

Policy Statement

Tennessee Board of Social Worker Licensure

Policy on Clinical Hours for L.C.S.W. Applicants

Pursuant to 1365 – 01-.08(2)(a), the L.C.S.W. applicant by examination, after having become a licensed master social worker or a temporarily licensed master social worker, shall have completed a total of three thousand (3000) hours of clinical experience.

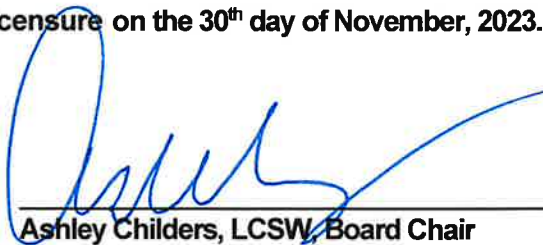
The Board recognizes that clinical experience may include clinical social work methods and activities in addition to assessment, diagnosis, and/or treatment; and thereby adopts this policy.

A minimum of two thousand, two hundred and fifty (2250) of the three thousand (3000) hours must be in the direct, clinical assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of mental, emotional, and behavioral conditions and/or addictions based on the application of social work theory, knowledge, methods, and ethical standards. Treatment methods may include, but are not limited to, providing individual, marital, couple, family, and/or group psychotherapy, the provision of brief psychosocial therapeutic and behavioral interventions, comprehensive crisis assessment, and treatment planning for clients who are adversely affected by social or psychosocial stress, health or mental impairment.

The L.C.S.W. applicant may count up to seven hundred and fifty (750) of the three thousand (3000) hours on time spent on other clinical social work methods and activities including but not limited to advanced clinical case management, clinical case consultations, indirect assessment and treatment planning, and/or prevention of psychosocial dysfunction or impairment of mental, emotional, and behavioral conditions and/or addictions.

Time spent on administrative activities including but not limited to filing and any documentation not directly related to assessment and treatment planning may not be counted.

Adopted by the Board of Social Worker Licensure on the 30th day of November, 2023.



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