



PATH TO
Licensure



Institute

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ASWB Path to Licensure Institute

The ASWB Path to Licensure program is pleased to announce a new **ASWB Path to Licensure Institute** for social work educators.

The Path to Licensure program is a collaboration of educators, practitioners, and regulators encouraging and supporting students' professional development journey. It builds a bridge of understanding so professional regulation is embraced as an essential component of the profession and is a clear component of the competencies that educators teach. Professional regulation establishes minimum standards of competence to become and remain licensed and plays a critical role in public protection and in ensuring high standards for safe and competent professional practice.

The **ASWB Path to Licensure Institute** is a bold twofold initiative:

- Scholars implement a Path to Licensure program during the coming school year
- Scholars complete social work regulation-specific research

The institute begins with three days of intensive learning, planning, and research May 23–25, 2017, at the ASWB offices in Culpeper, Virginia. Each scholar will implement a Path to Licensure plan during the 2017-2018 school year. Each scholar will conduct research on a social work regulatory topic as approved by ASWB and submit it to ASWB by no later than August 2020.

Path to Licensure Institute scholars work with ASWB leadership and institute faculty consultants. The consultants are:

- Deana F. Morrow, Ph.D., LCSW, LISW-CP, ACSW, chair of the department of social work at Winthrop University, Rock Hill, South Carolina
- Dorinda Noble, Ph.D., LCSW, former director of the school of social work at Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas

The ASWB Path to Licensure Institute seeks a diverse group of six social work faculty who bring expertise from many academic disciplines and organizational specialties and a range of ethnic and national groups, ages, and years of experience in higher education and other related fields.

Each scholar will receive a \$2,500 stipend to cover travel and personal expenses. Lodging for the three-day intensive will be provided at the Holiday Inn near the ASWB offices in Culpeper, Virginia.

Scholar Preparation

In order to prepare for participation in the three-day intensive, scholars will complete the following before arrival on May 22, 2017:

1. Administer a survey to social work faculty at your school and compile the results. The survey will be sent with the acceptance notification.
2. Familiarize yourself with the websites of ASWB (www.aswb.org) and your state licensing board.
3. Attend, if possible, a meeting of the licensing board in your state.
4. Study reading materials that will be sent to you with your acceptance notification.

Institute Schedule for Three-Day Intensive

Tuesday, May 23, 2017

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Institute sessions at ASWB
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Dinner break
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Work session

Wednesday, May 24, 2017

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Institute sessions at ASWB
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Complimentary group dinner

Thursday, May 25, 2017

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Institute sessions at ASWB

Deadlines

ASWB Path to Licensure Institute application due	January 31, 2017
ASWB Path to Licensure Institute acceptance notification	February 28, 2017
Deadline to submit summary of your school's faculty survey	April 30, 2017
ASWB Path to Licensure Institute intensive in Culpeper, Virginia, at ASWB offices	May 23–25, 2017
Scholar commitments for 2017-2018 school year completed and submitted to the institute	June 1, 2017
Research completed and submitted to ASWB	August 2020

ASWB Path to Licensure Institute Application Instructions

- Complete application form.
- Obtain an Acknowledgment of Participation letter from your school's dean/director/chair, including name, title and contact information (example provided).
- Obtain recommendation letter from a professional colleague, including name, title, and contact information.
- Send application, CV, and all recommendation letters to jward@aswb.org by **5:00 p.m. (ET) Tuesday, January 31, 2017**.
Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

APPLICATION

1. Contact Information

Name:

Address:

Phone (office):

(home):

(cell):

Email:

2. Describe the range of your responsibilities in the school of social work.

3. Enter your current licensure designation and state(s) in which you are licensed. An active license in good standing is required at the time of application.

4. Identify if you are tenured, tenure track, adjunct, or other.

5. Describe any current or previous experience serving on a licensure board and/or on an ASWB committee or task force.

6. Describe your involvement in Path to Licensure activities.

7. Describe how you want the Path to Licensure Institute to help you develop and implement a plan to teach licensure and regulation throughout your school's social work program.

8. Describe a research topic about social work regulation that interests you.

Date

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Dear Selection Committee:

As the (Dean/Director/Chair) of the (College or University name) School (or department or program) of Social Work, I assert that (applicant name) is on the faculty of our school. I have been made aware of the Path to Licensure Institute opportunity presented by the Association of Social Work Boards.

This letter serves as acknowledgment of the participation of (applicant name) if chosen to be a scholar in the program. I am aware that scholars accepted to the program are expected to fulfill the following responsibilities, and (applicant name) has my support to complete these objectives:

1. Surveying our school's social work faculty regarding their knowledge and inclusion of information about regulation and licensure in their coursework. This will be done in the spring of 2017.
2. Attending the intensive portion of the Institute, May 23-25, 2017, in Culpeper, Virginia, at the offices of the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB).
3. Implementing a Path to Licensure plan at our school during the 2017-2018 school year. This plan will be uniquely designed for our school by the scholar and faculty at our school.
4. Completing student pre- and post-surveys.
5. Conducting research on a topic that relates to regulation and licensure that has the approval of ASWB. The research study and results will be submitted to ASWB no later than August 2020.

Furthermore, I understand that if (applicant's name) is accepted as a Path to Licensure Institute scholar, (he/she) will receive a \$2,500 stipend to cover travel and personal expenses, and lodging for the three-day intensive will be provided at ASWB's expense at the Holiday Inn near the ASWB offices in Culpeper, Virginia.

(applicant's name) has my approval to participate in the ASWB Path to Licensure Institute.

Sincerely,

(name, title, school name and address)