

Nephrology Social Worker Certification (NSW-C)

Prestigious Professional Recognition,
Exclusively Available for Experienced
NKF Social Work Members



Council of Nephrology Social Workers (CNSW)



At Last – Get the Professional Recognition You Deserve.

Recognizing the need for nephrology social work to be acknowledged as a specialty in the field, the National Kidney Foundation Council of Nephrology Social Workers (NKF-CNSW) has developed the Nephrology Social Worker credential (NSW-C) certification program.

The certification program will establish an industry standard defining what qualifies a nephrology social worker. This will be the first nationally credentialed classification for nephrology social work in the industry.



Obtaining a NSW-C will:

- Distinguish you as a social worker who meets uniform, high standards of excellence within the field of nephrology social work practice and ethics
- Authenticate that you have the required advanced skills, knowledge and experience beyond that of a Master of Social Work education
- Classify you as a social work professional who is committed to nephrology social work.

If approved, the certification will be in effect for two (2) years, at which time the applicant will need to re-apply.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION TO APPLY

Education and Supervision

- Master of Social Work degree (MSW) from an accredited social work graduate level program, accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE).
- Current licensure/certification in the state(s) in which you practice
- Copy of current resume/CV

Professional Membership in CNSW

You must be a current member of CNSW to apply.

Experience

Must have a minimum of two (2) years experience in direct nephrology social work practice (self-employed private practice does not count toward the two-year requirement).

Must be employed in a dialysis and/or transplant setting, and/or another approved nephrology-specific practice.

Professional References

Must submit three Competency Summaries. Two must be completed by nephrology social workers who hold an MSW or higher and are familiar with the applicant's work experience, practice and ethics. The third letter can be from a non-MSW who is employed within the field of nephrology (MD, RN, RD, etc.).

Continued Education (CE)

Applicants must complete a CEU record showing a total of twenty (20) hours earned **within the last two (2) years**. Ten (10) hours must be nephrology social work specific and three (3) hours must be in ethics.

Renewing your NSW-C Credential

If approved, the certification will be in effect for two (2) years, at which time the applicant will need to reapply. Membership in CNSW must be maintained throughout the two-year certification period. A CEU Record showing twenty (20) completed hours and two (2) competency forms will be required.

Fees

Submit payment with online application.

FIRST TIME APPLICANT \$75.00
RENEWING APPLICANT \$50.00

Incomplete applications will be returned, minus the initial application fee.

HOW TO APPLY ONLINE

GO TO: www.kidney.org/cnswcertification

1. Download forms to complete.
2. Begin application by logging in with your NKF-CNSW Member ID number and completing applicant demographic information
3. Upload the following required documents:
 - A copy of your current resume/CV, in (.doc) or (.pdf) format
 - A copy of your licensure in the state(s) in which you are practicing in (.pdf) or (.jpeg) format
 - Three completed Competency Summaries in (.pdf) format
 - Completed CEU Record in (.pdf) format
4. Review Application Summary for accuracy
5. Submit payment online

Review and Notification Process

Applicants will be notified by e-mail within six to eight weeks.

Applications that do not meet qualification criteria will be returned with a letter explaining why the application was denied and applicants will have 30 days to appeal the decision. The appeal process will be outlined in the denial letter.

IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION, please contact the NSW-C Board prior to submitting an application at certification@kidney.org

TO REQUEST A PAPER APPLICATION, please contact:

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