

Department of Social Work Licensure Reciprocity Information

Dr. Angie Bailey, who teaches the Department's MSW licensure courses, serves as the contact person regarding Social Work licensure reciprocity.

The Department of Social Work is keenly focused on access and information concerning licensure and reciprocity. Presently, there is a national effort to facilitate Social Work licensure reciprocity across all 50 states (state by state reciprocity requirements list – **add hyperlink to state reciprocity requirement list**). The Department's emphasis on social work licensure reciprocity is in concert with the National Council for State Authorizations Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA) whose intent is to "help expand students' access to educational opportunities and ensure more efficient, consistent, and effective regulation of distance education programs." Additionally, our efforts support viability of licensure and employment opportunities for our students who complete out of state internship placements (see Out of State Internship Placements – **create link to the table below**)

Our Position at UNA: Graduates of The Department of Social Work's BSW and MSW program are well prepared for to secure the level of social work licensure appropriate for their degree and professional experience. The Department makes every effort to provide information necessary to facilitate acquiring licensure and reciprocity with the states who currently have joined the Social Work Interstate Licensing Compact Legislation (Model Social Work Interstate Compact Bill). As of July 2024, 22 states have joined the legislation. These states include:

- Alabama
- Arizona
- Colorado
- Georgia
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Maine
- Minnesota
- Missouri
- Nebraska
- New Hampshire
- Ohio
- Rhode Island
- South Dakota
- Tennessee
- Utah
- Vermont
- Virginia
- Washington state

Current Status of Reciprocity legislation: While multi-state licenses are not currently being issued, the usual state reciprocity or endorsement processes are being observed until a Compact Commission is instituted and fully operational.

For Our Graduates: Graduates from our BSW and MSW programs can qualify for reciprocity or endorsement processes with 31 states. State-specific reciprocity licensure requirements must be met, which minimally include:

- Documentation of your degree
- Verification of your current license
- Supervision hours
- ASWB exam scores

We are committed to supporting our graduates through this process and ensuring they have the resources needed to navigate licensure reciprocity successfully.

For more information, please contact **Dr. Angie Bailey**, abailey@una.edu, or the Alabama Board of Social Work Examiners website, info.socialwork@swb.alabama.gov.