

# STEPS TO OBTAINING AND RETAINING AN LMSW

**Complete Accredited Undergraduate Program**

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**Register with the Board of Social Work Examiners**

**3**

- Application \$100
- Background check \$55
- Education verification \$0

Identity, work history, education, social media, criminal record

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**Background Investigation**

**Pass LMSW Exam**

**5**

100 hours over 2 or more years with registered years

**6**

**Direct Supervision**

**Supervised Practice**

**7**

3000 hours over 2 or more years

40 hours every 2 years (includes 3 hours of ethics & 3 hours implicit bias)

**8**

**Continuing Education**

**Renew License Every Two Years**

**9**

Confirm moral character, Verify CEUs, Pay licensure fee

LMSW is supervised in perpetuity; consider advanced practice exam

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**Next Level of Licensure?**