

## Bachelor of Arts in Social Work Professional Licensure Disclosures by State

As of July 1, 2020, all institutions of higher education, that receive federal financial aid, are required to disclose whether their degree programs qualify students to work in the state where the school/program is located. Furthermore, these degree programs are required to indicate whether its degree qualifies students to work in other states as well. To qualify as a social worker in many states, a license is required.

Information regarding whether obtaining a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work from Pacific Lutheran University qualifies students to become licensed in Washington state and other states and US territories is provided below. Links to each state's social work regulating body are also provided.

Please note that all states require background checks prior to being licensed. Many states require applicants to pass the Association of Social Work Boards ([ASWB](#)) [Bachelors level exam](#) in order to obtain a bachelorette level license. Please be advised that states may refer to their social work bachelorette license by different names. The [ASWB's License Requirements for a Selected Jurisdiction](#) may also be helpful in learning about the licensure requirements in various states and US territories.

### Alabama

#### **Alabama Licensure Information**

Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelor of Arts in Social Work meets professional licensure standards (LBSW) for the state of Alabama and is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Please review [Alabama's State Board of Social Work Examiners website](#) for additional details about obtaining licensure. Please note, Alabama requires [supervised social work practice prior](#) to receiving a bachelor level license.

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### Alaska

#### **Alaska Licensure Information**

Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelor of Arts in Social Work meets professional licensure standards (LBSW) for the state of Alaska and is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Please review [Alaska's Division of Corporations, Business, and Professional Licensing website](#) for additional details about obtaining licensure.

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### Arizona

#### **Arizona Licensure Information**

Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelor of Arts in Social Work meets professional licensure standards (LBSW) for the state of Arizona and is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Please review [Arizona's Board of Behavioral Health Examiners website](#) for additional details about obtaining licensure.

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## Arkansas

### **Arkansas Licensure Information**

Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelor of Arts in Social Work meets professional licensure standards (LSW) for the state of Arkansas and is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Please review [Arkansas' Social Work Licensing Board website](#) for additional details about obtaining licensure.

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## California

### **California Licensure Information**

Currently, California does not offer licensure at the Bachelor degree level. Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelors of Arts in Social Work is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Please review [California's Board of Behavioral Sciences website](#) for information about obtaining licensure.

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## Colorado

### **Colorado Licensure Information**

Currently, Colorado does not offer licensure at the Bachelor degree level. Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelors of Arts in Social Work is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Please review [Colorado's Department of Regulatory Agencies website](#) for information about obtaining licensure.

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## Connecticut

### **Connecticut Licensure Information**

Currently, Connecticut does not offer licensure at the Bachelor degree level. Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelors of Arts in Social Work is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Please review [Connecticut's Department of Public Health website](#) for information about obtaining licensure.

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## Delaware

### **Delaware Licensure Information**

Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelor of Arts in Social Work meets professional licensure standards (LBSW) for the state of Delaware and is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Please review [Delaware's Division of Professional Regulation website](#) for additional details about obtaining licensure.

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## District of Columbia

### **District of Columbia Licensure Information**

Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelor of Arts in Social Work meets professional licensure standards (LSWA) for the District of Columbia and is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Please review the [District of Columbia's DC Health website](#) for additional details about obtaining licensure.

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## Florida

### **Florida Licensure Information**

Currently, Florida does not offer licensure at the Bachelor degree level. Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelors of Arts in Social Work is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Please review [Florida's Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling website](#) for information about obtaining licensure.

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## Georgia

### **Georgia Licensure Information**

Currently, Georgia does not offer licensure at the Bachelor degree level. Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelors of Arts in Social Work is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Please review [Georgia's Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists website](#) for information about obtaining licensure.

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## Hawaii

### **Hawaii Licensure Information**

Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelor of Arts in Social Work meets professional licensure standards (LBSW) for the state of Hawaii and is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Please review [Hawaii's Professional and Vocational Licensing Division website](#) for additional details about obtaining licensure.

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## Idaho

### **Idaho Licensure Information**

Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelor of Arts in Social Work meets professional licensure standards (LSW) for the state of Idaho and is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Please review [Idaho's Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses website](#) for additional details about obtaining licensure.

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## Illinois

### **Illinois Licensure Information**

Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelor of Arts in Social Work meets professional licensure standards (LSW) for the state of Illinois and is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Please review [Illinois' Social Work website](#) for additional details about obtaining licensure. Please note Illinois currently requires Bachelor's graduates to have three years of supervised professional experience.

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## Indiana

### **Indiana Licensure Information**

Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelor of Arts in Social Work meets professional licensure standards (LBSW) for the state of Indiana and is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Please review [Indiana's Professional Licensing Agency website](#) for additional details about obtaining licensure.

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## Iowa

### **Iowa Licensure Information**

Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelor of Arts in Social Work meets professional licensure standards (Social Worker – Bachelor) for the state of Iowa and is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Please review [Iowa's Board of Social Work website](#) for additional details about obtaining licensure.

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## Kansas

### **Kansas Licensure Information**

Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelor of Arts in Social Work meets professional licensure standards (LBSW) for the state of Kansas and is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Please review [Kansas' Behavioral Sciences Regulator Board website](#) for additional details about obtaining licensure.

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## Kentucky

### **Kentucky Licensure Information**

Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelor of Arts in Social Work meets professional licensure standards (LSW) for the state of Kentucky and is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Please review [Kentucky's Board of Social Work website](#) for additional details about obtaining licensure.

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## Louisiana

## **Louisiana Licensure Information**

Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelor of Arts in Social Work meets professional licensure standards (Registered Social Worker) for the state of Louisiana and is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Please review [Louisiana's State Board of Social Work Examiners website](#) for additional details about obtaining licensure.

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## **Maine**

### **Maine Licensure Information**

Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelor of Arts in Social Work meets professional licensure standards (LS) for the state of Maine and is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Please review [Maine's Professional and Financial Regulation website](#) for additional details about obtaining licensure. Please note that the state of Maine requires 12 hours of coursework in family or intimate partner violence in order to become licensed as a [Licensed Clinical Social Worker \(MSW required\)](#) and [Statute](#). An applicant for initial licensure that cannot demonstrate completion of the required 12 hours of course work at the time the application is submitted shall submit documentation that the requirement has been met upon the applicant's first application for renewal.

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## **Maryland**

### **Maryland Licensure Information**

Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelor of Arts in Social Work meets professional licensure standards (LBSW) for the state of Maryland and is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Please review [Maryland's Department of Health website](#) for additional details about obtaining licensure.

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## **Massachusetts**

### **Massachusetts Licensure Information**

Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelor of Arts in Social Work meets professional licensure standards (LSW 1) for the state of Massachusetts and is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Please review [Massachusetts' Board of Registration of Social Workers website](#) for additional details about obtaining licensure.

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## **Michigan**

### **Michigan Licensure Information**

Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelor of Arts in Social Work meets professional licensure standards (Licensed BSW or Limited BSW) for the state of Michigan and is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Please review [Michigan's Licensing and Regulatory Affairs website](#) for additional details about obtaining licensure.

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## Minnesota

### **Minnesota Licensure Information**

Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelor of Arts in Social Work meets professional licensure standards (LSW) for the state of Minnesota and is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Please review [Minnesota's Board of Social Work website](#) for additional details about obtaining licensure.

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## Mississippi

### **Mississippi Licensure Information**

Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelor of Arts in Social Work meets professional licensure standards (LSW) for the state of Mississippi and is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Please review [Mississippi's State Board of Examiners for Social Works and Marriage & Family Therapists website](#) for additional details about obtaining licensure.

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## Missouri

### **Missouri Licensure Information**

Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelor of Arts in Social Work meets professional licensure standards (LBSW) for the state of Missouri and is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Please review [Missouri's Division of Professional Registration website](#) for additional details about obtaining licensure.

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## Montana

### **Montana Licensure Information**

Currently, Montana does not offer licensure at the Bachelor degree level. Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelors of Arts in Social Work is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Please review [Montana's Board of Behavioral website](#) for information about obtaining licensure. Please note Montana currently requires Bachelor's graduates to have 2000 hours of supervised experience post degree.

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## Nebraska

### **Nebraska Licensure Information**

Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelor of Arts in Social Work meets professional licensure standards (CSW) for the state of Nebraska and is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Please review [Nebraska's Department of Health and Human Services website](#) for additional details about obtaining licensure.

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## Nevada

### **Nevada Licensure Information**

Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelor of Arts in Social Work meets professional licensure standards (LSW) for the state of Nevada and is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Please review [Nevada's Board of Examiners for Social Workers website](#) for additional details about obtaining licensure.

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## New Hampshire

### **New Hampshire Licensure Information**

Currently, New Hampshire does not offer licensure at the Bachelor degree level. Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelors of Arts in Social Work is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Please review [New Hampshire's Board of Mental Health Practice website](#) for information about obtaining licensure.

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## New Jersey

### **New Jersey Licensure Information**

Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelor of Arts in Social Work meets professional licensure standards (CSW1 or 2) for the state of New Jersey and is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Please review [New Jersey's Division of Consumer Affairs website](#) for additional details about obtaining licensure.

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## New Mexico

### **New Mexico Licensure Information**

Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelor of Arts in Social Work meets professional licensure standards (LBSW) for the state of New Mexico and is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Please review [New Mexico's Regulations and Licensing Department website](#) for additional details about obtaining licensure. Please note that applicants must take a Board approved class on New Mexico Cultures if they obtain their Social Work degree outside of New Mexico. A "Cultural Course Information" website link is located at the top of the website with more information on board approved cultural courses.

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## New York

### **New York Licensure Information**

Currently, New York does not offer licensure at the Bachelor degree level. Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelors of Arts in Social Work is accredited by the Council on Social Work

Education. Please review [New York's Office of the Professions website](#) for information about obtaining licensure.

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## North Carolina

### **North Carolina Licensure Information**

Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelor of Arts in Social Work meets professional licensure standards (CSW) for the state of North Carolina and is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Please review [North Carolina's Social Work and Certification Licensure Board website](#) for additional details about obtaining licensure.

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## North Dakota

### **North Dakota Licensure Information**

Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelor of Arts in Social Work meets professional licensure standards (LBSW) for the state of North Dakota and is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Please review [North Dakota's Board of Social Work Examiners website](#) for additional details about obtaining licensure.

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## Ohio

### **Ohio Licensure Information**

Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelor of Arts in Social Work meets professional licensure standards (LSW) for the state of Ohio and is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Please review [Ohio's Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapist Board](#) website for additional details about obtaining licensure. Please note that the state of Ohio requires applicants to watch an [online Laws and Rules video](#) to become licensed.

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## Oklahoma

### **Oklahoma Licensure Information**

Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelor of Arts in Social Work meets professional licensure standards (LSWA) for the state of Oklahoma and is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Please review [Oklahoma's Board of Licensed Social Workers website](#) for additional details about obtaining licensure.

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## Oregon

### **Oregon Licensure Information**

Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelor of Arts in Social Work meets professional licensure standards (RBSW) for the state of Oregon and is accredited by the Council on Social Work



Education. Please review [Oregon's Board of Licensed Social Workers website](#) for additional details about obtaining licensure.  
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## Pennsylvania

### **Pennsylvania Licensure Information**

Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelor of Arts in Social Work meets provisional professional licensure standards (PSW) for the state of Pennsylvania if a student is enrolled in a Master of Social Work program. The Bachelor of Arts in Social Work is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Please carefully review [Pennsylvania's Professional Licensing website](#) for additional details about obtaining licensure. Prior to licensure in Pennsylvania, students must take three hours of approved training on child abuse recognition and reporting.  
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## Rhode Island

### **Rhode Island Licensure Information**

Currently, Rhode Island does not offer licensure at the Bachelor degree level. Pacific Lutheran University Bachelors of Arts in Social Work is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Please review [Rhode Island's Department of Health website](#) for information about obtaining licensure.  
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## South Carolina

### **South Carolina Licensure Information**

Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelor of Arts in Social Work meets professional licensure standards (LBSW) for the state of South Carolina and is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Please review [South Carolina's Labor Licensing Regulation website](#) for additional details about obtaining licensure.  
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## South Dakota

### **South Dakota Licensure Information**

Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelor of Arts in Social Work meets professional licensure standards (Social Worker) for the state of South Dakota and is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Please review [South Dakota's Board of Social Work Examiners website](#) for additional details about obtaining licensure.  
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## Tennessee

### **Tennessee Licensure Information**

Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelor of Arts in Social Work meets professional licensure standards (LBSW) for the state of Tennessee and is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Please review [Tennessee's Department of Health website](#) for additional details about obtaining licensure.

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## Texas

### **Texas Licensure Information**

Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelor of Arts in Social Work meets professional licensure standards (BLSW) for the state of Texas and is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Please review [Texas' State Board of Social Work Examiners website](#) for additional details about obtaining licensure.

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## Utah

### **Utah Licensure Information**

Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelor of Arts in Social Work meets professional licensure standards (Social Service Worker) for the state of Utah and is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Please review [Utah's Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing website](#) for additional details about obtaining licensure.

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## Vermont

### **Vermont Licensure Information**

Currently, Vermont does not offer licensure at the Bachelor degree level. Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelor of Arts in Social Work is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Please review [Vermont's Professional Regulation website](#) for information about obtaining licensure.

Information was last reviewed 8/3/2020.

## Virginia

### **Virginia Licensure Information**

Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelor of Arts in Social Work meets professional licensure standards (LBSW) for the state of Virginia and is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Please review [Virginia's Board of Social Work website](#) for additional details about obtaining licensure.

Information was last reviewed 8/3/2020.

## Washington

### **Washington Licensure Information**

Currently, Washington does not offer licensure at the Bachelor degree level. Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelor of Arts in Social Work is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Please review [Washington's State Department of Health website](#) for information about obtaining licensure.

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## West Virginia

### **West Virginia Licensure Information**

Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelor of Arts in Social Work meets professional licensure standards (Level A – LSW) for the state of West Virginia and is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Please review [West Virginia's Board of Social Work website](#) for additional details about obtaining licensure.

Information was last reviewed 8/3/2020.

## Wisconsin

### **Wisconsin Licensure Information**

Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelor of Arts in Social Work meets professional licensure standards (CSW – Certification as a Social Worker or Basic-Level Social Worker) for the state of Wisconsin and is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Please review [Wisconsin's Department of Safety and Professional Services website](#) for additional details about obtaining licensure.

Information was last reviewed 8/3/2020.

## Wyoming

### **Wyoming Licensure Information**

Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelor of Arts in Social Work meets professional licensure standards (Certified Social Worker – CSW) for the state of Wyoming and is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Please review [Wyoming's Mental Health Professionals Licensing Board website](#) for additional details about obtaining licensure.

Information was last reviewed 8/3/2020.

## Puerto Rico

### **Puerto Rico Licensure Information**

Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelor of Arts in Social Work meets professional licensure standards (Provisional License for Certified Social Work Professionals) for the territory of Puerto Rico and is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Please review [Puerto Rico's Department of State website](#) for additional details about obtaining licensure. Note, to obtain licensure in Puerto Rico an applicant must be a legal resident of Puerto Rico.

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## Virgin Islands

## **Virgin Islands Licensure Information**

Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelor of Arts in Social Work meets professional licensure standards (Social Worker) for the territory of the Virgin Islands and is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Please review **Virgin Island's Department of Licensure and Consumer Affairs website** for additional details about obtaining licensure.

Information was last reviewed 8/3/2020.

## **American Samoa**

### **American Samoa Licensure Information**

It is currently undetermined if Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelor of Arts in Social Work meets the professional licensure standards for the territory of American Samoa. The Bachelor of Social Work is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Please review **American Samoa's Department of Human and Social Services website** for details about clinical and social services in the territory.

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## **Guam**

### **Guam Licensure Information**

Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelor of Arts in Social Work meets professional licensure standards (LBSW) for the territory of Guam and is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Please review **Guam's Licensure Flowchart** for additional details about obtaining licensure. The ASWB exam is required for licensure in Guam.

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## **Marshall Islands**

### **Marshall Islands Licensure Information**

It is currently undetermined if Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelor of Arts in Social Work meets the professional licensure standards for the territory of the Marshall Islands. The Bachelor of Social Work is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

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## **Federated States of Micronesia**

### **Federated States of Micronesia Licensure Information**

It is currently undetermined if Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelor of Arts in Social Work meets the professional licensure standards for the territory of the Federated States of Micronesia. The Bachelor of Social Work is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

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## **Northern Mariana Islands**

### **Northern Mariana Islands Licensure Information**

Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelor of Arts in Social Work meets professional licensure standards (LBSW) for the territory of the Northern Mariana Islands and is accredited by the

Council on Social Work Education. Please review the **Northern Mariana Island's Board of Professional Licensing website** for additional details about obtaining licensure. The ASWB exam is required for licensure in the Northern Mariana Islands. Please note the Northern Mariana Islands currently requires Bachelor's graduates to have [3500 hours of supervised professional experience](#) prior to licensure.  
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## Palau

### **Licensure Information**

It is currently undetermined if Pacific Lutheran University's Bachelor of Arts in Social Work meets the professional licensure standards for the territory of Palau. The Bachelor of Social Work is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.  
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