

Clinical Supervision For Social Workers In New Jersey

All LSWs doing clinical social work must be supervised by an LCSW who has met the criteria for a clinical supervisor as outlined in the NJ Social Work Regulations (SW Regs). These SW Regs are written by the Board of Social Work Examiners (BSWE/Licensing Board) which is the Board responsible for granting SW licenses in NJ.

The criteria for Clinical Supervisors in NJ are listed below:

- A clinical supervisor must be a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) who has been practicing for at least 3 years as an LCSW.
- A clinical supervisor must have completed (and be able to document) at least 20 continuing education (CE) credits of approved post-graduate coursework related to supervision offered by either the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) or a sponsor approved by ASWB, or an educational program approved by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). These 20 hours must be completed before the supervision begins. The Seminar in Field Instruction (SIFI) course does not count toward these hours.
- Also, the BSWE and NASW-NJ encourage LSWs to ask for documentation of LCSW licensure and coursework from their supervisors at the beginning of the supervision process, even if they are being supervised by someone in an agency.
 - LSWs will need a copy of the supervisor's SW license and a copy of certificates/letters confirming s/he has taken course(s) that would fulfill the 20 hour CE requirement. If there is more than one supervisor during the time required to complete 1920 clinical hours, LSWs need to get this documentation from each supervisor.
 - It may be awkward for an LSW to make this request. However, it is better to secure the documents at the beginning of the supervision process than to spend months or years in supervision and learn at the end that these hours will not count toward LCSW requirements because the supervisor did not have the required credentials! And yes, this does happen!
 - If you are an LSW, you can say that the Licensing Board and NASW-NJ are recommending that you get this information for your files.
 - If you are an LCSW supervisor, please help your supervisees to secure the information they need.
- For more information, review the actual SW Regs for details. Go to our web site at www.naswnj.org, hover over Licensing and click on NJ Statutes and Regulations, then Regulations or go to <http://tinyurl.com/NJSWRegs13-44G>. Scroll to "Subchapter 8 – Clinical Supervision" for details about this issue.
- Additional information about Licensing in general is also available on our web site, hover over Licensing, and then click on Licensing FAQ.

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