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APPLICATION FOR BACCALAUREATE OR MASTER SOCIAL WORKER LICENSURE

CHOOSE ONE: BACCALAUREATE (LBSW) MASTER (LMSW)

PART I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

SALUTATION <input type="checkbox"/> MR. <input type="checkbox"/> MS. <input type="checkbox"/> MRS. <input type="checkbox"/> DR.	LEGAL NAME (FIRST NAME MI LAST NAME)		PREVIOUS LAST NAMES (IF APPLICABLE)
DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER		CURRENT AZ BOARD LICENSE (IF APPLICABLE)
HOME ADDRESS			PREFERRED PHONE
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	ALTERNATIVE PHONE
PREFERRED EMAIL (FOR APPLICATION/LICENSE UPDATES)		ALTERNATIVE EMAIL	

APPLICATION UPDATES AND RENEWAL NOTIFICATIONS WILL BE SENT VIA EMAIL, SO AT LEAST ONE EMAIL MUST BE PROVIDED.

EMPLOYER INFORMATION

PRIMARY EMPLOYER NAME		CURRENT TITLE	
EMPLOYER ADDRESS			
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	EMPLOYER PHONE

NOTE: THE BOARD WILL USE YOUR HOME ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER AND EMAIL FOR COMMUNICATION REGARDING YOUR APPLICATION. UPON LICENSURE, YOUR PRIMARY EMPLOYER INFORMATION (ABOVE) WILL BE VISIBLE TO THE PUBLIC ON THE BOARD'S LICENSE VERIFICATION SCREEN. IF YOU DO NOT PROVIDE EMPLOYER INFORMATION, YOUR HOME CITY, STATE AND ZIP WILL BE PUBLIC INFORMATION. APPLICANTS AND LICENSEES SHOULD REPORT NAME AND ADDRESS CHANGES (INCLUDING EMPLOYMENT CHANGES) WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE CHANGE. PLEASE LIST ADDITIONAL EMPLOYERS IN THE EMPLOYMENT HISTORY SECTION OF THE APPLICATION.

PART II. UNITED STATES LEGAL PRESENCE

Arizona Revised Statutes § 41-1080 requires, in general, that a person applying for a license must submit documentation to the licensing agency that satisfactorily demonstrates that the applicant is lawfully present in the United States.

Section 1. Citizenship or national status declaration

1. Are you a citizen or national of the United States? Yes No (if no, complete Section 2)
- If yes, attach a legible copy of your proof of citizenship document. To view a list of accepted documents, see List A in the Application Resource Guide. *NOTE: An Arizona issued driver’s license provides acceptable proof, as do driver’s licenses issued by other states verifying lawful presence in the US.*
 - Name of document provided: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Section 2. Alien status declaration

For applicants who are NOT citizens or nationals of the United States, please indicate alien status by checking the appropriate box below. Attach a legible copy of the front and back (if applicable) of a document that evidences your status. To view a list of acceptable documents, see List B in the Application Resource Guide.

- Name of document provided: _____ Expiration Date: _____

“Qualified Alien” Status (8 U.S.C. §§ 1621(a)(1), -1641(b) and (c))

- 1. An alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence under the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA).
- 2. An alien who is granted asylum under Section 208 of the INA.
- 3. A refugee admitted to the United States under Section 207 of the INA
- 4. An alien paroled into the United States for at least one year under Section 212(d)(5) of the INA.
- 5. An alien whose deportation is being withheld under Section 243(h) of the INA.
- 6. An alien granted conditional entry under Section 203(a)(7) of the INA as in effect prior to April 1, 1980.
- 7. An alien who is a Cuban and Haitian entrant (as defined in section 501(e) of the Refugee Education Assistance Act of 1980).
- 8. An alien who is, or whose child or child’s parent is a “battered alien” or an alien subjected to extreme cruelty in the United States.

Nonimmigrant Status (8 U.S.C. § 1621(a)(2))

- 9. A nonimmigrant under the Immigration and Nationality Act [8 U.S.C. § 1101 et seq.] Nonimmigrants are persons who have temporary status for a specific purpose. See 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15).

Alien Paroled into the United States For Less Than One Year (8 U.S.C. § 1621(a)(3))

- 10. An alien paroled into the United States for less than one year under Section 212(d)(5) of the INA

Other Persons (8 U.S.C. § 1621(c)(2)(A) and (C))

- 11. A nonimmigrant whose visa for entry is related to employment in the United States, or
- 12. A citizen of a freely associated state, if section 141 of the applicable compact of free association approved in Public Law 99-239 or 99-658 (or a successor provision) is in effect [Freely Associated States include the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Republic of Palau and the Federate States of Micronesia, 48 U.S.C. § 1901 *et seq.*];
- 13. A foreign national not physically present in the United States.

Otherwise Lawfully Present (A.R.S. § 41-1080)

- 14. A person not described in categories 1–13 who is otherwise lawfully present in the United States.
PLEASE NOTE: The federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act may make persons who fall into this category ineligible for licensure. See 8 U.S.C. § 1621(a).

PART III. EDUCATION INFORMATION

Starting with your undergraduate education, list **all** colleges and universities attended, whether completed or not, in chronological order.

COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY (undergraduate and graduate)	LOCATION (City, State or Country)	DATES ATTENDED (Month/Yr to Month/Yr)	DEGREE EARNED (and date earned)	MAJOR

PART III, Section 1. OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS

You must include an official transcript for the education being submitted to meet requirements in a **SEALED** envelope from the educational institution. Transcripts submitted in open envelopes will not be accepted. If the institution provides certified electronic transcripts, please have them emailed to applications@azbbhe.us.

A. REQUIRED DEGREE CREDIT HOURS

Complete for the highest social work degree you hold.

College or University: _____

Degree Title (as indicated on transcript): _____

Date degree awarded: _____

B. ACCREDITATION OF SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM

NOTE: Complete for the social work degree listed above.

Please select one of the following:

- 1. The social work program I completed was accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) on the date my degree was awarded.
- 2. The social work program I completed was NOT accredited by CSWE on the date my degree was awarded.

What is the accreditation date for the designation indicated in (B)(1) above? _____



APPLICANTS SELECTING (B)(1) ABOVE PROCEED TO PART IV - BACKGROUND INFO.

FOR APPLICANTS SELECTING (B)(2), YOUR EDUCATION DOES NOT MEET THE CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO A.A.C. R4-6-401 AND YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR SOCIAL WORK LICENSURE.

PART IV. BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

If the answer to any of the questions below is “YES”, provide a complete explanation below.

QUESTIONS		
1.	Have you ever been denied a license, certificate, registration or membership by any state regulatory board, any professional or occupational credentialing authority or any professional association in Arizona or any other state?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
2.	Other than complaints filed by this Board, have you ever been or are you currently the subject of any complaint, investigation or disciplinary action against your license, certificate, registration or membership by any state regulatory board, any professional or occupational credentialing authority or any professional association in Arizona or any other state? If yes, please provide copies of the complaint and all final actions.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
3.	Have you ever voluntarily surrendered, allowed to lapse, canceled or resigned your license, certificate, registration or membership in lieu of disciplinary proceedings or sanctions of any kind by any state regulatory board, any professional or occupational credentialing authority or any professional association in Arizona or any other state?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
4.	Have you ever been arrested, charged with, convicted of or pled nolo contendere to a criminal offense, other than a minor traffic violation (DUI history must be reported), in any city, county, state, federal or tribal court, or in any other country? If yes, please provide copies of the police and court documents such as the police narrative, complaint, the pleadings and final order(s). <u>You must answer “yes” even if you received a pardon, the charges were dropped, the conviction was set aside, the records were expunged, or your civil rights were restored.</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
5.	Have you ever entered into any type of pretrial diversion or deferred prosecution agreement with a state or federal government? If yes, please provide a copy of your pretrial diversion agreement.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
6.	Have you ever been or are you currently a defendant in any type of civil or criminal action related to any professional services (i.e., malpractice)? If so, indicate whether you entered into a settlement agreement or were ordered to pay damages and whether such a suit is currently pending. Provide copies of the original complaint and response, any judgment entered and any settlement agreements.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
7.	Have you ever had any disciplinary action or sanctions of any kind taken against you by any behavioral health related employer in Arizona or any other state? If yes, please provide the name, address and telephone number of the employer, the name of your immediate supervisor and a description of the cause for disciplinary action or sanction.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
8.	Have you ever been involuntarily terminated or resigned in lieu of termination from any behavioral health position or related employment? If yes, please provide the name, address and telephone number of the employer, the name of your immediate supervisor and a description of the cause for the termination. If the cause of termination was due to a reduction in force, please include a copy of the letter advising you of the layoff.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
CONFIDENTIAL QUESTION		
9.	Have you received treatment within the last five years for use of alcohol or a controlled substance, prescription-only drug, or dangerous drug or narcotic, or a physical, mental, emotional, or nervous disorder or condition that currently affects your ability to competently and safely perform the essential functions of your profession? If so, provide the following: a. A detailed description of the use, disorder, or condition; and b. An explanation of whether the use, disorder, or condition is reduced or ameliorated because you’re receiving ongoing treatment and if so, the name and contact information for all current treatment providers and for all monitoring or support programs in which you are currently participating. c. A copy of any public or confidential agreement or order relating to the use, disorder, or condition, issued by a licensing agency or health care institution within the last five years, if applicable.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

PART IV. BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE – (cont’d)

Use the space below to provide a complete explanation for any “YES” answers above. Use additional paper if necessary, and include copies of relevant documents, including court and/or regulatory agency documents showing the disposition of disciplinary and court-related matters.

PART V. EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Provide all employment for the previous seven years. Copy sheet as needed. IMPORTANT: include an explanation of any breaks in employment of greater than one month.

PRESENT EMPLOYMENT	JOB TITLE	MM/DD/YY TO MM/DD/YY
NAME OF BUSINESS OR INSTITUTION (AGENCY OR ORGANIZATION) <input type="checkbox"/> EMPLOYEE <input type="checkbox"/> INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____		
ADDRESS		
CITY, STATE, ZIP		TELEPHONE
NAME AND TITLE OF SUPERVISOR		
DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES PERFORMED		
REASON FOR LEAVING:	<input type="checkbox"/> RESIGNED – NEW POSITION	<input type="checkbox"/> RESIGNATION – OTHER (EXPLAIN)
<input type="checkbox"/> TERMINATION (EXPLAIN)	<input type="checkbox"/> RESIGNED IN LIEU OF TERMINATION (EXPLAIN)	
PRIOR EMPLOYMENT	JOB TITLE	MM/DD/YY TO MM/DD/YY
NAME OF BUSINESS OR INSTITUTION (AGENCY OR ORGANIZATION) <input type="checkbox"/> EMPLOYEE <input type="checkbox"/> INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____		
ADDRESS		
CITY, STATE, ZIP		TELEPHONE
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NAME OF BUSINESS OR INSTITUTION (AGENCY OR ORGANIZATION) <input type="checkbox"/> EMPLOYEE <input type="checkbox"/> INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____		
ADDRESS		
CITY, STATE, ZIP		TELEPHONE
NAME AND TITLE OF SUPERVISOR		
DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES PERFORMED		
REASON FOR LEAVING:	<input type="checkbox"/> RESIGNED – NEW POSITION	<input type="checkbox"/> RESIGNATION – OTHER (EXPLAIN)
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PART V. EMPLOYMENT HISTORY (cont'd)

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PRESENT EMPLOYMENT	JOB TITLE	MM/DD/YY TO MM/DD/YY
NAME OF BUSINESS OR INSTITUTION (AGENCY OR ORGANIZATION) <input type="checkbox"/> EMPLOYEE <input type="checkbox"/> INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____		
ADDRESS		
CITY, STATE, ZIP		TELEPHONE
NAME AND TITLE OF SUPERVISOR		
DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES PERFORMED		
REASON FOR LEAVING:	<input type="checkbox"/> RESIGNED – NEW POSITION	<input type="checkbox"/> RESIGNATION – OTHER (EXPLAIN)
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NAME OF BUSINESS OR INSTITUTION (AGENCY OR ORGANIZATION) <input type="checkbox"/> EMPLOYEE <input type="checkbox"/> INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____		
ADDRESS		
CITY, STATE, ZIP		TELEPHONE
NAME AND TITLE OF SUPERVISOR		
DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES PERFORMED		
REASON FOR LEAVING:	<input type="checkbox"/> RESIGNED – NEW POSITION	<input type="checkbox"/> RESIGNATION – OTHER (EXPLAIN)
<input type="checkbox"/> TERMINATION (EXPLAIN)	<input type="checkbox"/> RESIGNED IN LIEU OF TERMINATION (EXPLAIN)	

PLEASE USE THE SPACE BELOW TO EXPLAIN GAPS IN EMPLOYMENT OF GREATER THAN A MONTH:

PART VI. EXAM INFORMATION

Have you previously passed the examination required for the license you are applying for in Arizona? Yes No

- If yes, you must request that an official copy of your score report be sent to the Board directly from ASWB.
- If not, you will be provided testing information once authorized to test.

For information on obtaining special examination accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), please visit <https://www.aswb.org/exam-candidates/testing-accommodations/> or contact ASWB’s Candidate Services at (888) 579-3926 or General Information at (800) 225-6880.

PART VII. FEDERAL DATA BANK SELF-QUERY

To meet the requirements of A.A.C. R4-6-301(11), the Board will perform a query of the applicant’s data in the [National Practitioner Data Bank](#) (NPDB).

PART VIII. PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS

Please list current or previous licenses or certifications issued by a state regulatory entity held as follows: any license or certification ever held in the practice of behavioral health; and any professional license or certification NOT in the practice of behavioral health held in the last ten years. Failure to disclose all licenses, certifications or registrations as required above may result in denial of your application or other appropriate action. Do not list licenses issued by the Board.

Title of Credential Held	State	Date Issued	Expiration Date	Credential #	Current Status

For all credentials listed above, attach a verification from the regulatory entity issuing the credential. The verification must include the following information:

- Professional’s name
- Credential title and number (if applicable)
- Credential issue and expiration date
- Credential status
- Whether there are pending complaints
- Past disciplinary actions

Applicants may use an online verification if it contains all required items above. If not, applicant must obtain verification from the regulatory entity issuing the credential. A copy of your wall certificate is NOT sufficient.

PART IX. CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-3280, all applicants for licensure must submit a full set of fingerprints and payment for a criminal history background check through the Arizona Department of Public Safety (“DPS”) unless they can provide verification that they hold a current, valid DPS fingerprint clearance card. Please select one of the following:

- I have attached a set of fingerprints on a FD-258 card and a payment of \$40.00 or verification of my online credit card payment of \$40.00.
- I hold a valid DPS fingerprint clearance card # _____ and have attached a verification from the DPS website https://webapps.azdps.gov/public_inq_acct/acct/ShowClearanceCardStatus.action.

Your application cannot be accepted without one of the two items above being submitted. If you are submitting a set of fingerprints, they will be sent to DPS for a criminal history background check which can take 2-6 weeks.

PART X. CERTIFYING STATEMENT

I give my permission for the Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners (“Board”) to secure additional information concerning me or my statements in this application from any person or source the Board deems necessary. My signature below authorizes entities in possession of applicable information to release such information to the Board.

I will notify the Board in writing within 10 working days if charged with a misdemeanor that may affect patient safety or a felony pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-3208. Additionally, I will report to the Board any updates to the information provided in this application after submission including, but not limited to: contact information, employment changes, and answers to background information questions.

I certify that by submitting this application for licensure, I have read and understand the Board’s rules and statutes and agree to abide by them as an applicant and as a licensee in the event I am approved for licensure.

I, _____ certify under penalty of perjury that all information contained in my application, including all supporting documents, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and with full knowledge that any false statements or misrepresentations made in this application may be grounds for refusal, subsequent revocation or suspension of my license(s), or other disciplinary action.

Signature of Applicant

Date

TEMPORARY APPLICATION

By submitting your application, you may also be eligible for a temporary license in the discipline and practice level for which you applied if one of the following applies:

You are currently licensed or certified by another state behavioral health regulatory entity

OR

You are applying within 12 months of graduating from the education program submitted to meet licensure requirements, and have not previously taken the exam required for licensure.

If you would like to apply for a temporary license, please type your initials in the appropriate box below and check the box above that applies to you (*include an additional \$50 temporary application fee with your payment*).

_____ Yes I qualify and would like to apply for a temporary license

_____ No I do not qualify or am not interested in applying for a temporary license

Please review [A.A.C. R4-6-306](#) for all requirements regarding temporary licensure.

IS MY APPLICATION READY TO SUBMIT?

I HAVE INCLUDED ALL OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:

- A copy of my driver's license or state-issued ID (*for current legal name verification*)
- Documentation of legal authorized presence to reside and seek employment in the US (*from pg 2 – a driver's license issued by a state that verifies lawful presence in the US provides acceptable proof*)
- A complete set of fingerprints on a standard FD-258 card with a **\$40.00** payment (if fingerprints were not previously submitted with another application), OR a copy of my current DPS fingerprint clearance card (front and back) and verification from the [DPS website](#). NO PAYMENT is needed with a current DPS fingerprint clearance card.
- An official transcript **in a sealed envelope** (*if not already on file*). If requesting electronic transcripts, please have the institution email them to applications@azbbhe.us.
- Verification of professional credentials
- Employment history for previous SEVEN years including an explanation of any gaps in employment of greater than one month
- FEES:** Applicable fees may be paid by credit card on the Board's website by clicking on "[Make a Payment](#)", or through money order or cashier's check (***NO PERSONAL OR BUSINESS CHECKS accepted***) made out to "Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners" or "AZBBHE" by mail, including:
 - ✓ **\$250.00** non-refundable application fee
 - ✓ **\$ 40.00** payment for processing fingerprints **if** mailing a FD-258 card
 - ✓ **\$ 50.00** payment for a temporary license (only submit if eligible)

Fees may be combined into one payment.

SUBMIT TO:

Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners

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Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, excluding state holidays

FOLLOWING SUBMISSION:

- Confirm receipt of the application on the Board's website by:
 - Clicking on "Verifications," then "[Check for pending applications](#)"
 - Search by your last name. Your application will display as "Pending" if received
- Staff will provide updates on the progress of your application including when your application is administratively and substantively complete, if additional information is needed, and next steps in the process
- Staff will notify you of any Committee or Board meetings at which your application will be reviewed
- If applicable, staff will provide information on taking an exam required for licensure
- You must notify the Board if any information provided in the application changes including, but not limited to:
 - Contact information
 - Employment changes
 - Answers to background information questions.
- You must notify the Board in writing within 10 working days if charged with a misdemeanor that may affect patient safety or a felony pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-3208

Pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 41-1030, 41-1093.05, the following information must accompany all license applications.

41-1030. Invalidity of rules not made according to this chapter; prohibited agency action; prohibited acts by state employees; enforcement; notice

- A. A rule is invalid unless it is made and approved in substantial compliance with sections 41-1021 through 41-1029 and articles 4, 4.1 and 5 of this chapter, unless otherwise provided by law.
- B. An agency shall not base a licensing decision in whole or in part on a licensing requirement or condition that is not specifically authorized by statute, rule or state tribal gaming compact. A general grant of authority in statute does not constitute a basis for imposing a licensing requirement or condition unless a rule is made pursuant to that general grant of authority that specifically authorizes the requirement or condition.
- C. An agency shall not:
 - 1. Make a rule under a specific grant of rulemaking authority that exceeds the subject matter areas listed in the specific statute authorizing the rule.
 - 2. Make a rule under a general grant of rulemaking authority to supplement a more specific grant of rulemaking authority.
- D. This section may be enforced in a private civil action and relief may be awarded against the state. The court may award reasonable attorney fees, damages and all fees associated with the license application to a party that prevails in an action against the state for a violation of this section.
- E. A state employee may not intentionally or knowingly violate this section. A violation of this section is cause for disciplinary action or dismissal pursuant to the Agency's adopted personnel policy.
- F. This section does not abrogate the immunity provided by section 12-820.01 or 12-820.02.
- G. An agency shall prominently print the provisions of subsections B, D, E and F of this section on all license applications, except license applications processed by the corporation commission.
- H. The licensing application may be in either print or electronic format.

41-1093.05. License Applicants; notice

Pursuant to section 41-1093.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, an agency shall limit all occupational regulations to regulations that are demonstrated to be necessary to specifically fulfill a public health, safety or welfare concern. Pursuant to sections 41-1093.02 and 41-1093.03, Arizona Revised Statutes, you have the right to petition this agency to repeal or modify the occupational regulation or bring an action in a court of general jurisdiction to challenge the occupational regulation and to ensure compliance with section 41-1093.01, Arizona Revised Statutes.