

Colorado Social Work Licensure

Obtain Required Education
(Masters or Doctorate Degree in Social Work
from a CSWE-Accredited Social Work Program)

Choose Path to Clinical Licensure

Clinical Social Work Candidate
SWC (3-yr renewable
candidate credential, not a
license)

Licensed Social Worker
LSW

Exempt Facility Employee
(Designated Community Mental
Health Center/DHS/VA – no DoRA
credential or license required to
work & accrue hours under LCSW
supervision to pursue LCSW
licensure)

Provisional Social Work License
SWP
(Residential Child Care Facility
workers ONLY)

Required Exam to
obtain SWC credential:

Colorado Mental
Health
Jurisprudence Exam
(\$20)

Required Exam to
obtain LSW license:

Colorado Mental
Health
Jurisprudence Exam
(\$20)

DoRA Application for
SWC (\$47 as of 4/2025)

DoRA Application for
LSW (\$84 as of 4/2025)

DoRA Application for
SWP (\$81 as of 4/2025)

Accrue Experience & Supervision Hours
(3,360 hrs of supervised work experience* & 96 hrs of LCSW clinical supervision; earned concurrently over a min of 2 yrs & max of 5 yrs for SWC, LSW, SWP, & exempt facility employees) **may NOT practice clinically without supervision*

Required Exams (taken after completion of accrual of all Experience & Supervision hours):
ASWB Clinical exam (\$60 application fee + \$260 exam registration fee)
CO Mental Health Jurisprudence Exam (\$20; must retake before LCSW license)

DoRA Application for LCSW License
(\$84 as of 4/2025)

Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)
(renew license every 2 years on odd #'d years)