



Building (More) Collaborations Among Social Work Partners to Ensure Licensure Success

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What Inspires Us?

- **Passion**
- **Profession**
- **Protection**

Overview

Current Statistics

Collaborative Relationships for Licensure Success

2014-18 Strategic Initiatives

Path to Licensure Campaign

Q & A

Who we are



The organization of social work regulatory boards/colleges in 49 states, D.C., U.S. Virgin Islands, and ten Canadian provinces

1979 - Need for national examination

2016 California, Here We Come!
Guam and Puerto Rico on the horizon

Who we are



Mission:

Strengthen protection of the public by providing support and services to the social work regulatory community to advance safe, competent, and ethical practices

Vision:

- Knowledgeable and effective regulators
- Competent and ethical social workers
- Informed and protected public

Current Statistics (2012-13)

- **400,000 US**
- **60,000 Canada**
- **Canada—RSW-
registration of all degreed
social workers**
- **36,000 Examinations
2013**
- **Clinical – all 50 states, VI,
DC, Alberta & BC**
- **MSW – 46 states, 10
provinces**
- **BSW – 39 states, 10
provinces**

Pass Rates (First Time)

2012

- BSW -- 77.1
- MSW -- 83.6
- Advanced Generalist – 63.3
- Clinical -- 76.8

2013

- BSW -- 77.8
- MSW -- 82.3
- Advanced Generalist – 75.3
- Clinical -- 77.9

Current Statistics (2012-13)

- **Supervision is required in 50 states, 7 provinces**
- **17 states require specific supervisory training**
- **“Approved supervisors”; few states**
- **Supervision plans; few states**

Practice Analysis

- DSM-5 content in 2015
- Conducted in 2008-10; new exam content introduced in 2011
- Next Practice Analysis – 2015-16; new exam content by 2017

Practice Analysis

- Survey lists series of tasks common to social work
- Asks participants to rate how often they perform each task (frequency)
- How critical knowledge of the task is regardless of how often it is performed (importance)
- Whether the ability to perform this task is a necessary entry-level skill (performance)

Guidelines

- American Psychological Association
- Joint Commission on Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing
- American Education Research Association
- National Council on Measurement in Education

- Test Vendor : Pearson Vue
- Psychometric Consultants: HummRO



LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS – 3 E's and Fees

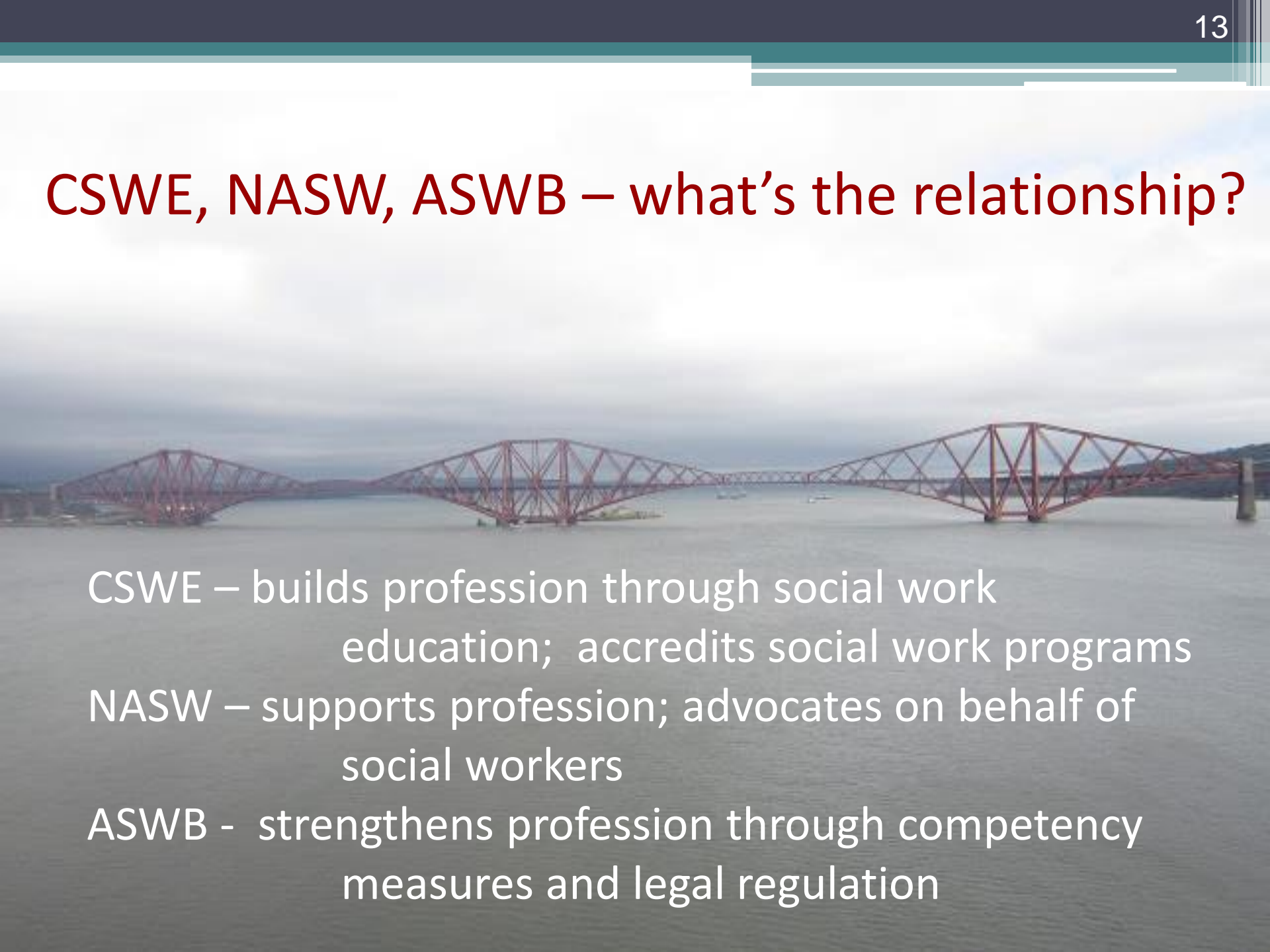
Education

Experience

Examination

“Good Moral Character”

CSWE, NASW, ASWB – what's the relationship?

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- CSWE – builds profession through social work education; accredits social work programs
- NASW – supports profession; advocates on behalf of social workers
- ASWB - strengthens profession through competency measures and legal regulation

NADD & ASWB – what's the relationship?

NADD – BUILDS PROFESSION THROUGH educational best practices and research on relevant, contemporary topics

ASWB - builds profession through monitoring licensed practitioners—micro to macro; public protection

Both intersect by instilling values, ethics and prudent practice

2014-2018 ASWB Strategic Initiatives

- ***Expand member services***
 - Technology
- ***Consistency of regulation across jurisdictions***
 - Licensee mobility
- ***Strengthen leadership***
 - Governance
 - Leadership & Regulation best practices--training
- ***Collaboration between regulators, stakeholders***
 - Social Work Profession--Path to Licensure
 - Public knowledge about the profession and about social work regulation
 - International collaboration



New initiative by ASWB, with our member regulatory boards, to **collaborate** with NADD, CSWE, BPD, NASW, NABSW, and other professional associations

Aimed at strengthening student and faculty knowledge of licensure and its connection to social work practice values & ethics

Provides educators with up-to-date information about Regulation

Support self-organizing activities among programs to assist students and alums in leading prudent professional careers



2013 Partners:

- Texas State University, San Marcos, TX
 - Dr. Dorinda Noble
- Adelphi University, New York, NY
 - Dr. Andrew Safyer

What Schools are Doing

- Researching students' base line knowledge about licensure and how schools are building this knowledge
- Guiding students from the beginning of education to understand the benefits of regulation and accountability
- Sharing ideas among schools about how to guide students and alums in building a prudent professional career through licensure and accountability

Stories & Examples

- Student Orientation
- Life Long Learning
- Professional Identity
 - Resources
 - State Boards

What ASWB is Doing

- PTL Team of 6 – meetings with pilot partners; research through surveys, current materials, new materials, brochures, videos; 1 FTE
- Spreading the word and recruiting programs; next steps based on interests
- Collaborating with NASW Chapters and regulatory boards; connecting with schools

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Schools of social work

The goal of ASWB in working with educators is to enter a supportive partnership. The resources that ASWB makes available to schools of social work are tools that can enhance the learning experience of students throughout the students' educational career.

Examination orientation program

Helping students better understand the licensing exams can help reduce their anxiety about the experience. ASWB offers a [Group Review Practice Test](#) that provides sample questions retired from past exams for educators to review and discuss with students in a classroom setting. By reviewing test questions together, educators and students can explore rationales and engage in critical thinking.

ACE

ASWB Approved Continuing Education (ACE) program

The ASWB ACE program assures boards that social workers have access to the highest quality continuing education that is relevant for license renewal. [Learn more.](#)

Free Resources

Candidate Handbook [\[PDF\]](#)

FORM: Path to Licensure Interest Form [\[PDF\]](#)

Path to Licensure: Information, Please! [\[PDF\]](#)

2012 ASWB Annual Report [\[PDF\]](#)

PATH TO LICENSURE

GROUP REVIEW PRACTICE TESTS

RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM

SCHOOL PASS/FAIL SUMMARY REPORTS

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Path to Licensure

Overview

ASWB's Path to Licensure campaign is designed to bring the worlds of education and regulation together in the classroom to strengthen student and faculty knowledge of professional regulation and its important connection to public protection and social work values and ethics.

The campaign seeks to build a bridge to understanding so that professional regulation is embraced as an essential component of the social work profession, just as it is embraced in other health care profes-



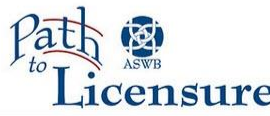
Students at one Path to Licensure pilot school, the Texas State School of Social Work, attend a meeting of their state's regulatory board held on the San Marcos campus.

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Licensees

As you pursue your career in social work as a licensed professional, you will have many opportunities to interact with your regulatory board.

Your first interaction might be when you apply for your initial license. In order to keep your license current, you will interact with your board during every license renewal cycle. You may be selected by your board to be audited for continuing education compliance when renewing your license. If you relocate or choose to practice via the Internet, known as e-practice, you will need to interact with boards in multiple jurisdictions. Finally, if you step outside the bounds of safe and ethical practice, otherwise compromise your integrity, or call your character into question, you more than likely will interact with your board in a disciplinary hearing.

You may interact with your board for reasons other than licensing.

Moving to another state or province?

[Find a licensing board](#)

[Transfer your score online](#)

[Download the score transfer order form](#)

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FORM: Score transfer [PDF]

FORM: Duplicate score report [PDF]

Standards for Technology and Social Work Practice [PDF]

An Analysis of Supervision for Social Work Licensure [PDF]

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CONTINUING COMPETENCE

MEMBER STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

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ASWB exam resources

- ASWB Study Guide
- ASWB Online Practice Exam
- ASWB Online Group Practice Exam

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Online Social Work Practice Exams

Full-length practice exams for candidates preparing to take the bachelors, masters, or clinical social work licensing exams

If I pay for the online practice test, what do I get?
Four hours to take a 170-question practice test one time.
30 days (total) to review the questions, answers and rationales. The 30 days begins when you enter your email and purchase code to log into the practice test.
Diagnostic information and a complete review of every question, the correct answer, and rationales. The test is timed to allow the same amount of time you will get on the actual examination—four hours—but you will be able to enter and leave the test as often as you like over a 30-day period. The four-hour clock only runs while you're taking the test.

When does the 30-day access begin?
The 30-day access begins the first time you log in with your email address and password.

What software do I need?
The online practice test is Internet-based and works with most Internet browsers, including Internet Explorer, Firefox, Chrome and Safari. There are technical problems for users with AOL's proprietary browser, so users should try switching to one of the browsers listed above.

Can I take the test multiple times?
No. The \$75 fee only allows you to take the test only one time. You do not have to take the test in one sitting, however; you can come and go as much as you wish, or you can choose to have a more "realistic" experience by taking the test in one uninterrupted four-hour block.

Can I purchase access more than once?
As long as you're registered to take an actual ASWB examination, yes. ASWB offers two versions of the Bachelors, Masters, and Clinical practice tests. When you purchase a test, the system automatically assigns the correct test version.

Can anyone buy access to the practice test?
No. You must be registered to take one of the actual ASWB licensing examinations first, and you can purchase only the exam for which you are registered. Additionally, at the time you purchase practice test access, you will be required to accept an end-user agreement that includes this restriction as well as other restrictions regarding the use and sharing of the contents of the practice test.

Can I share the access with friends or a study group?
No. The user agreement limits use of the service to a single customer.

How does the diagnostic and review portion work?
After you finish your practice test, you will receive a score report. This report will list the number of questions you missed in each content area. You may review the questions you missed, all questions, the questions in individual content areas, or any combination of these. There is no timer involved in this part of the program—you can spend as much time with this portion as you want to, until your 30-day access window closes.

Is the online test similar to the actual ASWB licensing examination?
Yes. The testing software functions in ways similar to the software used in actual PearsonVUE test centers. The test itself is composed of actual test questions retired from the ASWB licensing examinations.

Do you offer technical support?
Yes. Technical support is available from ASWB. You can get assistance by sending an email to practitioner@aswb.org. This account is monitored, and responses are sent between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday (Eastern time).

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Order by phone: 800-225-6880



Group Review Practice Exam

ASWB offers an exclusive tool for social work educators: a full-length practice exam designed for group review

ASWB is pleased to offer a special program for social work educators trying to help their students better understand the licensing exams. The new group review practice exams for the bachelors, masters and clinical social work licensing exams are available exclusively to faculty and staff of CSWE-accredited programs.

The group review exam was designed to be one component of an overall exam orientation program. When a social work program purchases access to the group practice exam, ASWB provides a password that is valid for 6 months, beginning on the date it is first used. That password can be shared among social work faculty, career development and continuing education staff of the same program. The password gives you access to 170 questions, answers and rationales over the Internet. Instructors can use an Internet-connected computer and digital projector to review the questions with their students.

Available only to CSWE-accredited schools of social work

The software displays the question, then the answer and rationale with the click of a mouse. You can navigate to any question within the set, so picking up where you left off during the last session is easy, and the questions can be reviewed out of sequence. The group practice exam is not scored, so you can pick and choose individual questions for discussion and review, rather than going over the entire set.

In addition, there are three resource documents available to anyone using this group practice exam:

- an overview of our examination program,
- a user's guide that explains how sample questions are best used in the context of exam preparation, and
- our complete Candidate Handbook.

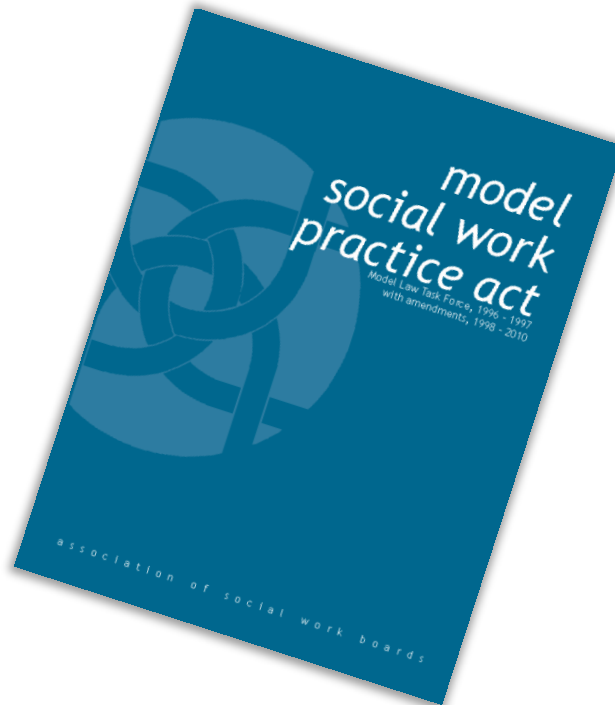
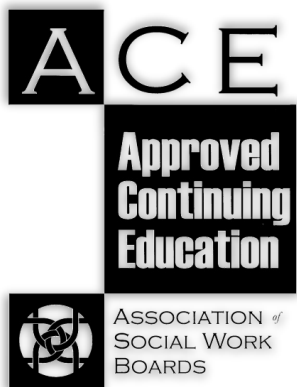
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Major programs – what else we do

- Public Protection Database (PPD)
- Model Social Work Practice Act
- Approved Continuing Education (ACE) program
- Social Work Registry



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Vivian Thompson
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