

### PLU Master of Social Work Professional Licensure Disclosures by State

Thank you for your interest in applying to, or enrolling in, Pacific Lutheran University’s Master of Social Work Program. Our MSW program has been designed to meet or exceed Washington state requirements. There are two types of licensed social workers in Washington: Licensed Independent Clinical Social Workers (LICSW) and Licensed Advanced Social Workers (LASW). The LICSW requires a minimum of 3,000 hours of post-graduate, supervised experience over a minimum of a two-year period. The LASW requires a minimum of 3,000 hours of post-graduate, supervised experience. Most graduates who decide to pursue licensure will first apply to become an "associate," obtaining an associate license after graduation.

If you plan to work in a state other than Washington after completing your MSW with us, we encourage you to review those state’s requirements as they vary state by state. While most states also require an MSW from a CSWE-affiliated school of social work, some states have additional requirements to meet (such as state-specific coursework) and PLU has not determined if our program meets requirements outside of Washington. Additionally, while Washington does not offer a path to licensure for BASW-level social workers, some other states do.

This information is accurate as of September, 2023. We will review and update this information annually

States where PLU MSW program meets state requirements	State Licensing Board	Requirements Met
Alabama	<a href="#">Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners</a>	PLU’s MSW Program meets the educational requirements for applying for licensure in Alabama. However, additional state requirements such as examinations, background checks, etc. may be required for full licensure. For more information, please visit the state licensure board website.
Alaska	<a href="#">Alaska Board of Social Work Examiners</a>	PLU’s MSW Program meets the educational requirements for applying for licensure in Alaska. However, additional state requirements such as examinations, background checks, etc. may be required for full licensure. For more information, please visit the state licensure board website.
Arizona	<a href="#">Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners</a>	PLU’s MSW Program meets the educational requirements for applying for licensure in Arizona. However, additional state requirements such as examinations, background checks, etc. may be required for full licensure. For more information, please visit the state licensure board website.

Arkansas	<a href="#"><u>Arkansas Social Work Licensing Board</u></a>	PLU's MSW Program meets the educational requirements for applying for licensure in Arkansas. However, additional state requirements such as examinations, background checks, etc. may be required for full licensure. For more information, please visit the state licensure board website.
California	<a href="#"><u>California Board of Behavioral Sciences</u></a>	PLU's MSW Program meets the educational requirements for applying for licensure in California. However, additional state requirements such as examinations, background checks, etc. may be required for full licensure. For more information, please visit the state licensure board website.
Colorado	<a href="#"><u>Colorado State Board of Social Work Examiners</u></a>	PLU's MSW Program meets the educational requirements for applying for licensure in Colorado. However, additional state requirements such as examinations, background checks, etc. may be required for full licensure. For more information, please visit the state licensure board website.
Connecticut	<a href="#"><u>Connecticut Department of Public Health</u></a>	PLU's MSW Program meets the educational requirements for applying for licensure in Connecticut. However, additional state requirements such as examinations, background checks, etc. may be required for full licensure. For more information, please visit the state licensure board website.
Delaware	<a href="#"><u>Delaware Board of Social Work Examiners</u></a>	PLU's MSW Program meets the educational requirements for applying for licensure in Delaware. However, additional state requirements such as examinations, background checks, etc. may be required for full licensure. For more information, please visit the state licensure board website.
District of Columbia	<a href="#"><u>Washington, D.C. Board of Social Work</u></a>	PLU's MSW Program meets the educational requirements for applying for licensure in District of Columbia. However, additional state requirements such as examinations, background checks, etc. may be required for full licensure. For more information, please visit the state licensure board website.
Florida	<a href="#"><u>Florida Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling</u></a>	PLU's MSW Program meets the educational requirements for applying for licensure in Florida. However, additional state requirements such as examinations, background checks, etc. may be required for full licensure. For more information, please visit the state licensure board website.
Georgia	<a href="#"><u>Georgia Board of Professional</u></a>	PLU's MSW Program meets the educational requirements for applying for licensure in Georgia. However, additional state requirements such as examinations, background

	<a href="#">Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage &amp; Family Therapists</a>	checks, etc. may be required for full licensure. For more information, please visit the state licensure board website.
Guam	<a href="#">Guam Board of Social Work</a>	PLU's MSW Program meets the educational requirements for applying for licensure in Guam. However, additional state requirements such as examinations, background checks, etc. may be required for full licensure. For more information, please visit the state licensure board website.
Hawaii	<a href="#">Hawaii Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs</a>	PLU's MSW Program meets the educational requirements for applying for licensure in Hawaii. However, additional state requirements such as examinations, background checks, etc. may be required for full licensure. For more information, please visit the state licensure board website.
Idaho	<a href="#">Idaho Board of Social Work Examiners</a>	PLU's MSW Program meets the educational requirements for applying for licensure in Idaho. However, additional state requirements such as examinations, background checks, etc. may be required for full licensure. For more information, please visit the state licensure board website.
Illinois	<a href="#">Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation</a>	PLU's MSW Program meets the educational requirements for applying for licensure in Illinois. However, additional state requirements such as examinations, background checks, etc. may be required for full licensure. For more information, please visit the state licensure board website.
Indiana	<a href="#">Indiana Behavioral Health and Human Services Professional Licensing Agency</a>	PLU's MSW Program meets the educational requirements for applying for licensure in Indiana. However, additional state requirements such as examinations, background checks, etc. may be required for full licensure. For more information, please visit the state licensure board website.
Iowa	<a href="#">Iowa Department of Public Health</a>	PLU's MSW Program meets the educational requirements for applying for licensure in Iowa. However, additional state requirements such as examinations, background checks, etc. may be required for full licensure. For more information, please visit the state licensure board website.
Kansas	<a href="#">Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board</a>	PLU's MSW Program meets the educational requirements for applying for licensure in Kansas. However, additional state requirements such as examinations, background checks, etc. may be required for full licensure. For more information, please visit the state licensure board website.

Kentucky	<a href="#"><u>Kentucky Board of Social Work</u></a>	PLU's MSW Program meets the educational requirements for applying for licensure in Kentucky. However, additional state requirements such as examinations, background checks, etc. may be required for full licensure. For more information, please visit the state licensure board website.
Louisiana	<a href="#"><u>Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners</u></a>	PLU's MSW Program meets the educational requirements for applying for licensure in Louisiana. However, additional state requirements such as examinations, background checks, etc. may be required for full licensure. For more information, please visit the state licensure board website.
Maine	<a href="#"><u>Maine State Board of Social Work Licensure</u></a>	PLU's MSW Program meets the educational requirements for applying for licensure in Maine. However, additional state requirements such as examinations, background checks, etc. may be required for full licensure. For more information, please visit the state licensure board website.
Maryland	<a href="#"><u>Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners</u></a>	PLU's MSW Program meets the educational requirements for applying for licensure in Maryland. However, additional state requirements such as examinations, background checks, etc. may be required for full licensure. For more information, please visit the state licensure board website.
Massachusetts	<a href="#"><u>Massachusetts Board of Registration of Social Workers</u></a>	PLU's MSW Program meets the educational requirements for applying for licensure in Massachusetts. However, additional state requirements such as examinations, background checks, etc. may be required for full licensure. For more information, please visit the state licensure board website.
Michigan	<a href="#"><u>Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs</u></a>	PLU's MSW Program meets the educational requirements for applying for licensure in Michigan. However, additional state requirements such as examinations, background checks, etc. may be required for full licensure. For more information, please visit the state licensure board website.
Minnesota	<a href="#"><u>Minnesota Board of Social Work</u></a>	PLU's MSW Program meets the educational requirements for applying for licensure in Minnesota. However, additional state requirements such as examinations, background checks, etc. may be required for full licensure. For more information, please visit the state licensure board website.
Mississippi	<a href="#"><u>Mississippi Board of Examiners for Social Workers and Marriage</u></a>	PLU's MSW Program meets the educational requirements for applying for licensure in Mississippi. However, additional state requirements such as examinations, background checks, etc. may be required for full licensure. For more information, please visit the state

	<a href="#"><u>&amp; Family Therapists</u></a>	licensure board website.
Missouri	<a href="#"><u>Missouri Committee for Social Workers</u></a>	PLU's MSW Program meets the educational requirements for applying for licensure in Missouri. However, additional state requirements such as examinations, background checks, etc. may be required for full licensure. For more information, please visit the state licensure board website.
Montana	<a href="#"><u>Montana Board of Behavioral Health</u></a>	PLU's MSW Program meets the educational requirements for applying for licensure in Montana. However, additional state requirements such as examinations, background checks, etc. may be required for full licensure. For more information, please visit the state licensure board website.
Nebraska	<a href="#"><u>Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services</u></a>	PLU's MSW Program meets the educational requirements for applying for licensure in Nebraska. However, additional state requirements such as examinations, background checks, etc. may be required for full licensure. For more information, please visit the state licensure board website.
Nevada	<a href="#"><u>State of Nevada Board of Examiners for Social Workers</u></a>	PLU's MSW Program meets the educational requirements for applying for licensure in Nevada. However, additional state requirements such as examinations, background checks, etc. may be required for full licensure. For more information, please visit the state licensure board website.
New Hampshire	<a href="#"><u>New Hampshire Board of Mental Health Practice</u></a>	PLU's MSW Program meets the educational requirements for applying for licensure in New Hampshire. However, additional state requirements such as examinations, background checks, etc. may be required for full licensure. For more information, please visit the state licensure board website.
New Jersey	<a href="#"><u>New Jersey State Board of Social Work Examiners</u></a>	PLU's MSW Program meets the educational requirements for applying for licensure in New Jersey. However, additional state requirements such as examinations, background checks, etc. may be required for full licensure. For more information, please visit the state licensure board website.
New Mexico	<a href="#"><u>New Mexico Board of Social Work Examiners</u></a>	PLU's MSW Program meets the educational requirements for applying for licensure in New Mexico. However, additional state requirements such as examinations, background checks, etc. may be required for full licensure. For more information, please visit the state licensure board website.
New York	<a href="#"><u>New York State Education Department</u></a>	PLU's MSW Program meets the educational requirements for applying for licensure in New York. However, additional state requirements such as examinations, background checks,

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North Carolina	<a href="#"><u>North Carolina Social Work Certification and Licensure Board</u></a>	PLU's MSW Program meets the educational requirements for applying for licensure in North Carolina. However, additional state requirements such as examinations, background checks, etc. may be required for full licensure. For more information, please visit the state licensure board website.
North Dakota	<a href="#"><u>North Dakota Board of Social Work Examiners</u></a>	PLU's MSW Program meets the educational requirements for applying for licensure in North Dakota. However, additional state requirements such as examinations, background checks, etc. may be required for full licensure. For more information, please visit the state licensure board website.
Ohio	<a href="#"><u>Ohio Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapists Board</u></a>	PLU's MSW Program meets the educational requirements for applying for licensure in Ohio. However, additional state requirements such as examinations, background checks, etc. may be required for full licensure. For more information, please visit the state licensure board website.
Oklahoma	<a href="#"><u>Oklahoma State Board of Licensed Social Workers</u></a>	PLU's MSW Program meets the educational requirements for applying for licensure in Oklahoma. However, additional state requirements such as examinations, background checks, etc. may be required for full licensure. For more information, please visit the state licensure board website.
Oregon	<a href="#"><u>Oregon Board of Licensed Social Workers</u></a>	PLU's MSW Program meets the educational requirements for applying for licensure in Oregon. However, additional state requirements such as examinations, background checks, etc. may be required for full licensure. For more information, please visit the state licensure board website.
Pennsylvania	<a href="#"><u>Pennsylvania State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors</u></a>	PLU's MSW Program meets the educational requirements for applying for licensure in Pennsylvania. However, additional state requirements such as examinations, background checks, etc. may be required for full licensure. For more information, please visit the state licensure board website.
Puerto Rico	<a href="#"><u>Puerto Rico Professional Social Workers Board</u></a>	PLU's MSW Program meets the educational requirements for applying for licensure in Puerto Rico. However, additional state requirements such as examinations, background checks, etc. may be required for full licensure. For more information, please visit the state licensure board website.

Rhode Island	<a href="#"><u>Rhode Island Department of Health</u></a>	PLU's MSW Program meets the educational requirements for applying for licensure in Rhode Island. However, additional state requirements such as examinations, background checks, etc. may be required for full licensure. For more information, please visit the state licensure board website.
South Carolina	<a href="#"><u>South Carolina Board of Social Work Examiners</u></a>	PLU's MSW Program meets the educational requirements for applying for licensure in South Carolina. However, additional state requirements such as examinations, background checks, etc. may be required for full licensure. For more information, please visit the state licensure board website.
South Dakota	<a href="#"><u>South Dakota Social Work Examiners Board</u></a>	PLU's MSW Program meets the educational requirements for applying for licensure in South Dakota. However, additional state requirements such as examinations, background checks, etc. may be required for full licensure. For more information, please visit the state licensure board website.
Tennessee	<a href="#"><u>Tennessee Board of Social Workers</u></a>	PLU's MSW Program meets the educational requirements for applying for licensure in Tennessee. However, additional state requirements such as examinations, background checks, etc. may be required for full licensure. For more information, please visit the state licensure board website.
Texas	<a href="#"><u>Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners</u></a>	PLU's MSW Program meets the educational requirements for applying for licensure in Texas. However, additional state requirements such as examinations, background checks, etc. may be required for full licensure. For more information, please visit the state licensure board website.
Utah	<a href="#"><u>Utah Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing</u></a>	PLU's MSW Program meets the educational requirements for applying for licensure in Utah. However, additional state requirements such as examinations, background checks, etc. may be required for full licensure. For more information, please visit the state licensure board website.
Vermont	<a href="#"><u>Vermont Office of Professional Regulation</u></a>	PLU's MSW Program meets the educational requirements for applying for licensure in Vermont. However, additional state requirements such as examinations, background checks, etc. may be required for full licensure. For more information, please visit the state licensure board website.
Virgin Islands	<a href="#"><u>Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs</u></a>	PLU's MSW Program meets the educational requirements for applying for licensure in Virgin Islands. However, additional state requirements such as examinations, background checks, etc. may be required for full licensure. For more information, please visit the state

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Virginia	<a href="#"><u>Virginia Board of Social Work</u></a>	PLU's MSW Program meets the educational requirements for applying for licensure in Virginia. However, additional state requirements such as examinations, background checks, etc. may be required for full licensure. For more information, please visit the state licensure board website.
Washington	<a href="#"><u>Washington Department of Health</u></a>	PLU's MSW Program meets the educational requirements for applying for licensure in Washington. However, additional state requirements such as examinations, background checks, etc. may be required for full licensure. For more information, please visit the state licensure board website.
West Virginia	<a href="#"><u>West Virginia Board of Social Work</u></a>	PLU's MSW Program meets the educational requirements for applying for licensure in Alaska. However, additional state requirements such as examinations, background checks, etc. may be required for full licensure. For more information, please visit the state licensure board website.
Wisconsin	<a href="#"><u>Wisconsin Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling, and Social Work Examining Board</u></a>	PLU's MSW Program meets the educational requirements for applying for licensure in Wisconsin. However, additional state requirements such as examinations, background checks, etc. may be required for full licensure. For more information, please visit the state licensure board website.
Wyoming	<a href="#"><u>Wyoming Mental Health Professions Licensing Board</u></a>	PLU's MSW Program meets the educational requirements for applying for licensure in Wyoming. However, additional state requirements such as examinations, background checks, etc. may be required for full licensure. For more information, please visit the state licensure board website.