

This is an amendment to 16.63.11 NMAC, with a Part Name Change, Sections 2, 3, and 7 through 10, effective 10/07/2025.

16.63.11.2 SCOPE: All ~~[baccalaureate social workers, master social workers,]~~ Clinical and independent social workers.

[16.63.11.2 NMAC - Rp, 16.63.11.2 NMAC, 3/13/2022; A, 10/07/2025]

16.63.11.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: These parts are promulgated pursuant to the Social Work Practice Act, Subsection A of ~~[Section 61-31-8A, 14-2-1, 61-31-19]~~ Section 61-31-1 to 25, NMSA 1978.

[16.63.11.3 NMAC - Rp, 16.63.11.3 NMAC, 3/13/2022; A, 10/07/2025]

16.63.11.7 DEFINITIONS: ~~[Licensed Clinical Social Worker "LCSW": A licensed independent social worker who has demonstrated to the board's satisfaction, sufficient experience and expertise in the practice of clinical social work by meeting the qualifications as outlined in 16.63.11.8 NMAC.]~~ **[RESERVED]**

[16.63.11.7 NMAC – Rp, 16.63.11.7 NMAC, 3/13/2022; Repealed, 10/07/2025]

16.63.11.8 QUALIFICATION FOR LICENSURE: Applicants for licensure as ~~[independent/clinical]~~ clinical and independent social workers must:

- A. be at least 18 years of age;
- B. possess an LMSW license;
- C. complete not less than two years of post-graduate direct/ clinical social work experience, under appropriate supervision; as defined in 16.63.1.7 NMAC Applicants and supervisors will engage the process of supervision in accordance with the guidelines established by the board of social work examiners;
- D. documents completion of the required course in New Mexico cultures;~~[and]~~
- E. successfully pass the ~~[association of social work board]~~ ASWB examination clinical or advanced, as determined by the board and the jurisprudence examination.

F. Individuals licensed as masters social workers (LMSW) and aspiring to achieve licensure at the independent clinical level must complete and document 3,600 hours of licensed masters level social work experience which has been accumulated over no more than a 60 month period.

G. Applicants for licensure must document ~~[90]~~ 100 hours of supervision during this 3,600 hour period.

- (1) One hour of supervision must be documented for every 40 hours worked,
- (2) At least 70 of the ~~[90]~~ 100 required hours must be obtained through direct supervision,
- (3) No more than ~~[20]~~ 50 hours of the ~~[90]~~ 100 required hours may be obtained through group supervision ~~[and there shall be no more than six individuals per group at a time,];~~ and
- (4) No more than 30 hours of the required ~~[90]~~ 100 hours may be obtained through interdisciplinary supervision.

H. provide proof of any disqualifying criminal convictions as defined in 16.63.13.9 NMAC.

[16.63.11.8 NMAC – Rp, 16.63.11.8 NMAC, 3/13/2022; A, 10/07/2025]

16.63.11.9 [PARAMETERS] SCOPE OF PRACTICE: ~~[This is the highest level of licensure. The licensed clinical independent social worker (LCSW) / (LISW) is to function independently and demonstrate specialized knowledge and skills. The LISW must exercise independent judgment. The LCSW / LISW should be able to demonstrate skill and interventions directly related to individuals, couples, families, groups, communities or organizations. In at least one of these client groups, the LCSW / LISW shall demonstrate in-depth knowledge and skills. The LCSW / LISW should be able to employ practice theory and research findings in all aspects of their practice. The LCSW / LISW may supervise LBSWs, LMSWs and other LCSWs / LISWs]~~ Clinical social work practice is the professional application of social work theory and methods in the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of psychosocial dysfunction, disability or impairment, including but not limited to emotional mental health disorders. It is based on knowledge of one or more theories of human development within a psychosocial context. Clinical social work includes interventions directed to interpersonal interactions, intrapsychic dynamics or life support and management issues. Clinical social work services consist of assessment, diagnosis and treatment, including psychotherapy and counseling, client-centered advocacy, consultation and evaluation. Independent social

work practice is the professional study of human capabilities and practice of social work specialties, including direct and indirect practice, through the formal organization and the methodology of data collection and the analysis and evaluation of social work data.

[16.63.11.9 NMAC - Rp, 16.63.11.9 NMAC, 3/13/2022; A, 10/07/2025]

16.63.11.10 ~~[AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION: Applicants for specialization will be handled by the board on a case by case basis.]~~ **[RESERVED]**

[16.63.11.10 NMAC – Rp, 16.63.11.10 NMAC, 3/13/2022; Repealed, 10/07/2025]