Additional requirements such as examinations, background checks, jurisprudence exams, and post-graduate supervised experience are required for licensure. Students should consult the state licensing board for the

		most current requirements.
New Jersey	New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs – State Board of Social Work Examiners	The UW MSW program meets the educational requirements for licensure in this state. Additional requirements such as examinations, background checks, jurisprudence exams, and post-graduate supervised experience are required for licensure. Students should consult the state licensing board for the most current requirements.
New Mexico	New Mexico Regulation & Licensing Department – Social Work Examiners	The UW MSW program meets the educational requirements for licensure in this state. Additional requirements such as examinations, background checks, jurisprudence exams, and post-graduate supervised experience are required for licensure. Students should consult the state licensing board for the most current requirements.
New York	New York State Education Department – Office of the Professions	The UW MSW program meets the educational requirements for licensure in this state. Additional requirements such as examinations, background checks, jurisprudence exams, and post-graduate supervised experience are required for licensure. Students should consult the state licensing board for the most current requirements.

North Carolina	North Carolina Social Work Certification and Licensure Board	The UW MSW program meets the educational requirements for licensure in this state. Additional requirements such as examinations, background checks, jurisprudence exams, and post-graduate supervised experience are required for licensure. Students should consult the state licensing board for the most current requirements.
North Dakota	North Dakota Board of Social Work Examiners	The UW MSW program meets the educational requirements for licensure in this state. Additional requirements such as examinations, background checks, jurisprudence exams, and post-graduate supervised experience are required for licensure. Students should consult the state licensing board for the most current requirements.
Northern Mariana Islands	CNMI Board of Professional Licensing – Health Care Professions Licensing Board	The UW MSW program meets the educational requirements for licensure in this territory. Additional requirements such as examinations, background checks, jurisprudence exams, and post-graduate supervised experience are required for licensure. Students should consult the state licensing board for the most current requirements.
Ohio	Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and	The UW MSW program meets the educational

	Family Therapist Board	requirements for licensure in this state. Additional requirements such as examinations, background checks, jurisprudence exams, and post-graduate supervised experience are required for licensure. Students should consult the state licensing board for the most current requirements.
Oklahoma	Oklahoma State Board of Licensed Social Workers	The UW MSW program meets the educational requirements for licensure in this state. Additional requirements such as examinations, background checks, jurisprudence exams, and post-graduate supervised experience are required for licensure. Students should consult the state licensing board for the most current requirements.
Oregon	State of Oregon Board of Licensed Social Workers	The UW MSW program meets the educational requirements for licensure in this state. Additional requirements such as examinations, background checks, jurisprudence exams, and post-graduate supervised experience are required for licensure. Students should consult the state licensing board for the most current requirements.
Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and	The UW MSW program meets the educational requirements for licensure in this state. Additional

	Professional Counselors	requirements such as examinations, background checks, jurisprudence exams, and post-graduate supervised experience are required for licensure. Students should consult the state licensing board for the most current requirements.
Puerto Rico	Puerto Rico Board of Social Work Examiners	The UW MSW program meets the educational requirements for licensure in this state. Additional requirements such as examinations, background checks, jurisprudence exams, and post-graduate supervised experience are required for licensure. Students should consult the state licensing board for the most current requirements
Rhode Island	Rhode Island Department of Health	The UW MSW program meets the educational requirements for licensure in this state. Additional requirements such as examinations, background checks, jurisprudence exams, and post-graduate supervised experience are required for licensure. Students should consult the state licensing board for the most current requirements.
South Carolina	South Carolina Board of Social Work Examiners	The UW MSW program meets the educational requirements for licensure in this state. Additional requirements such as examinations, background

		checks, jurisprudence exams, and post-graduate supervised experience are required for licensure. Students should consult the state licensing board for the most current requirements.
South Dakota	South Dakota Department of Social Services – Board of Social Work Examiners	The UW MSW program meets the educational requirements for licensure in this state. Additional requirements such as examinations, background checks, jurisprudence exams, and post-graduate supervised experience are required for licensure. Students should consult the state licensing board for the most current requirements.
Tennessee	Tennessee Department of Health - Board of Social Workers	The UW MSW program meets the educational requirements for licensure in this state. Additional requirements such as examinations, background checks, jurisprudence exams, and post-graduate supervised experience are required for licensure. Students should consult the state licensing board for the most current requirements.
Texas	Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners	The UW MSW program meets the educational requirements for licensure in this state. Additional requirements such as examinations, background checks, jurisprudence exams, and post-graduate

		supervised experience are required for licensure. Students should consult the state licensing board for the most current requirements.
Utah	Utah Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing	The UW MSW program meets the educational requirements for licensure in this state. Additional requirements such as examinations, background checks, jurisprudence exams, and post-graduate supervised experience are required for licensure. Students should consult the state licensing board for the most current requirements.
Vermont	Vermont Office of Professional Regulation	The UW MSW program meets the educational requirements for licensure in this state. Additional requirements such as examinations, background checks, jurisprudence exams, and post-graduate supervised experience are required for licensure. Students should consult the state licensing board for the most current requirements.
Virginia	Virginia Department of Health Professions - Board of Social Work	The UW MSW program meets the educational requirements for licensure in this state. Additional requirements such as examinations, background checks, jurisprudence exams, and post-graduate supervised experience are required for licensure.

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U.S. Virgin Islands	Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs	The UW MSW program meets the educational requirements for licensure in this territory. Additional requirements such as examinations, background checks, jurisprudence exams, and post-graduate supervised experience are required for licensure. Students should consult the state licensing board for the most current requirements.
Washington	Washington Department of Health	The UW MSW program meets the educational requirements for licensure in this state. Additional requirements such as examinations, background checks, jurisprudence exams, and post-graduate supervised experience are required for licensure. Students should consult the state licensing board for the most current requirements.
West Virginia	West Virginia Board of Social Work	The UW MSW program meets the educational requirements for licensure in this state. Additional requirements such as examinations, background checks, jurisprudence exams, and post-graduate supervised experience are required for licensure. Students should consult the state licensing board for the

		most current requirements.
Wisconsin	Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services	The UW MSW program meets the educational requirements for licensure in this state. Additional requirements such as examinations, background checks, jurisprudence exams, and post-graduate supervised experience are required for licensure. Students should consult the state licensing board for the most current requirements.
Wyoming	Wyoming Mental Health Professions Licensing Board	The UW MSW program meets the educational requirements for licensure in this state. Additional requirements such as examinations, background checks, jurisprudence exams, and post-graduate supervised experience are required for licensure. Students should consult the state licensing board for the most current requirements.

States and Territories Outside Compact Participation

The following jurisdictions have not enacted Social Work Licensure Compact legislation as of August 2025:

Alaska, California, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Florida, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Massachusetts, Michigan, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Texas, U.S. Virgin Islands, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, American Samoa, Northern Mariana Islands.

This disclosure is reviewed annually and updated as information becomes available.