

Program Support for Social Work Licensing Examinations

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Colleagues,

In what ways do your schools help current students or graduates prepare for taking the social work licensure exam? Please respond privately to terry.wolfer@sc.edu and we will compile and share the responses.

Thanks!

All of our students are student members of NASW. We refer them to the NASW Licensure Prep offered many times during the year.

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At the University of Michigan, we offer an online self paced course prep through the Continuing Education Office. Professor Brian Perron is the lead instructor for the course. Here is the link to the course: <https://ssw.umich.edu/programs/continuing-education/exam-preparation>.

When students graduate, we give them a discount on the course.

In addition, in the Career Services Center, we have stations for students/alumni to come in to take practice tests.

Looking forward to hearing what other programs do.

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We work with our students throughout their licensure process as LICSW's in Minnesota. This means we provide a two-day workshop on exam prep prior to graduation for the LGSW (we include the ASWB group exam prep as part of the workshop; we sometimes help students locate post-graduation supervision when there are problems with supervision through employers; we provide a two-day exam prep class, two years-post graduation prior to our alumni sitting for the LICSW exam.

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Our MSW student association partnered last spring with NASW-Utah Chapter (housed right here in our building) to offer an hour-long licensing exam prep class. We drew about 100 second-year MSW students (pizza was served, which I'm sure helped with turnout ☺). The NASW Executive Director (one of our MSW grads) presented and had a good handout. In the past, our Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing has presented, but the NASW presentation was better received. Timing is important, as our students tend to take the exam in March-April, so we try to provide the class well before then. A big issue for us is the difficulty our international students have passing the exam, and we're exploring strategies for addressing this prior to graduation.

Best regards,

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We have purchased access to the practice exam online through ASWB. Some faculty have used this in class, maybe one question per class. But mostly we have set up study sessions and faculty have volunteered to facilitate these.

Looking forward to other's ideas.

Take care,
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We contact our state license agency, Board of Behavioral Examiner to let them know what curriculum satisfy their requirements for our students. Other than that, we really don't do much to prep them as in California students need to accumulate 2000 hours before they can take the two exams. Hope this helps.

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At Concord University we do not do much more than have a library of testing resources (books, tests, etc.). It will be interesting to see what others are doing.

Take care,
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I am responding to your request for information on licensure test preparation. We offer a few things to students to assist them with exam preparation. We invite the MN BOSW to present on licensure with a focus on its importance, regulation, compliance, and a brief overview of test preparation including sample test questions.

We offer two six hour group test review sessions, which includes reviewing the ASWB practice exam (170 questions) and strategies on how to prepare for the exam.

Finally, in collaboration with the The Family Partnership, a community based organization, we provide Diversity Social Work Advance Program (DSWAP) student's a two day group prep course, geared specifically for students of color.

If you have questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me. Jane

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Our Director of Student services at BUSSW offers the following assistance to students for preparing for the test:

- We offer a licensing workshop focused mainly on the licensing process
- We provide an exam booklet that students can download to help them prep for the exam.

Our pass rate is around 95%, so apparently this and whatever students access in addition is adequate to enable them to pass with high frequency.

Hope this is useful,

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We do a 2 day workshop at the end of the spring semester.

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Our old software system that provided practice exams for all students expired and we are currently looking for an alternative. Let me know what you find.

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I offer our Advanced Standing and 2-nd year students an opportunity to come to two 3-hour sessions held during the Winter Break. At those sessions, we go through the Association of Social Work Board's Group Practice Exam. I don't attempt to teach the subject matter (because they get that in the regular curriculum), but I offer them suggestions on test-taking strategies. Students say they find it very helpful.

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We provide a free 2-day licensure prep course for our graduating students funded through our continuing education program. We also provide a substantial discount to alumni. Although costly, this is a great outreach to our new alumni. Don

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We provide a free test prep course for students that are about to graduate. It is usually given on a Saturday right at the end of the semester. Students have to purchase the book for the test pre course or they are not allowed to attend.

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We offer some courses in our continuing education program. For the new graduates, for our first level test for new MSWs, we offer a very inexpensive course for them.

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Our school offers two full day licensure exam prep courses in the spring semester for our graduate students. Two of our clinical instructors teach these courses. Let me know if I can provide additional information about this.

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We are using Sophia to do our training this time. Usually it was done in house but we have grown and now we are moving to a paid session (subsidized by the School).

Thanks,
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We have a small faculty committee (2-3) who hold a licensing prep workshop for our students. It is free, and runs about 1.5-2 hours. I believe that the content revolves around test taking itself, and how to think about this exam, along with going over cases.

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