



# NORTH CAROLINA SOCIAL WORK CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE BOARD

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## **ANNUAL REPORT**

July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

The NCSWCLB Administrative office is located at 1207 S. Cox Street, Suite F in Asheboro, NC. The Board met 8 times in regular business session over the course of the year to complete the duties and functions as assigned by Chapter 90B, Social Worker Certification and Licensure Act, North Carolina General Statutes. In addition to the regular business meetings, the Board also held 2 public hearings to address rule adoptions.

### 1. **Board Members:**

**Yvette Gosline, MSW, CMSW**, Chair, Professional Member – Public Sector

**G. Mathias Bishop, BS**, Vice-Chair, Public Member

**John L. Blevins, MPA**, Secretary-Treasurer, Public Member

**Anthony Harris, MSW, LCSW**, Professional Member - Private Sector

**Carolyn Craddock, MSW, LCSW**, Professional Member - Educator

**Ebon Freeman-James, MSW, LCSW**, Professional Member - Private Sector

**Tauchiana Williams, MSW, LCSW**, Professional Member - Public Sector

1a.	Number of licensees supervised by the board: .....	12,685
2.	Applicants for examination: .....	831
3.	Applicants denied examination (ineligible): .....	0
4.	Applicants sitting for examination (any level): .....	1,111
5.	Applicants issued initial certification/licensure: .....	2,543
5a.	Number who failed the exam:	
	• Applicants failed Bachelors level exam: .....	01
	• Applicants failed Masters level exam: .....	11
	• Applicants failed Advanced Generalist level exam: .....	00
	• Applicants failed Clinical level exam: .....	520
6.	Number of applicants applying for comity (substantial equivalency).....	318
7.	Applicants issued certification/licensure by substantial equivalency.....	341

The number of applicants issued licensure by substantial equivalency is greater than the number of applicants applying for licensure by substantial equivalency because licenses/certificates granted to military applicants and military spouses are reflected in the Board's records as certified/licensed by substantial equivalency, although such applicants are not required to submit an application for comity, pursuant to GS 93B-15.1.

Military applicants for this Fiscal Year: 55  
 Military spouse applicants for this Fiscal Year: 65

- 7a. Number of official complaints received involving licensed and unlicensed activities:..... 54
- 7b. Number of disciplinary/adverse actions taken against certificants/licensees, or other actions taken against non-licensees, including injunctive relief: ..... 13
- 8. Certificates/licenses suspended or revoked through disciplinary action: ..... 5
- 9. Number of certificates/licenses terminated for any reason other than failure to renew (Voluntary Surrender): ..... 3
- 9a. Number of applicants for a license and, of that number, the number granted a license:..... 2543/2696

This number reflects the number of applications received during this Fiscal year; however, there may have been applicants pending from the previous year that were issued a license after 07/01/2020.

- 9b. The number of applicants with a conviction record and, of that number, the number granted a license, denied a license for any reason, and denied a license because of a conviction: ..... 35/35/1/0

There were 35 applications received with conviction records, and 35 licenses granted; however, there was 1 license denied due to reasons not related to convictions, rather due to noncompliance with Board mandates. There were no applications denied due to conviction.

- 9c. The number of applicants with military training, the number granted a license, the number denied a license for any reason, and a summary of the reasons for denial ..... 55/55/0
- 9d. The number of applicants who are military spouses, the number granted a license, the number denied a license for any reason, and a summary of the reasons for denial ..... 65/65/0

- 10. On November 6, 2019, SL 2019-240 was ratified, which amended the Social Worker Certification and Licensure Act, with an effective date of January 1, 2021. Over the next

year, this Board does not anticipate making requests to the General Assembly to amend statutes related to the practice of clinical social work.

11. The Board initiated emergency/temporary rule-making to address the State of National Emergency as a result of COVID-19. Subsequently, the Board allowed two of those rules to expire and resolved to amend 21 NCAC 63 .0211(a)(4) and (b)(2) to increase the amount of supervision allowed by technology to fifty (50) hours without prior approval from the Board. The Board also reviewed the entire Administrative Code to bring the code into compliance with Rules Review Commission standards; correct statutory references to ensure consistence with the amended Social Worker Certification and Licensure Act of January 1, 2021; remove gender specific pronouns; and to address other technical changes suggested by Board Members and the general public during the comment period.