

Application for Clinical Registration (RCSW)

If you are not currently registered with the College, you will also need to complete the RSW Application Package (except for the character references).

Applicant Name: _____
Last Name First Name

BCCSW Registration #: _____

Applicant Signature

Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

Once all the required documents listed below have been received, the College will review the application in its entirety. Applicants will be notified, by email, of the outcome of the application after this review has been completed.

An approval of this application will provide the applicant with an authorization to write the Association of Social Work Boards' **clinical exam**. Successful completion of this exam will confirm your clinical registration with the College.

Documents needed in addition to RSW requirements:

- An official transcript of your Master's or Doctoral degree in social work unless one is already on file with the College
 - Evidence of a minimum of \$2,000,000 liability insurance per occurrence
 - Completed 'Course of Study Form' including course descriptions/syllabi for courses listed
 - An up-to-date resume
 - Evidence of 3000 hours of post masters or doctoral supervised clinical social work experience; if not apparent on resume
 - Two 'Clinical Reference' letters completed by one of the following: registered social worker, psychiatrist, other physician, or registered psychologist. If your direct supervisor does not meet the previous requirements, please submit a third reference from this person.
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Before starting your application process, please make sure to read the following:

How Can I Strengthen My Clinical Registration (RCSW) Application Package?

(<https://bccsw.ca/faq/how-can-i-strengthen-my-clinical-registration-rsw-application-package/>)

Under the [Social Workers Act \(gov.bc.ca\)](http://gov.bc.ca), BCCSW’s statutory duties are to serve and protect the public; and to act in the public interest when exercising its powers, functions and responsibilities.

The College is unable to provide direction on specific circumstances. As such, the College is unable to pre-approve any particular element of the clinical application package prior to the completed package being submitted to Registration Services.

The following may assist with your decision-making:

1. Please take the time to closely read the information under [Application to Become a Registered Clinical Social Worker \(RCSW\)](#)
2. Please remember that clinical registration reflects advanced practice competencies. This is reflected in the minimum education requirement of an MSW. The College strongly recommends that all course work reflect this minimum educational requirement.
3. Please read “Obtaining Clinical Supervision References” and “Professional Practice Considerations When Changing Registration Classes From RSW to RCSW” in [College-Conversation-Issue-17-Spring-2021-1.pdf \(bccsw.ca\)](#).
4. Please read “Professional Practice Considerations When Supervising an RCSW Applicant” in [College-Conversation-Issue-16-Winter-2020.pdf \(bccsw.ca\)](#)
5. Ensure the Human Behaviour and Development course covers birth to death from a social work perspective/biopsychosocial perspective.
6. Ensure the Assessment and Diagnosis course includes practising assessment and diagnosis using the DSM5.
7. Ensure the Psychotherapy and Clinical Practice course includes evidence-based approaches and includes observation and feedback of your interviewing skills.
8. Please note that you may be asked to provide proof of practising the skills in each course listed (e.g. graded papers or written feedback from your instructor) if this is not clear in the course description and/or syllabus.
9. Please read [ASWB’s Content Outline for the Clinical Examination](#).
10. Please read [ASWB’s Exam Candidate Handbook](#).