

(1) A master's degree from an accredited college or university and based on a graduate social work program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education; or

(2) A doctorate degree in social work from an accredited college or university.

(d) (1) An applicant for a certified social worker license shall have:

(i) A master's degree from an accredited college or university and based on a graduate social work program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education; and

(ii) 2 years of social work experience as a social worker where face-to-face supervision is part of the employment contract and the supervisor is a licensed certified social worker and is provided by and accountable to the employer after receiving the master's degree.

(2) An applicant for a certified social worker-clinical license shall have:

(i) A master's degree in social work and documentation of clinical course work from an accredited college or university and based on a graduate social work program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education; and

(ii) 2 years of supervised clinical social work experience of at least 3,000 hours after receiving the master's degree with a minimum of 144 hours of periodic direct face-to-face supervision provided in not less than 2 consecutive years and not more than 6 consecutive years and where the supervision is part of the employment contract and the supervisor is a licensed certified social worker-clinical and is provided by and accountable to the employer.

(e) Except as otherwise provided in this title, the applicant shall pass an appropriate examination given by the Board under this subtitle.

(f) In determining the qualifications of a license applicant who applied for an original license before December 31, 1978, the Board shall recognize equivalent academic requirements for subsections (b), (c), and (d)(1)(i) of this section. The equivalent academic requirements shall include degree programs from accredited colleges or universities that have:

(1) Related academic curricula in areas other than social work, including psychology and counseling; and

(2) As part of the degree program, field work experience in the practice of social work in a licensed social service agency.]

(A) TO OBTAIN A LICENSE, AN APPLICANT SHALL DEMONSTRATE TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE BOARD THAT THE APPLICANT:

(1) HAS SUBMITTED A COMPLETE WRITTEN APPLICATION IN THE FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE BOARD;

(2) IS AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD;