



**NORTH CAROLINA  
SOCIAL WORK CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE BOARD**

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**ANNUAL REPORT**

July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

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.

**1. Board Members:**

**Yvette Gosline, MSW, CMSW**, Chair, Professional Member – Public Sector  
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**Yolanda N. Brown, MBA**, Public Member

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| 1a. | Number of licensees supervised by the board: .....                      | 18,097 |
| 2.  | Applicants for examination: .....                                       | 1,730  |
| 3.  | Applicants denied examination (ineligible): .....                       | 0      |
| 4.  | Applicants sitting for examination (any level): .....                   | 1,605  |
| 5.  | Applicants issued initial certification/licensure: .....                | 2,925  |
| 5a. | Number who failed the exam:                                             |        |
|     | • Applicants failed Bachelors level exam: .....                         | 01     |
|     | • Applicants failed Masters level exam: .....                           | 09     |
|     | • Applicants failed Advanced Generalist level exam: .....               | 00     |
|     | • Applicants failed Clinical level exam: .....                          | 795    |
| 6.  | Number of applicants applying for comity (substantial equivalency)..... | 605    |

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| 7.  | Applicants issued certification/licensure by substantial equivalency.....                                                                                     | 559         |
| 7a. | Number of official complaints received involving licensed and unlicensed activities:.....                                                                     | 145         |
| 7b. | Number of disciplinary/adverse actions taken against certificants/licensees, or other actions taken against non-licensees, including injunctive relief: ..... | 17          |
| 8.  | Certificates/licenses suspended or revoked through disciplinary action: .....                                                                                 | 07          |
| 9.  | Number of certificates/licenses terminated for any reason other than failure to renew (Voluntary Surrender): .....                                            | 04          |
| 9a. | Number of applicants for a license and, of that number, the number granted a license:.....                                                                    | 3,125/2,925 |

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 07/01/2025.

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| 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: ..... | 94/92/0/0 |
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There were 94 applications received with conviction records, and 92 licenses granted; with five applications pending Board review. There were no applications denied due to conviction.

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| 9c. | The number of applicants who are active-duty military or military veterans, the number granted a license, the number denied a license for any reason, and a summary of the reasons for denial ..... | 39/39/0 |
| 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 .....                          | 48/48/0 |

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| 10. | The U.S. Department of Defense (DOD), as part of an initiative to promote licensure portability for military spouses, in 2021 funded the development of an interstate licensure compact for social workers. The Council of State Governments (CSG) has partnered with the Department of Defense (DoD), the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) and the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) to support the mobility of licensed social workers through the development of a new interstate compact. This additional licensing pathway will facilitate multistate practice among member states and reduce the barriers to license portability. The Board worked with the NC Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers to get SB155 and HB231 the Social Work Licensure |  |
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Compact bill passed during the most recent legislative session. North Carolina was the 29<sup>th</sup> state to adopt the compact legislation.

11. The Rules Review Commission (RRC) recently voted to approve the Board's periodic rule review readoption schedule and the Board is currently undergoing a periodic review of existing rules for 21 NCAC 63.