

# Applying for your social work license in Delaware



*Delaware issues licenses for clinical social workers only.*

## Applying to take the clinical (LCSW) licensing exam

- You are eligible for a clinical license in Delaware after you have two years of clinical social work experience. You must have at least 3,200 clinical hours.
  - At least half of these hours need to have been directly supervised by a social worker with an LCSW. The rest do not need to have been under direct supervision.
  - If you can't find a clinical-level social worker to serve as your supervisor, you may receive supervision from a social worker with an MSW, a licensed psychologist, or a licensed psychiatrist. In this case you must also fill out the [Documentation of Attempts to Secure LCSW Supervision](#) form.
- You may take the ASWB Clinical Exam either before or after mailing your application for clinical licensure. See the [Association of Social Work Boards website](#) for locations.
- There are study guides and prep courses for the clinical examination available through [ASWB](#). The [NASW-Delaware chapter](#) also holds prep courses.
- Other companies offer in-person and online exam preparation courses. **The MSW Program at WCU does not vouch for the quality of these programs.**
- After you pass the exam, submit the [Official Score Transfer Request Form](#) to have your score sent to the Board of Clinical Social Work Examiners.
- The board will issue your Delaware LCSW license once it receives your passing score from the ASWB Clinical Exam.

## Receiving a license to practice at the clinical (LCSW) level

- Go to the website for the Board of Clinical Social Work Examiners and download the [Application for Licensure as a Clinical Social Worker](#).
- Fill out the application and have it notarized. The application includes instructions for having your fingerprints processed.
- Order an official copy of your WCU transcript and have it sent to the board. You can [order your official transcript](#) from the WCU Registrar.
- If you haven't taken the ASWB Clinical Exam, the board will notify you when you are approved to take it.
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- Take the exam. See the [ASWB website](#) for locations.
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