

A person is qualified to be a certified social worker if he or she provides evidence of a bachelors or masters degree in social work from a program approved by the Council on Social Work Education.

Information Relating to Military Education, Training, or Service: If you have completed education, training, or service that you believe is substantially similar to the education required for this credential while you were a member of the military, you may submit such evidence with your application for review.

The following information is provided to assist you in completing the application.

STEP 1: You must obtain copies of the following documents:

1. **Transcript - Official College/University Transcript:** This transcript may be submitted with the application in a sealed envelope from the school, sent directly by the school via paper or electronically by emailing **directly to the following e-mail:** DHHS.Licensure2117@nebraska.gov
2. **US Citizenship/Lawful Presence (must be at least 19 years old):**

U.S. Citizens, a PHOTOCOPY of one of the following:

- ___ Birth certificate (Hospital issued keepsake birth certificates cannot be accepted).
- ___ U.S. Passport (unexpired or expired).
- ___ Certificate of Naturalization.
- ___ Other documents that show U.S. Citizenship.

A Driver's License is NOT acceptable.

NOT a U.S. Citizen (Current Immigration Status) a PHOTOCOPY of one of the following:

- ___ Green Card, otherwise known as a Permanent Resident Card (Form I-551), both front and back of the card;
- ___ Form I-94 (Arrival-Departure Record) **AND** an unexpired foreign passport with a valid unexpired US visa; or
- ___ Employment Authorization Card **AND one of the following**
 - ___ An approved deferred action status (DACA);
 - ___ A pending application for asylum in the United States;
 - ___ A pending or approved application for temporary protected status in the United States; or
 - ___ A pending application for adjustment of status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States or conditional permanent resident status in the United States;
 - ___ Other document that shows current immigration status

NOTE: Documents (other than those for U.S. Citizenship) are verified by our office through the Department of Homeland Security. This process may take 4-6 weeks.

3. **Other State Credentialing Information:** If you hold or have ever held a credential to provide health related services in a state/jurisdiction **other than Nebraska**, you must submit
 - Certification of each credential you hold/held be submitted to our office from the State Licensing Board(s) (even if that credential is no longer current).
 - Disciplinary Action:** If you have had any disciplinary action(s) taken against your credential, you must submit a copy of the disciplinary action(s), including charges and findings.

IF APPLYING BASED ON RECIPROCITY, you must

- Have been in the active and continuous practice of social work under a credential in another State, Territory or District of Columbia for at least 1 year **AND** have been actively engaged in the practice under such credential OR in an accepted residency or graduate training program for at least 1 of the 3-years immediately prior to the application for a Nebraska credential **AND you must meet the requirements found at:** <http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/pages/crIMHPSWAppReqsMHP.aspx>

Statutes/Regulations: A copy of the statutes and or regulations regulating your profession in the jurisdiction/state that you are reciprocity from to prove they are equivalent to those required in Nebraska. A copy of the requirements from the state in which you are reciprocating.

OR

- Have been in active practice in social work for at least 5 years following initial credentialing in another jurisdiction and must pass the Nebraska jurisprudence examination.

4. **Military Spouse Temporary Certificate:**

Temporary Certificate: If you have an active social work credential in another state and you are a military spouse, you may be issued a temporary registration pending completion of the permanent certificate requirements. A temporary certificate for military spouses is available under Neb. Rev. Stat. §38-129.01 and is issued for a period not to exceed 1-year. Please review the following documents required to obtain a temporary certificate and those listed for a permanent certificate to determine which process is right for you.

To apply for this temporary certificate for military spouses, you need **to be a resident of Nebraska** and submit the following:

- The attached application
- A copy of your military dependent identification card identifying you as the spouse of an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces
- A copy of your spouse's military orders reflecting an active-duty assignment in Nebraska
- A copy of your social work credential from another state or jurisdiction
- A copy of the statutes, rules, and regulations governing the registration from the other state or jurisdiction which indicate standards that are similar to Nebraska's Social Work certificate requirements.

5. **Conviction Information:** **You must list ALL** misdemeanor or felony convictions (regardless of when they occurred or whether you previously listed them on a prior application); you are NOT required to list infractions, diversions or dismissals. If you have **EVER** have ever received a ticket from law enforcement or animal control, check the court system to see if the ticket is on your record as a misdemeanor or felony conviction. Speeding tickets are not misdemeanors or felonies. Misdemeanor and felony convictions can either be processed through traffic or criminal court, so when you check with the county court/district court, you should ask for both traffic and criminal court misdemeanor and felony convictions. If you have convictions, you must submit:

- (a) A copy of the court record for each conviction;
- (b) Your explanation of the events leading to each of the convictions (what, when, where, why) and a summary of actions you have taken to address the behaviors/actions related to the convictions;
- (c) If currently on probation, a letter from your probation officer addressing the terms and current status of your probation.

NOTE: To assist the Board and Department in review of any drug and/or alcohol conviction(s), if you had an alcohol and drug evaluation and/or completed treatment, the treatment provider must submit all evaluations/discharge summaries directly to the Department.

The following provides SOME examples of convictions; this is NOT a complete list	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MIP/ Tobacco Use by Minor • DUI / DWI • Controlled Substance • Open Container • Shoplifting / Theft / Burglary • Unauthorized use of a Financial Transaction • Disturbing the Peace • Assault / Prostitution • Disorderly Conduct / Disorderly House • Reckless Driving 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driving under Suspension / Revocation • License Vehicle without Liability Insurance • Fail to Appear in Court • False Information or Reporting • Leave the Scene of an Accident • Operator not Carrying License • Unlawful Display of Plates/Renewal tabs • Park Rule Violation / Curfew Violation • Dog at Large / Fail to Vaccinate Animal • Littering / Fireworks / Bad Check

STEP 2: Submit your completed application to the Licensure Unit, including:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Completed Application <input type="checkbox"/> Citizenship or Lawful Presence Document <input type="checkbox"/> Education Documents <input type="checkbox"/> Conviction Records (if you have convictions) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> License Certifications <input type="checkbox"/> The License Fee. See the license application for a listing of fees. Pay by check/money order (your cancelled check is your proof of receipt); debit or credit card is not accepted.
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Application Processing: You can verify the receipt of your application at: <https://www.nebraska.gov/LISSearch/search.cgi> If your file shows 'status: pending', your application has been received by the Department and is awaiting review (approximately 10 working days from receipt). Once reviewed, you will receive an update by e-mail (if provided) or by U.S. Mail. **All applications will be processed in date order received.**

Records Retention Schedule: When your certificate is issued, your application and documents will be kept by the Department for 5 years; then all documents will be destroyed. We encourage you to keep a copy of your application for your records.

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE AS A SOCIAL WORKER (CSW)

You must complete all sections of this application

SECTION A: PERSONAL INFORMATION

1	You must print your Legal Name below											
	First:	Middle:	Last Name:									
	List any other names, you are or have ever been known as (AKA) including maiden name and your last name on your birth certificate.											
2	Address:	Street/PO/Route:										
		City:	State or Country:	Zip:								
3	Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year):					Place of Birth (City/State or COUNTRY):						
4	Phone #.*					Additional Phone #.*						
	E-Mail Address*:											
	* phone numbers and e-mail are optional, but providing this information will speed up communication with you.											
5	Social Security Number (SSN):											
	If you have an A# or I-94# check the correct box(s) and provide your number:		<input type="checkbox"/> Alien Registration Number ("A#"):									
			<input type="checkbox"/> I-94 #									
<p><u>Neb. Rev. Stat.</u> §§38-123 and 38-130 requires you to provide your social security number to DHHS. Although your number is not public information, DHHS may share your social security number for child support enforcement or other administrative purposes and provide it to the Department of Revenue or the Department of Labor.</p>												

SECTION B: FEES

- Initial Certificate
 Reciprocity (credentialed in another state)
 Temporary (only applies to Military Spouses) – no fee

Fee is based on month and year your certificate will be issued:

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Even	\$125	\$125	\$31.25	\$31.25	\$31.25	\$31.25	\$31.25	\$31.25	\$125	\$125	\$125	\$125
Odd	\$125	\$125	\$125	\$125	\$125	\$125	\$125	\$125	\$125	\$125	\$125	\$125

MILITARY SPOUSE and TEMPORARY CERTIFICATE

1	Are you the spouse of an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces who has an active-duty assignment in Nebraska?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	IF YES, are you applying for a temporary certificate as a military spouse? If you check yes, you must have an active social work credential (or similar certificate) in another state and meet the requirements and include all documentation identified in the instructions under 'information for military spouses'.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

SECTION C: SOCIAL WORK DEGREE		
You must submit an official transcript showing receipt of your bachelors/master's degree.		
Name of College/University:		
Type of Degree Received:		Date of Degree:
Major:		

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SECTION D: CONVICTION, CREDENTIAL, AND PRACTICE INFORMATION
Failure to list any conviction(s) or disciplinary action(s), regardless of when the action occurred, could result in disciplinary action.

CONVICTION INFORMATION: You must list ALL misdemeanor or felony convictions (regardless of when they occurred or whether you previously listed them on a prior application); you are NOT required to list infractions, diversions or dismissals. Misdemeanor and felony convictions can either be processed through traffic or criminal court, so when you check with the county court/district court, you should ask for both traffic and criminal court misdemeanor and felony convictions.

1	Have you EVER been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony?	Type of Crime	Date of Action	Name of Court / Entity Taking Action
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			

NOTE: If you have any criminal charges or credential disciplinary actions pending that result in a conviction or credential discipline, you are required to report such action to the Investigative Unit **within 30 days of the conviction or disciplinary action. Reporting forms can be obtained at:** http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/reg_investi.aspx or by phone **402-471-0175.**

CREDENTIAL INFORMATION: The following questions relate to a license/certificate/registration that you currently **hold or have held** to provide health or environmental related services in a state/jurisdiction **other** than Nebraska.

2	What state(s) are/were you credentialed in?	What type of credential(s) do you hold or have you held?		
	You must also provide a copy of the statutes and or regulations regulating to your profession in the other jurisdiction/state to prove they are equivalent to those required in Nebraska and a Certification from the Licensing Agency.			
	Has your credential ever been denied, refused renewal, limited, suspended, revoked or had other disciplinary measures taken against it?	Type of Action	Date of Action	Name of Entity Taking Action
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
	If you have disciplinary charges pending or if your credential has been revoked, suspended, limited, is on probation or disciplined in any way, please contact the state(s) taking the action and request a copy of the disciplinary action be sent to the Nebraska Licensure Unit.			
3	Have you ever been denied the right to take a licensure or certification examination?	If yes, please explain below.		
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			

PRACTICE, RESIDENCY OR GRADUATE PROGRAM:

You must have active and continuous practice under a credential in the State, Territory, or District of Columbia, for at least 1-year; AND have been actively engaged in the practice under such credential **OR** in an accepted residency or graduate training program for at least 1 of the 3 years immediately prior to this application **OR** have at least 5 years of social work practice in another jurisdiction.

4	<u>ACTIVE PRACTICE:</u>	
List below the location, address, and dates actively engaged in the practice of social work.		
Facility	Address	Dates

OR

5	<u>RESIDENCY OR GRADUATE PROGRAM:</u>	
List the name of the facility or graduate program, address, and dates actively engaged in the practice of social work.		
Facility or Graduate Program	Address	Dates

SECTION E: PRACTICE PRIOR TO CERTIFICATION

An individual who represents himself/herself as a social worker prior to issuance of a certificate is subject to assessment of an Administrative Penalty of \$10 per day up to \$1,000, or other action as provided in the statutes and regulations governing social work practice.

- No.** I **have NOT** represented myself as a social worker in Nebraska without a Nebraska credential issued by the Licensure Unit.
- Yes.** I **have** represented myself as a social worker in Nebraska without a Nebraska credential issued by the Licensure Unit.

If yes, what are the actual number of days you represented yourself as a social worker in Nebraska without a certificate issued by the Licensure Unit and what is the business name, location and telephone number of the practice:

Number of days:
Name of Business:
City:
Telephone #:

SECTION F: ATTESTATION

For the purpose of meeting Neb. Rev. Stat. §4-108 through §4-114 and §38-129,
I attest that:

(check ONE of the boxes below)

- I am a citizen of the United States.
- OR**
- I am a qualified alien under the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act.
 - I am a nonimmigrant lawfully present in the United States.
 - Check this box if you are **NOT** a citizen of the United States, a nonimmigrant, nor a qualified alien under the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act.

I further attest that:

1. I have read the application or have had the application read to me; and
2. I am of good character and all statements on this application are true and complete.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____