

Buena Vista University Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.)

Information included is accurate as of June 1, 2024

Buena Vista University prepares students for certification and licensure within the state of Iowa. Students may want to attain certification within a different state according to their residence. States may vary in their licensure requirements. Below are the determinations Buena Vista University has found for each state in which our program meets the educational requirements for professional licensure. Two options are indicated: meeting the certification requirements or do not meet the requirements. Buena Vista University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. Buena Vista University has accredited programs in education, social work, and accounting. Buena Vista University's BSW is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

State:	Buena Vista University's educational requirements meet state licensure requirements:	State agency for more information:	Additional information:
Alabama	Yes	https://www.socialwork.alabama.gov/	Education requirement: BSW from a CSWE-accredited program.
Alaska	No	https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/SocialWorkExaminers.aspx	ASWB exam.
Arizona	Yes	http://www.azbbhe.us/node/827	Education requirement: BSW from a CSWE-accredited program.
Arkansas	Yes	https://www.arkansas.gov/socialwork/	Education requirement: BSW from a CSWE-accredited program.
California	No	https://www.bbs.ca.gov/applicants/lcsw.html	MSW Required.
Colorado	No	https://dpo.colorado.gov/SocialWork/Applications	MSW or PhD required.
Connecticut	No	https://portal.ct.gov/dph/practitioner-licensing--investigations/socialworker/social-work-licensure	MSW or PhD required.
Delaware	No	https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/socialworkers/	ASWB exam.
Florida	No	https://floridasmmentalhealthprofessions.gov/licensing/licensed-clinical-social-worker/	MSW Required.

Georgia	No	https://sos.ga.gov/board-preofessional-counselors-social-workers-and-marriage-family-therapists	MSW or ASWB exam.
Hawaii	Yes	http://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/programs/socialworker/	Education requirement: BSW from a CSWE-accredited program.
Idaho	Yes	https://dopl.idaho.gov/	Education requirement: BSW from a university approved by the Idaho State Board of Occupational Licenses. Field requirement is needed.
Illinois	Yes	https://www.idfpr.com/profs/SocialWorker.asp	Education requirement: BSW from a CSWE-accredited program. Field requirement is needed.
Indiana	Yes	https://www.in.gov/pla/professions/behavioral-health-and-human-services/behavioral-health-and-human-services-licensing-board-board/	Education requirement: BSW from a CSWE-accredited program.
Iowa	Yes	https://idph.iowa.gov/Licensure/Iowa-Board-of-Social-Work	Education requirement: BSW from a CSWE-accredited program.
Kansas	Yes	https://ksbsrb.ks.gov/professions/social-workers	Education requirement: BSW from a CSWE-accredited program.
Kentucky	Yes	https://bsw.ky.gov/Pages/index.aspx	Education requirement: BSW from a CSWE-accredited program. Field requirement is needed.
Louisiana	Yes	https://www.labswe.org/	Education requirement: BSW from a CSWE-accredited program.
Maine	Yes	https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/state-board-social-worker-licensure	Education requirement: BSW from a CSWE-accredited program. Field requirement is needed.
Maryland	Yes	https://www.humanservices.edu.org/maryland-social-work-requirements/	Education requirement: BSW from a CSWE-accredited program.
Massachusetts	Yes	https://www.mass.gov/orgs/board-of-registration-of-social-workers	Education requirement: BSW from a CSWE-accredited program. Offers 4 levels of licensure, each offer differing requirements.

Michigan	Yes	https://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-89334_72600_72603_27529_27554---,00.html	Education requirement: BSW from a CSWE-accredited program. Field requirement is needed.
Minnesota	Yes	https://mn.gov/boards/social-work/	Education requirement: BSW from a CSWE-accredited program. Field requirement is needed.
Mississippi	Yes	https://www.swmft.ms.gov/	Education requirement: BSW from a CSWE-accredited program.
Missouri	Yes	https://pr.mo.gov/socialworkers.asp	Education requirement: BSW from a CSWE-accredited program. Field requirement is needed.
Montana	No	https://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/behavioral-health/	MSW and ASWB exam.
Nebraska	Yes	https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Mental-Health-and-Social-Work-Practice.aspx	Education requirement: BSW from a CSWE-accredited program.
Nevada	Yes	https://socwork.nv.gov/Licenses/	Education requirement: Possess a baccalaureate in a related field, plus 3,000 hours of work in Nevada as an Associate in Social Work, plus pass the ASWB basic examination.
New Hampshire	No	https://www.oplc.nh.gov/board-mental-health-practice	ASWB exam and field experience.
New Jersey	Yes	https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/sw/Pages/default.aspx	Education requirement: BSW from a CSWE-accredited program.
New Mexico	Yes	https://www.rld.nm.gov/boards-and-commissions/individual-boards-and-commissions/social-work/	Education requirement: BSW from a CSWE-accredited program.
New York	No	http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/sw/	MSW required.
North Carolina	Yes	https://ncswboard.gov/	Education requirement: BSW from a CSWE-accredited program. Field experience needed for CSWM.

North Dakota	Yes	https://www.ndbswe.com/	Education requirement: BSW from a CSWE- accredited program.
Ohio	Yes	https://cswmft.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/cswmft/get-licensed/social-workers/lsw%2Blicense%2Binstructions	Education requirement: BSW from a CSWE- accredited program.
Oklahoma	Yes	https://www.ok.gov/socialworkers/	Education requirement: BSW from a CSWE- accredited program.
Oregon	Yes	https://www.oregon.gov/BLSW/Pages/index.aspx	Education requirement: BSW from a CSWE- accredited program.
Pennsylvania	No	https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/	ASWB exam.
Rhode Island	No	https://health.ri.gov/licenses/detail.php?id=245	LICSW – ASWB exam required. LCSW – no exam until at least August 2025.
South Carolina	Yes	https://lir.sc.gov/sw/	Education requirement: BSW from a CSWE- accredited program.
South Dakota	Yes	https://dss.sd.gov/licensing/boards/socialwork/social.aspx	Education requirement: BSW from a CSWE- accredited program or degree in another field plus two years' experience in social work field and completion of Board- approved courses equivalent to social welfare program.
Tennessee	Yes	https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/sw-board.html	Education requirement: BSW from a CSWE- accredited program.
Texas	Yes	https://www.dshs.texas.gov/consumerprotection/transitions.aspx	Education requirement: BSW from a CSWE- accredited program. Field requirement is needed.
Utah	Yes	https://dopl.utah.gov/soc/	Education requirement: BSW from a CSWE- accredited program. Can also apply if having a bachelor's degree in a field other than social work with the completion of 2,000 hours of supervised experience.

Vermont	No	https://sos.vermont.gov/social-workers/	ASWB exam.
Virginia	Yes	http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/social/ Virginia Board of Social Work - Licensure Process Handbook	Education requirement: BSW from a CSWE-accredited program.
Washington	No	https://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworUpdate/SocialWorker	ASWB exam and supervised experience.
West Virginia	Yes	https://www.wvsocialworkboard.org/	Education requirement: BSW from a CSWE-accredited program.
Wisconsin	Yes	https://naswwi.socialworkers.org/	Education requirement: BSW from a CSWE-accredited program. Field experience needed for CSWM.
Wyoming	Yes	https://ai.wyo.gov/divisions/directors-office/licensing	Education requirement: BSW from a CSWE-accredited program.
Washington D.C.	Yes	https://dchealth.dc.gov/node/323012	Education requirement: BSW from a CSWE-accredited program.
American Samoa	No	Dhss.as	
Guam	Yes	https://guamhplo.org/gbsw	
Northern Mariana Islands	No	https://www.cnmilicensing.gov.mp	ASWB exam.
Puerto Rico	Yes, with additional requirements	https://www.statedepartment.pr.gov/juntas-examinadoras/social-work-professionals	Individuals seeking to receive their licensure in Social Work in Puerto Rico, must hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited CSWE program, and also have at least one year of postgraduate studies in social work (or the equivalence in credits).
U.S. Virgin Islands	Yes	https://dlcs.vi.gov/boardcertifications/steps/swrequirements/	Education requirement: BSW from a CSWE-accredited program as well as two years of experience in a social work capacity.