Treasuring Our Ancestral Wisdom: Bridging Generations and Building Legacies
URBAN LEGENDS:
Preparing the Next Generation for Licensed Practice

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Greetings

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Mission

To strengthen protection of the public by providing support and services to the social work regulatory community to advance safe, competent, and ethical practices.
Regulation

Social work is a profession affecting public health, safety, and welfare. It is regulated in the same way Nursing and Medicine are. All 50 states, the District of Columbia, the US Virgin Islands, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and all 10 Canadian provinces regulate the practice of social work.
Major programs – what else we do

- **Approved Continuing Education (ACE) program** to help social workers identify and find high-quality CE
- **Path to Licensure campaign** to help social work educators strengthen student understanding of licensure and its connection to public protection & social work ethics
- **Social Work Registry**, a repository for social workers’ credential information that serves as a verification source for social work licensing boards
Building partnerships with schools of social work, ASWB’s goal is to raise awareness of:

- The critical role of regulation in public protection
- The critical role of regulation in setting minimum competency standards for the profession
- The licensure process and the roles of key organizations, including ASWB, social work regulatory bodies, CSWE, NASW, BPD, and NADD
EXAM SNAPSHOT

Graduate of a CSWE-accredited program

Meet the specific supervision and required hours of experience for your specific jurisdiction

Register to take the exam (fee)
EXAM SNAPSHOT

Four hours to complete the exam

Receive unofficial score that day

Exam consists of 170 questions (Includes 20 pretest questions)

Licensing is a reality – “You can pass”
PAST

Grief/Trauma
Resistance
Past Failure
Self-Confidence
URBAN LEGENDS
EXAM TAKING TRICKS ARE NEEDED
EXAM DOES NOT TAKE CULTURE INTO ACCOUNT
MOST CANDIDATES FAIL THE FIRST TIME
ASWB Examination
PRESENT

THE TRUTH
*ASWB Examination Truth

Exam is valid, reliable, and psychometrically sound.
Exam Development Is a Process

PRACTICE ANALYSIS
Conducted every 6-8 years; determines the content areas to be tested based on CURRENT SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE – Resulting in the “CONTENT OUTLINE”

Click here to learn more about ASWB exam content outlines
*ASWB Examination Truth

Item Writers/Examination Committee

Practice Diversity
Gender
Ethnicity
Geography
All items are *pretested* before they are used as SCORED items on the exams.

Practice Analysis, Blueprint (Content Areas), Item Writers, Exam Committee review, pretested, and then it becomes an exam item.
## ASWB Examination Truth

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FUTURE

FACTORS THAT IMPACT YOUR SCORE

- Study for the Exam
- Join a Study Group
- Use ASWB Resources
- Get a Good Night’s Rest
- Wear Comfortable Clothing
- Eat a Healthy Breakfast
- Reduce Stress Before the Exam (and After)
- Familiarize Yourself with the Test Site/Rules
FUTURE

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF

ASWB RESOURCES
ASWB exam resources

• ASWB Exam Guide
• ASWB Online Practice Exam
• ASWB Group Review Practice Exam
ASWB website – www.aswb.org

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