



Social Work Programs at SMU

Samuel Merritt University has one degree program leading to the Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) licensure: the Master of Social Work (MSW) program. SMU's MSW program is currently in "candidacy" status with the [Council on Social Work Education \(CSWE\) Board of Accreditation \(BOA\)](#). Graduates of Samuel Merritt University's MSW program will be eligible to sit for the [Association of Social Work Boards \(ASWB\) certification exam](#), *once SMU's MSW program is fully accredited by CSWE*, in all US states, territories, and commonwealths, *with the exceptions noted below*. However, social work licenses are granted by the licensing authority in individual states and certain licensing boards may have other licensing requirements specific to that state. Prior to enrollment, prospective students must review the information below.

The [Board of Behavioral Sciences](#) is the licensing authority for Licensed Clinical Social Workers in California and may require additional coursework beyond the courses completed by graduates of SMU's MSW program in order to obtain an LCSW license. Samuel Merritt University will assist applicants and students as they determine licensure requirements in other states. Please contact Dr. Ben Barr (bbarr@samuelmerritt.edu), Chair, Department of Social Work, for more information. Information about the specific licensing requirements by state or province for licensing boards outside of California can be found on the following page on the [Association of Social Work Boards website](#).

States/Territories/Commonwealths for which SMU's Physical Therapy program MEETS the educational requirements for licensure or certification:

- All US states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands

States/Territories/Commonwealths for which SMU's Physical Therapy program DOES NOT MEET the educational requirements for licensure or certification:

- American Samoa, Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Palau, and Republic of the Marshall Islands