

# ST. THOMAS MSW: A PATH TO LICENSURE PROGRAM



**The ASWB Path to Licensure (PTL) program is a collaboration of educators, practitioners, and regulators encouraging and supporting students' professional development journey.**

In spring 2017, the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) selected St. Thomas clinical faculty member and coordinator of student and career services, Jane Hurley Johncox, to participate in its Path to Licensure Institute. Her selection recognized her ongoing work with our MSW student association to ensure our graduates are well-prepared for licensure success. As a scholar, she formalized and implemented our initial PTL program and continues to expand the program based on ongoing needs assessments and feedback, including supporting the development of Black, indigenous and people of color (BIPOC) student groups and providing resources related to professional development and licensure.

**Our MSW curriculum is guided by licensure standards, and we are strongly committed to our students' licensure success.**

## **ELEMENTS OF OUR MSW PATH TO LICENSURE PROGRAM:**

- **LICENSURE INFORMATION SESSION:**  
A representative from the Board of Social Work provides an overview of licensure standards and requirements for MSW students
- **LGSW LICENSURE EXAM REVIEWS:**  
Group review of practice Masters-level test led by a faculty member, exploring rationale and engaging in critical thinking together
- **DSWAP EXAM PREPARATION:**  
Students in the Diversity Social Work Advancement Program and other students from minority, immigrant and refugee backgrounds are offered additional exam preparation specific to countering cultural biases within the examination process
- **INDIVIDUAL TRAINING & SUPPORT:**  
Available based on need



### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Our MSW graduates' pass rates on the ASWB Masters exam averages **20% higher than the national average**

## MAXIMIZE YOUR PRACTICE OPTIONS

Clinical licensure opens the door to myriad practice opportunities - and doesn't shut the door to any other form of practice. Clinical licensure is increasingly preferred or required for master's-level social work roles, even those that do not include direct treatment or therapy.

Minnesota has rigorous clinical licensing requirements, which makes it an excellent training ground for you, regardless of the state in which you plan to practice.

*"At St. Thomas, we take a holistic view of clinical social work. Clinical work isn't defined by the setting you're in, it's the lens you bring to your setting. Having the mental health training prepares our graduates to maximize their potential impact on their clients, their communities, and their careers."*

**- Jane Hurley Johncox, LICSW**

Clinical faculty, ASWB Path to Licensure Scholar



## CLINICAL LICENSURE IN MINNESOTA

To meet requirements for clinical licensure in Minnesota, graduates need:

- MSW degree
- ASWB Clinical Exam
- 4,000 hours post-LGSW supervised clinical practice
- 360 clinical knowledge clock hours
- 40 continuing education (CE) hours at biennial renewal

Not all of our MSW graduates ultimately sit for clinical licensure, but all are academically on-track to do so:

- Regular Standing students can complete the 360 required clinical knowledge clock hours while a student in the St. Thomas MSW program
- Advanced Standing students meet the vast majority of the required hours during the MSW program, determined by the elective courses taken, and can complete remaining content within required 40 hours of post-LGSW continuing education

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