

**CHAPTER 90B****ARTICLE 1 - SOCIAL WORKER CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE ACT****N.C.G.S. § 90B-3.**

Definitions.

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The following definitions apply in this Chapter:

Applicant. - An individual who has made application to the Board for the issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of any credential which the Board is authorized by law to issue.

Board. - The North Carolina Social Work Certification and Licensure Board.

Repealed by Session Laws 2013-410, s. 8, effective August 23, 2013.

Certified master social worker. - A person who is certified under this Chapter to practice social work as a master social worker and is engaged in the practice of social work.

Certified social work manager. - A person who is certified under this Chapter to practice social work as a social work manager and is engaged in the practice of social work.

Certified social worker. - A person who is certified under this Chapter to practice social work as a social worker and is engaged in the practice of social work.

Clinical social work practice. - The professional application of social work theory and methods to the biopsychosocial diagnosis, treatment, or prevention, of emotional and mental disorders. Practice includes, by whatever means of communications, the treatment of individuals, couples, families, and groups, including the use of psychotherapy and referrals to and collaboration with other health professionals when appropriate. Clinical social work practice shall not include the provision of supportive daily living services to persons with severe and persistent mental illness as defined in G.S. 122C-3(33a).

Licensed clinical social worker. - A person who is competent to function independently, who holds himself or herself out to the public as a social worker, and who offers or provides clinical social work services or supervises others engaging in clinical social work practice.

07	2013	S.L. 2013-410, s. 8	AMENDED
08	2019	S.L. 2019-240, s. 10(a)	AMENDED
09	2025	S.L. 2025-7, s. 1(a)	AMENDED

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4 AUTHORITIES

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 122C-3(33a)	(null)(6)	"persistent mental illness as defined in"
G.S. 90B-7(f)	(null)(6b)	"clinical social work services pursuant to"
G.S. 90B-6(g), (i)	(null)(7a)	"established by the Board pursuant to"
G.S. 90B-10	(null)(8)	"this Chapter or otherwise exempt under"

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90B-3 (2025).

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