School Social Work Licensure

Credentialing across the U.S. for school social workers varies by state, but most commonly requires an MSW degree from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited Program with specific coursework and field/practicum training in school social work practice. The MSW with a School Social Work Certificate at UW-Green Bay MSW Program is accredited by CSWE and the certificate approved by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI), thus meeting the standards for credentialing in Wisconsin.

The following table indicates states and territories for which UW-Green Bay MSW degrees meet the educational requirements for the MSW with school social work credential based on the most recent review of credentialing requirements in each state. Note that each state may have additional requirements for its licenses including exams, post-graduate professional experience, etc. [Note: There is no centralized national school social work database. Follow the hyperlinks for additional information. American Samoa and Puerto Rico do not license school social work.]

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| **The University of Wisconsin Green-Bay meets the requirements for School Social Work in the following states:** |
| [Alabama (AL)](https://socialwork.alabama.gov/); [Connecticut (CT)](https://portal.ct.gov/sdecertification/knowledge-base/articles/special-services/school-social-worker-certification-requirements?language=en_US); [Delaware (DE)](https://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title14/1500/1584.shtml#TopOfPage); [District of Columbia (DC)](https://osse.dc.gov/page/initial-school-service-provider-certification); [Florida (FL)](https://www.fldoe.org/teaching/certification/certificate-subjects/administrative-rules/6a-4-035.stml); [Georgia (GA)](https://www.gapsc.com/Rules/Current/Certification/505-2-.147.pdf?dt=%3c%25); Hawaii (HI); [Illinois (IL)](https://www.isbe.net/Pages/PEL-School-Support-Ed-Lic.aspx); [Iowa (IA)](https://educate.iowa.gov/educator-licensure/endorsements-list/b-21-school-social-worker); [Kansas (KS)](https://www.ksde.org/Agency/Division-of-Learning-Services/Special-Education-and-Title-Services/School-Mental-Health#:~:text=School%20Social%20Workers,-School%20social%20workers&text=Social%20Workers%20are%20not%20licensed,BSRB)%20(external%20link).); [Louisiana (LA)](https://www.labswe.org/application-information/); [Maine (ME)](https://www.maine.gov/doe/sites/maine.gov.doe/files/inline-files/Chapter%20117%20Proposed%20language%209.27.22_8.docx); [Maryland (MD)](https://marylandpublicschools.org/about/Pages/DEE/Certification/areas/School-Social-Worker.aspx); [Minnesota (MN)](https://mn.gov/pelsb/assets/School%20Social%20Worker%20Licensure%20Information%202023%20POST_tcm1113-631625.pdf); [Mississippi (MS)](https://www.swmft.ms.gov/social-work-licensure-information-0); [Missouri (MO)](https://pr.mo.gov/socialworkers.asp); [Montana (MT)](https://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/behavioral-health/license-information/licensed-master-social-worker-candidate-nonclinical); [Nebraska (NE)](https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/pages/mental-health-and-social-work-practice.aspx); [Nevada (NV)](https://www.leg.state.nv.us/NAC/NAC-391.html#NAC391Sec320); [New Hampshire (NH)](https://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rules/state_agencies/ed500.html); [New Mexico (NM)](https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/licensure/licensure-requirements/school-social-worker-pre-k-12/); [New York (NY)](https://eservices.nysed.gov/teach/certhelp/search-cert-reqs); [North Dakota (ND)](https://www.ndbswe.com/); [Ohio (OH)](https://sboe.ohio.gov/educator-licensure/apply-for-a-new-license/pupil-services-licensure-and-registration); [Oklahoma (Ok)](https://sde.ok.gov/sites/default/files/School-Based%20Mental%20Health%20Professionals.pdf); [Oregon (OR)](https://www.oregon.gov/tspc/LIC/Documents/First%20License%20Personnel.pdf); [South Carolina (SC)](https://ed.sc.gov/educators/teaching-in-south-carolina/pathways/); [South Dakota (SD)](https://dss.sd.gov/licensingboards/socialwork/licensing.aspx); [Tennessee (TN)](https://www.tn.gov/education/educators/licensing/educator-licensure/new-to-education.html#collapsea11be81b7cd74d538c7382e9c0bb4ce4-3); [Texas (TX)](https://bhec.texas.gov/texas-state-board-of-social-worker-examiners/applying-for-a-license/); [Utah (UT)](https://docs.google.com/document/d/15YAQvOeao7EgwHQ6RdzUdN8W4yRah5Y8ZYfEuODmeEQ/edit); [West Virginia (WV)](https://code.wvlegislature.gov/18-1-1/); [Guam (GU)](https://guamhplo.org/gbsw/about-gbsw); [Northern Mariana Islands (MP)](https://www.cnmilicensing.gov.mp/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Social-Work-Application.pdf); [Virgin Islands (VI)](https://dlca.vi.gov/boardcertifications/steps/swrequirements/) |
| **States/Territories where University of Wisconsin Green-Bay does not meet the requirements for School Social Work:** |
| [Alaska (AK)](https://education.alaska.gov/teachercertification/certification/typec) | Additional semester hours of approved Alaska studies, and three semesters of multicultural/ cross-cultural communications required. |
| [California (CA)](https://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/Pupil-Personnel-Credential-In-California-%28CL-606C%29) | Must also be affiliated with California Commission-approved Pupil Personnel Services program. |
| [Colorado (CO)](https://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeprof/schoolSWendorsementrules) | Must also complete additional specified topics and completion of Colorado examination/assessment, 900-hour school practicum and addition field experience with additional requirements to serving school age children/students. |
| [Idaho (ID)](https://www.sde.idaho.gov/cert-psc/cert/apply/pupil-service.html) | Program must be approved by Idaho and individual licensed as a social worker in Idaho. |
| [Indiana (IN)](https://www.in.gov/doe/educators/educator-licensing/school-services-employee/#SWorker) | MSW must be from an IN approved educator prep program. |
| [Kentucky (KY)](https://www.education.ky.gov/Pages/default.aspx) | MSW must be from an KY approved educator prep program. |
| [Massachusetts (MA)](https://tbd.randasolutions.com/) | MSW must be from an MA approved educator prep program or special panel review. |
| [Michigan (MI)](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/specialeducation/approvals/School_Social_Worker_Approval.pdf?rev=7fe10e298d864f6c816a2e33adb5e1b5) | MSW must be from an MI approved educator prep program. |
| [New Jersey (NJ)](https://njassw.org/certification) | MSW degree requires specifically identified course topics. |
| [North Carolina (NC)](https://www.dpi.nc.gov/educators/specialized-instructional-support/school-social-work/school-social-worker-licensure#SchoolSocialWorkerLicensure) | Requires endorsement from a NC approved educator prep program.  |
| [Pennsylvania (PA)](https://www.education.pa.gov/Educators/Certification/Staffing%20Guidelines/Pages/CSPG87.aspx) | Must complete PA approved educator prep program and PA license as LSW or LCSW. |
| [Rhode Island (RI)](https://ride.ri.gov/sites/g/files/xkgbur806/files/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/Teachers-and-Administrators-Excellent-Educators/Educator-Certification/Cert-Requirements/RI_SupportProfessional_Requirements.pdf) | MSW must be from RI approved educator prep program, licensure by RI Board of Registration for Social Workers. |
| [Vermont (VT)](https://education.vermont.gov/documents/edu-initial-level-one-license-application-traditional-route-flowchart) | Completion of a Vermont approved educator prep program. **OR** valid out of state license from a state within the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDETEC) Interstate Agreement. This includes New York, New Mexico, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.  |
| [Virginia (VA)](https://www.doe.virginia.gov/programs-services/student-services/specialized-student-support-services/school-social-work-services) | Must complete specific coursework and a supervised practicum or field experience of a minimum of 400 clock hours in a public or accredited nonpublic school discharging the duties of a school social worker. One year of successful, full-time experience as a school social worker may be accepted in lieu of the practicum. |
| [Washington (WA)](https://ospi.k12.wa.us/certification/fingerprints-background-checks) | Must complete Education Staff Associate [course](https://ospi.k12.wa.us/sites/default/files/2024-08/esa_course_listings_fall_august2024.pdf) approved by the Professional Educational Standards Board; course completion before, or within one year of application, a [15-clock hour or 1 semester hour course](https://ospi.k12.wa.us/sites/default/files/2024-08/esa_course_listings_fall_august2024.pdf) approved by the PESB, which will include a number of topics related to the ESA roles. **OR** Three years of out-of-state experience in the school social worker role.  |
| [Wyoming (WY)](https://wyomingptsb.com/licensure/additional-school-personnel/) | Must have complete MSW in School Social Work from a WY approved educator prep program.  |