

# Social Worker, Independent Clinical

Provide assistance to mentally or emotionally disturbed patients, collaborating with the psychiatric team in the diagnosis and treatment plan. Help patients to respond constructively to treatment and assist in adjustment leading to and following discharge. Interpret treatment to patient's family and help to reduce fear and other attitudes obstructing acceptance of care and treatment. Serve as a link between patient, psychiatric agency, and community.

## Legislation

Statute: NH RSA 330-A:18  
Administrative Rules: Chapter Mhp 100 - 500

## Licensure Requirements

- Two-year Master's degree or Doctoral degree in social work from a school approved by the Council on Social Work Education
- Two years or 3,000 hours of post-master's, supervised, paid clinical experience and 100 hours of supervision (one hour per week of individual face-to-face supervision)
- Pass the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) exam (clinical level)
- Must complete a criminal background check

## Examination

Written examinations, both clinical level  
ASWB exam

## Continuing Education

Forty hours of continuing education credits are required every two years, plus 40 hours of collaboration per year

## Reciprocity

While the Board does not offer reciprocity licenses, a license can be obtained through "portability," or Fast Track Licensing, allowing someone licensed in another state for five or more years to obtain a license in New Hampshire.

## Active Licenses

2,603

## Regulatory Agency

**New Hampshire Board of Mental Health Practice**  
Office of Professional Licensure and Certification  
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Concord, New Hampshire 03301

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## Fees

License application review . . . . .	\$150.00
Approved license application fee . . . . .	\$135.00
Biennial renewal . . . . .	\$270.00
Inactive license (one year) . . . . .	\$67.50
License reinstatement . . . . .	\$300.00

## O\*Net Codes

21-1023.00 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Social Workers

## Additional Information Sources

Council on Social Work Education  
<[www.cswe.org](http://www.cswe.org)>

Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB)  
<[www.aswb.org](http://www.aswb.org)>

## Related Training

Clinical/Medical Social Work; Social Work