

LCSW Licensure

As of July 1, 2020, institutions receiving federal financial aid are required by regulations to disclose information about degree programs and students' eligibility for professional licensure. The intent of this regulation is to inform students whether the program they are considering or completing meets the requirements for licensure or certification of the state in which the student intends to practice.

Following the successful completion of a Master of Social Work degree at Fresno State, graduates may choose to pursue their professional license as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW). In California, this process is guided by the requirements outlined by the Board of Behavioral Sciences. The [Board of Behavioral Sciences](#)' website provides comprehensive information outlining both the requirements and the process for the Associate Clinical Social Worker (ASW) and the Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW).

While the Board of Behavioral Sciences may list Fresno State with "No Additional Courses Required," potential licensees are responsible for the pre-licensure course content. Some of these additional coursework requirements are offered either as core social work courses, track courses, or electives. The required pre-licensure BBS Additional Coursework not covered by a student's MSW program course enrollment can be met through post-graduate continuing education.

Course Number and Name	Type of Course	Seat Hours	BBS Additional Coursework
SWRK 210: Laws, Ethics, & Professional Issues in Social Work Practice I	Core	15	California Law and Professional Ethics (18 hours required)
SWRK 211: Laws, Ethics, & Professional Issues in Social Work Practice II	Core	15	California Law and Professional Ethics (18 hours required)
SWRK 220: Seminar in Foundations for Social Work Practice I	Core	2	Suicide Risk Assessment and Intervention (6 hours required)
SWRK 229: Social Work Practice with Substance Use Disorders	Elective (New)	15	Alcoholism and Chemical Substance Abuse & Dependency (15 hours required)
SWRK 273: Advanced Social Work Practice and Sexuality	Elective	10	Human Sexuality (10 hours required)
SWRK 275: Advanced Social Work Practice in Schools II	SSW Track	3	Suicide Risk Assessment and Intervention (6 hours required)
SWRK 278: Advanced Child Welfare Practice	CW Track	7	Child Abuse Assessment and Reporting in California (7 hours required)
SWRK 279: Seminar in Advanced Social Work Practice with Elders	Elective	10	Ageing, Long Term Care and Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse (10 hours required)
Currently unavailable as a graduate course	N/A	0	Spousal/Partner Abuse Assessment, Detection, and Intervention (15 hours required)

**Subject to change