

645—280.5(154C) Educational qualifications.

280.5(1) Bachelor level social worker. An applicant for a license as a bachelor level social worker shall present evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant possesses a bachelor's degree in social work from a college or university accredited by the Council on Social Work Education at the time of graduation.

280.5(2) Master level social worker. An applicant for a license as a master level social worker shall present evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant:

a. Possesses a master's degree in social work from a college or university accredited by the Council on Social Work Education at the time of graduation; or

b. Possesses a doctoral degree in social work from a college or university approved by the board at the time of graduation.

280.5(3) Independent level social worker. An applicant for a license as an independent level social worker shall present evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant:

a. Possesses a master's degree in social work from a college or university accredited by the Council on Social Work Education at the time of graduation; or

b. Possesses a doctoral degree in social work from a college or university approved by the board at the time of graduation.

280.5(4) Foreign-trained social workers shall:

a. Provide an equivalency evaluation of their educational credentials by International Educational Research Foundations, Inc., Credentials Evaluation Service, P.O. Box 3665, Culver City, California 90231-3665, telephone (310) 258-9451, Web site www.ierf.org or E-mail at info@ierf.org; or obtain a certificate of equivalency from the Council on Social Work Education, 1725 Duke Street, Suite 500, Alexandria, Virginia 22314-3457, telephone (703)683-8080, Web site <http://www.cswe.org>. The professional curriculum must be equivalent to that stated in these rules. The candidate shall bear the expense of the curriculum evaluation.

b. Provide a notarized copy of the certificate or diploma awarded to the applicant from a social work program in the country in which the applicant was educated.

c. Receive a final determination from the board regarding the application for licensure.