

New and renewing applicants must be current CNSW members in good standing.
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How to Apply Online

1. Log in to the NKF Member Hub to download required documents and access the NSW-C application
2. Download forms
3. Start application and upload the required documents:
 - a. A copy of your current resume/CV
 - b. A copy of your licensure/certification in the state(s) in which you are practicing
 - c. Three completed Competency Summaries
 - d. Completed CEU Record
4. Review application for accuracy
5. Submit application and payment online

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Review and Notification Process

- Applicants will be notified of their status by e-mail in six to eight weeks.
- Applications failing to meet criteria will receive a denial letter explaining the reason.
- Applicants have 30 days to appeal, with the process outlined in the denial letter.



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Questions? Please contact the NSW-C Board prior to submitting an application at membership@kidney.org



Nephrology Social Worker Certification (NSW-C)



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Get Recognized. You've Earned It.

The Council of Nephrology Social Workers (CNSW) developed the Nephrology Social Worker Certification (NSW-C) program in 2009, after recognizing the need for nephrology social work to be acknowledged as a specialty in the field.

The NSW-C is the first nationally credentialed classification for nephrology social work in the industry.

By obtaining an NSW-C, you will:

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

If approved, the certification will be in effect for three (3) years, at which time you can complete a renewal application.

Required Documentation to Apply

Professional Membership in CNSW

Must be a current NKF Professional Member to apply.

Education and Supervision

- Master of Social Work degree (MSW) from graduate-level social work 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

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

Professional References

Must submit three (3) Competency Summary Forms. 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 form can be from a non-MSW who is employed within the field of nephrology (MD, RN, RD, etc.).

Continuing Education (CE)

Must submit 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 the NSW-C Credential

If approved, the certification will be in effect for three (3) years, at which time the candidate can complete a renewal application. NKF Professional Membership must be maintained throughout the three-year certification period. A CEU Record showing thirty (30) completed hours within the last (3) years is required. Ten (10) hours must be nephrology social work-specific and three (3) hours must be in ethics.

Fees

Submit payment with online application.

First Time Applicant: \$90.00

Renewing Applicant: \$65.00

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

