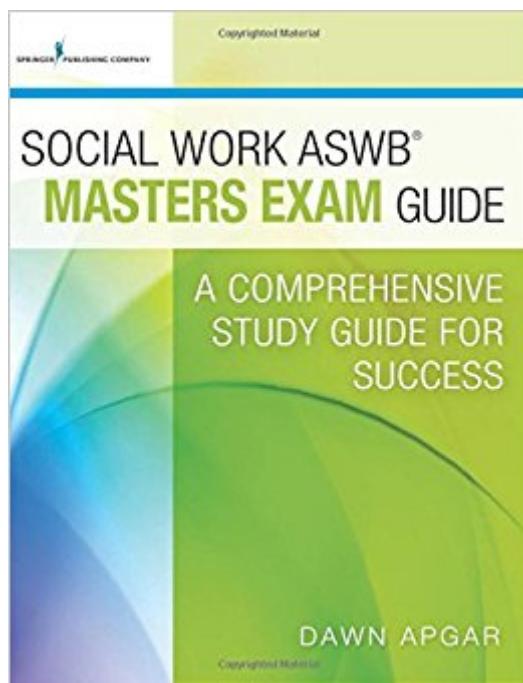


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# **Social Work ASWB Masters Exam Guide: A Comprehensive Study Guide For Success**



## Synopsis

“Dawn gave us the tools we needed to take the exam, and let me tell you - she was on point! Not only did she cover the content areas we needed to focus in on, but she also showed us how to read and interpret the questions on the exam.” • Ammu D. Kowolik, LMSW, McSilver Institute for Poverty Policy and Research Students and social workers preparing for the social work masters licensure exam will find an invaluable study resource in the Social Work ASWB® Masters Exam Guide. Written by a prominent social work leader and trainer for social work licensing exams in the United States, this guide is based on years of time-tested exam prep workshops conducted by the author. It mirrors the ASWB Masters “Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities” upon which the exam is based and incorporates information from the DSM-5®. The guide is comprehensive yet focuses on the material most likely to be included on the exam, so readers can prioritize information as they study. A self-assessment section helps identify strengths and weaknesses before tackling the material. The author shares her extensive knowledge of the exam by providing useful test-taking strategies and tips for overcoming test anxiety. The 170-question practice test at the end of the guide (with explanations of the correct answers) mirrors the actual exam in both length and structure. Content includes human development, diversity, abuse and neglect, assessment and intervention planning, direct and indirect (micro and macro) practice, and professional values and ethics. This book will be a valuable asset for social workers throughout the United States and Canada. Key Features: Developed by a highly respected educator of social work licensure candidates Covers all the content areas on the masters examination, including new content added in 2015 Begins with a self-assessment section to help identify areas of strength and weakness Offers a wealth of test-taking tips and strategies to foster exam confidence Includes a practice test (with explanations of the correct answers) that mirrors the exam ASWB® is a registered service mark of the Association of Social Work Boards, which neither sponsors nor endorses this product.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Dawn Apgar, PhD, LSW, ACSW, has helped thousands of social workers across the country pass the examinations associated with all levels of licensure. In recent years, she has consulted in numerous states to assist with establishing licensure test preparation programs. Dr. Apgar has done research on licensure funded by the American Foundation for Research and Consumer Education in Social Work Regulation and is currently on her state's social work licensing board. She is a past president of the New Jersey Chapter of NASW and has been on its National Board of Directors. In 2014, the Chapter presented her with a Lifetime Achievement Award. Dr. Apgar has taught in both undergraduate and graduate social work programs and has extensive direct practice, policy, and management experience in the field.

I passed the LSW exam on the first try. Just ordered the book for the LCSW and will post my results. My study tip is this: keep a notebook on the table when you study to write down all those things you think about doing while trying to study. Set a timer for 45 minutes and study. When those nagging chores pop in your head write them down but keep studying. When the time is up, set the timer for 15 minutes and work on the list. When 15 minutes is up go back to the book and start again. Mindful studying!

This book was just "ok". There were a lot of KSA areas that this book does not cover, also language concerning sexual orientation and gender identity is outdated. Read the first 100 pages (Intro and HBSE) and use another source for studying the content of other modules.

This, along with my DSM-5 and my NASW Code of Ethics, were the only materials I used to study for my ASWB LMSW exam that I passed today with flying colors. I studied for 2 days for 6 hours using this and for about a half a day on the Code of Ethics and DSM-5. I don't recommend cramming in that fashion for everyone, but it worked for me. It gave helpful information about the

way the exam is structured, as well as about how to read through and answer the questions. It also gives a great review of the material we all learned in graduate school. There were a few things I went back and looked up for clarification, but really, I just felt like it mainly served the purpose of triggering my memory. I really recommend it.

This book was the only non-internet based resource I used to study for the exam and I believe it was instrumental in me passing on the first attempt. The practice test was especially useful in providing me with the confidence to move from a serious amount of pre-test anxiety, something I don't normally experience, to a reasonable expectation of passing the test. For me, this book was more than worth the investment.

I am a resident of Pennsylvania and purchased this book to study for my LSW exam. Despite the fact that I am writing this review prior to taking the exam I will say that the book has been extremely helpful. The tips she provides for how to answer the questions are spot on. I would definitely recommend this book for those studying for their LSW exam.

This book was very helpful while I studied for the LSW exam Master's Level. She went in order of the content listed in the ASWB outline. Nice that she outlined it that way to be certain you have covered everything on the outline. Also included are some tips into preparing to study and how to manage anxiety during the exam. There is also a paper exam at the end that gives you an idea of the type of questions that will be asked on the exam. I highly recommend this book.

Book contains helpful testing tips. I was very anxious about the test and had pushed the date back twice feeling unprepared. However, the tips in the book eased my stress and helped me pass the license exam. Book arrived on time and in mint condition.

I took my LMSW exam on August 28 and passed it! I purchased this study guide June 2016 and graduated Feb. 2016 but did not start using it to study until around June of this year. The reason being that my permit was expiring in December 2017 and I KNEW I had no other choice but to take the exam. A little background about me: I attended Fordham's online Advanced Study school from 5/2014-12/2015 and as a single mother and full time employee, I feel that the education was great but I retained the information not so well (also have memory issues). I decided to study from the time I registered for the exam, about 3 months total. I did not study every day but the last week

before the exam I really gave it my all and was pretty much studying diligently. I waited about three days before the exam and decided to purchase practice exams from the Social Work Prep Test, which I feel strongly added to my passing the exam. However, I did not finish either exam; I only got about 1/3 of the way each because I was studying as I went. Anyways, the content in this book is not organized as well as I wanted it to, but the content helped me pass tremendously. I would have not passed if not for this guide, and of course, lots of prayer ;-). I recommend this book for any busy person who is looking to brush up on the exam content, get helpful study tips and a FREE practice exam at the end of the book that helps you learn the strategies behind the test. Good luck to everyone!

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