

Selections from Hawaii Revised Statutes, Ch. 467E
Regulating the Practice of Social Work in Hawaii

§467E-1 Definitions. As used in this chapter: . . . "Practice of social work" means applying the formal knowledge base, theoretical concepts, specific functional skills, and essential social values that are used to effect change in human behavior, emotional responses, and social conditions, and helping individuals, couples, families, groups, and community organizations enhance or restore their capacities for personal and social functioning while preventing and controlling social problems. Social work practice is the professional application of social work values, principles, ethics, and techniques in the following areas:

- 1) Information, resource identification, referral services, mediation services, advocacy services, and education of individuals, groups, couples, and families;
- 2) Preparation and evaluation of assessments and development and implementation of social work service plans;
- 3) Case management, coordination, casework intervention, and monitoring of social work service plans in the areas of personal, social, or economic resources, conditions, or problems;
- 4) Administration and development of social service programs, policies, community organization, planning, implementation, and involvement in the evaluation of social systems and social policies;
- 5) Social work consultation and resource development;
- 6) Research through the formal design and methodology of data collection and the analysis and evaluation of data, social work programs, social systems, and social policies;
- 7) Psychosocial assessment, diagnostic impressions, treatment of individuals, couples, families, and groups, prevention of psychosocial dysfunction, disability, or impairment, including emotional, mental, and behavioral disorders, and evaluation of practice effectiveness; and
- 8) Clinical diagnosis or psychotherapy, or both, provided by a licensed clinical social worker.

"Social worker" or "S.W." means a person who has been issued a license as a licensed bachelor social worker, licensed social worker, or licensed clinical social worker to practice within the scope of practice as provided in this chapter.

§467E-1.5 Limitations of scope of practice. In accordance with the definition of the practice of social work, there shall be limitations on the scope of the practice of social work as follows:

- 1) The "licensed bachelor social worker" or "L.B.S.W." may perform duties as defined in paragraphs (1) to (4) of the definition of the practice of social work in section 467E-1 in an agency setting under supervision;
- 2) The "licensed social worker" or "L.S.W." may perform duties as defined in paragraphs (1) to (7) of the definition of the practice of social work in section 467E-1; and
- 3) The "licensed clinical social worker" or "L.C.S.W." may perform duties as defined in paragraphs (1) to (8) of the definition of the practice of social work in section 467E-1.

§467E-5 License required. No person shall purport to be a "social worker", "licensed bachelor social worker," "licensed social worker," "licensed clinical social worker," or use the letters "SW, "LBSW," "LSW," or "LCSW" in connection with the person's name, or use any words or symbols indicating or tending to indicate that the person is a social worker, licensed bachelor social worker, licensed social worker, or licensed clinical social worker, or engage in the practice of social work as defined in this chapter without meeting the applicable requirements and holding a license as set forth in this chapter.

§467E-6 Exemptions. Licensure shall not be required of: . . .

Any student enrolled in an accredited educational institution in a recognized program of study leading toward attainment of a degree in social work; provided that the student's activities and services are part of a prescribed course of study supervised by the educational institution, and the student is identified by an appropriate title such as "social work student," "social work intern," or any other title which clearly indicates the student's training status.