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LCSW Exam Alternative IL P.A. 103-433

Illinois Public Act 103-433, effective January 1, 2024, establishes an alternative to passing the licensing examination in order to become licensed as a licensed clinical social worker (225 ILCS 20/8.2).

The law requires at least one attempt to pass the required licensure examination, and 3000 hours of supervised PROFESSIONAL experience.

Supervised PROFESSIONAL experience may consist of social services to individuals, groups or communities in any one or more of the fields of social casework, social group work, community organization for social welfare, social work research, social welfare administration, school social work, or social work education. Supervised professional experience may also include supervised clinical social work as described in Section 1470.20.

The 3000 exam alternative hours are **in addition to** the 3000 hours of CLINICAL experience required by Rules 68 IAC Section 1470.20.

The 3000 exam alternative hours may be supervised by any of the following professionals:

- Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)
- Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC)
- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT)
- Licensed Clinical Psychologist (LCP)
- Licensed Psychiatrist (as defined in Section 1-121 of the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code (405 ILCS 5/1-121))
- Licensed Advance Practice Psychiatric Nurse (as defined in Section 1-101.3 of the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code (405 ILCS 5/1-101.3))

The exam attempt must have been made since 1/1/2019, and the exam alternative hours must not be more than 10 years old.

Illinois LCSW applicants wishing to obtain licensure by the Exam Alternative Pathway must provide to IDFPR VE-SW form(s) (version January 2024 or later) completed by their supervisor(s) to document the exam alternative experience (in addition to any other application materials or documents required for Illinois LCSW licensure.) Completed VE-SW forms may be emailed to fpr.hssunit@illinois.gov or mailed to:

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