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### **Social Work Licensing Clinical Exam Guide**

Bloomsbury Publishing  
Features improved ASWB exam prep strategies, expanded analysis of exam content, and proven test-taking tips! The third edition of the bestselling acclaimed exam guide for the ASWB Social Work Advanced Generalist Exam has been thoroughly updated to reflect current practice and core knowledge tested on the exam. Recognized for its unique test-taking tips and strategies, Dawn Apgar's complete review of the Knowledge Skills and Abilities (KSAs) across the core social work content areas helps readers discover gaps in their knowledge so they can identify strengths and target weak areas. Included with every print purchase is a bonus 170-question practice test that mirrors the actual exam in length and structure, plus explains correct answers. KSAs are identified for each question so test-takers can easily locate relevant source material for further study. Dawn Apgar's guide for the Social Work Licensing Advanced Generalist Exam is the best test-taking package available, ensuring success by providing invaluable tips on how to parse the questions, overcome test anxiety, avoid common pitfalls, and assess your own learning style -; all of which help to foster exam confidence. The new updated third edition not only reflects the 2018 test blueprint, but is significantly revised and reformatted to help test-takers pass the exam on the first try. Revised content includes content on racial/cultural groups, NASW Code of Ethics, including the ethical use of technology, and gender diversity. New to the Third Edition: How to Use This Guide - brand new chapter focused on how the book's content structure links to the ASWB blueprint and how to use for more efficient study Examination Overview - expanded discussion and analysis of exam content Exam Preparation Strategies -; new content focused on essential strategies for success, how to deal with test anxiety, and how to maximize content retention based on learning styles Test Taking Tips -; a

favorite with test takers, this feature has been updated to be more even more helpful New Content -; revised content on race, ethnicity, and culture, and macro practice Key Features: Authoritative -; developed and written by a renowned social work educator who has helped thousands of test takers pass the exam through her workshops and books Blueprints - provides a thorough content review of the ASWB exam core content areas, perfectly weighted to match licensing blueprints Self-assessment - begins with a self-assessment to help identify areas of strength and weakness Practice Test - includes a 170-question full practice test mirroring the actual exam with detailed explanations of correct answers

### **Social Work Process and Practice**

SAGE  
This social work book is the first of its kind, describing practical steps that social workers can take to shape and influence both policy and politics. It prepares social workers and social work students to impact political action and subsequent policy, with a detailed real-world framework for turning ideas into concrete goals and strategies for effecting change. Tracing the roots of social work in response to systemic social inequality, it clearly relates the tenets of social work to the challenges and opportunities of modern social change. The book identifies the core domains of political social work, including engaging individuals and communities in voting, influencing policy agendas, and seeking and holding elected office. Chapters elaborate on the necessary skills for political social work, featuring discussion, examples, and critical thinking exercises in such vital areas as: Power, empowerment, and conflict: engaging effectively with power in political settings. Getting on the agenda: assessing the political context and developing political strategy. Planning the political intervention: advocacy and electoral campaigns. Empowering voters Persuasive political communication. Budgeting and allocating resources. Evaluating political social work efforts. Making ethical decisions in political social work. Political Social Work is a potent reference for social work professionals,

practitioners, and students seeking core political knowledge and skills to practically advance their work. For specialists and generalists alike, it solidifies political action as vital for the evolution of the field. **Using the Law in Social Work** Learning Matters

This new textbook examines the knowledge, skills and values that underpin and inform current social work practice and processes. With a clear focus on skills, social work processes and the suitability of different methods, Watson offers students a toolkit for applying theoretical frameworks to actual practice situations. Dilemmas in Social Work Field Education - Decision Cases Springer Publishing Company

Provides a superb introduction to the nature of social work: its legal and policy base, the knowledge, skills and values involved, and the challenges and pitfalls practitioners face. This new edition has been updated to include recent developments in the f.

### The Social Work Companion SAGE

This study guide prepares you quickly and efficiently to tackle the California Clinical Social Worker Law & Ethics Exam. It includes a study guide built around the specific "knowledge statements" the Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS) uses to craft the test, a full-length practice exam (75 questions) with complete rationales, additional practice questions, and test-taking strategies.

### *International Social Work* SAGE Publications

Embarking on a first practice placement can be an anxious experience for social work students. This textbook takes them step-by-step through the process, holding their hand through preparation for practice modules and during the course of the placement itself. Focusing on practicalities, knowledge, values and skills, the authors guide students through the challenges they may face. Chapters include numerous real-life case examples which reflect a range of varying placement contexts including different settings, service-user groups, locations and areas of practice. The book will help students become confident on placement and lead to rich placement experiences which will benefit them throughout the rest of their

degree and upon entry to the profession. Your Social Work Practice Placements is essential reading for all social care students.

Social Work Licensing Advanced Generalist Exam Guide, Third Edition SAGE

Focusing on the challenges of achieving good practice, this popular textbook reflects recent developments in social work within the context of contemporary society, law and policy. Getting to the heart of what this profession is all about, *Understanding Social Work* continues to offer an excellent foundation for readers for anyone wanting a better understanding of the social work role. What is social work? How is it carried out? What skills does it require? New to this edition: - Updates include new material on the importance of social media, resilience, the impact of austerity, rising case-loads, and the increase pressure on social workers

Applied Sociology Learning Matters

"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.

Political Social Work Pearson

Using a case-based approach to connect the classroom and the practice environment, *Direct Social Work Practice* by Mary C. Ruffolo, Brian E. Perron, and Elizabeth H. Voshel incorporates a broad set of themes that include advocacy, social justice, global focus, ethics, theory, and critical thinking. Integrated, up-to-date content related to diversity, social justice, and international issues helps readers develop the basic skills of engagement, assessment, intervention, and reflective practice, as well as the key skills needed for the field experience. Each chapter of the book is mapped to the latest Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards (EPAS) to aid schools of social work in connecting the course content with monitored outcomes.

Practice Skills in Social Work and Welfare Routledge

"What a sensible book, a book born of much wisdom and practical experience. Pamela Trevithick takes the reader on a wonderfully clear but thorough journey of social work's knowledge, skills and values in which theories are elegantly put into practice. The whole enterprise is reassuringly held together by a strong commitment to organised thinking and the value of the social work relationship. For those who want to sharpen their ideas while keeping their practical feet firmly on the ground, this is the book for you."

Professor David Howe, University of East Anglia, UK "This new edition is an excellent resource for practitioners, students and indeed managers in social work and social care who are committed to effective practice and service delivery ... Trevithick provides a comprehensive knowledge and skills framework and excellent practice examples to enable the reader to apply the knowledge to undertaking skilled and effective practice. This is a clear, readily understandable and comprehensive text which also integrates the complexity of practising social work. I highly recommend it." Professor Joyce Lishman, recently retired as Head of

School of Applied Social Studies, Robert Gordon University, UK "A fantastic guide to social work practice and one I would recommend for the bookshelf of any social work student. It has a user friendly style that presents issues in an accessible way." Kate Grant, Social Work Student, University of Bristol, UK "A brilliant MUST BUY book for all social workers. It covers an amazing range of issues which are easy to find using the index. I will use it constantly throughout my career." Amanda Moorcroft, Social Work Practitioner, UK Since its first publication in 2000, this best-selling text has been an invaluable resource for thousands of social workers preparing for life in practice. Written by an influential academic-practitioner, it is widely regarded as the leading book in its field. The third edition has been thoroughly updated to include sections on theoretical, factual and practice knowledge. Key features include: 4 new chapters that integrate theory and practice in a Knowledge and Skills Framework or 'map' of professional practice 80 social work skills and interventions 12 appendices describing a range of different social work approaches A wide range of practice examples linking theory and practice Social Work Skills is essential reading for all social work students and a valuable reference tool for practising social workers, social services managers and human service professionals.

The Social Work Interview Springer Publishing Company

This book will help social work students gain a secure foothold in understanding aspects of law as applied to social work practice. It is not a law manual or full of complicated legal jargon remote from the everyday realities of practice, but rather brings the reader closer to safe, legally-appropriate social work. It not only covers recent changes to legislation such as The Children and Families Act 2014 and The Care Act 2014, but also other key areas of legislation and policy including human rights, youth justice, child protection and mental capacity. There are updates to case law and codes of practice and numerous case studies and reflective activities to help underpin knowledge and learning. Affordable, practical and tells you exactly what you need in order to pass assignments and prepare for practice. Key Updates include new information on: · The Children and Families Act 2014 · The Care Act 2014 · Working Together to Safeguard Children (2012) · Mental Capacity Act 2005 This book is in the Transforming Social Work Practice series. All books in the series are affordable, mapped to the Social

Work Curriculum, practical with clear links between theory & practice and written to the Professional Capabilities Framework. *Understanding Social Work* Bloomsbury Publishing

Working with families, carers, groups and communities is something all social work students must prepare for. Written to guide you through these varied and complex groupwork situations, this book explores the knowledge, skills and values required for groupwork practice. Divided into two parts, the first provides an understanding of groupwork, its concepts and contexts, while the second takes you step-by-step through groupwork practice, from planning and preparation, to starting out, facilitating and finally ending work with a group. Different service contexts including work with children, with users who have learning disabilities, in mental health settings, and more, are covered throughout the book, with case studies, activities and reflective opportunities helping you to understand the complexities of these contexts. This text is a comprehensive and contemporary guide to groupwork in social work today.

**Groupwork Practice for Social Workers** Routledge

The authors are proud sponsors of the 2020 SAGE Keith Roberts Teaching Innovations Award—enabling graduate students and early career faculty to attend the annual ASA pre-conference teaching and learning workshop. The Fourth Edition of *The Practice of Research in Social Work* introduces an integrated set of techniques for evaluating research and practice problems as well as conducting studies. Evidence-based practice comes alive through illustrations of actual social work research. Updated with new examples, the latest research, and expanded material on technology and qualitative methods, this popular text helps readers achieve the 2015 EPAS core competencies essential for social work practice.. See the text's CSWE Competency Matrix, linking chapter content to the 2015 Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards (EPAS).

**EBOOK: Social Work Skills And Knowledge: A Practice Handbook** Routledge

*Social Work Practice in Health Care* by Karen M. Allen and William J. Spitzer is a pragmatic and comprehensive book that helps readers develop the knowledge, skills, and values necessary for effective health care social work practice, as well as an understanding of the technological, social, political, ethical, and financial factors affecting contemporary patient care. Packed with case studies and exercises, the book emphasizes the importance of being attentive to both

patient and organizational needs, covers emerging trends in health care policy and delivery, provides extensive discussion of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and addresses social work practice across the continuum of care.

**Understanding Social Work** Prentice Hall

*Child Welfare: Preparing Social Workers for Practice in the Field* is a comprehensive text for child welfare courses taught from a social work perspective. This textbook provides a single source for all material necessary for a contextual child welfare course. As well as combining history, theory, and practice, the authors integrate different practice perspectives to teach social workers how to engage children and families at the micro, mezzo, and macro levels. Covering both broad issues, such as child welfare, child maltreatment, and responses to child maltreatment, and current issues in social care, including mandated reporting and evidence-based policy prevention and preservation, the material is designed to meet the needs of social work students entering the child welfare workforce. *Child Welfare* provides students in social work courses at both the undergraduate and graduate levels with a single source for all material necessary to successfully navigate their studies and careers.

**Social Work Case Management** SAGE

For twenty-five years, *The Social Work Interview* has been the textbook of choice in social work and other human service courses, as well as an essential professional resource for practitioners. This new edition, the first in seven years, is thoroughly updated-revised, expanded, and reorganized for more thorough coverage and for more effective teaching and learning. New to this edition: Thoroughly reorganized chapters and sections for greater coherence and clarity More extensive literature review Greater emphasis on the process of communication and its role in interviewing New or greatly expanded coverage of interviewing short-term, involuntary, and other special clients Expanded coverage of techniques for bridging racial and ethnic differences Greater coverage of interviewer/interviewee differences related to class, race, and gender Chapter-end summaries throughout.

**Social Work Theory and Methods** SAGE Publications

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available digitally via ExamPrepConnect for study on the go ExamPrepConnect Features: All the high-quality content from the book Personalized study plan based on exam date Ability to study by topic area to identify strengths and weaknesses Full 4-hour timed practice test that simulates the test-taking environment Discussion board to connect with the social work exam-prep community Games to make studying fun

*The Practice of Research in Social Work*  
SAGE Publications

This new and fully updated edition of a hugely popular textbook is a practical and user-friendly guide that lets students know what to expect from their course and will be there every step of the way as a reference tool. Written by experts in the field, the book guides the reader through from their academic study on social work courses to entering the field as a practitioner. The Social Work Companion is the essential survival guide for students on qualifying courses in social work and a helpful resource for experienced

practitioners. New to this Edition: - A indispensable wide-ranging yet accessible coverage of the core areas of theory and practice studied on a typical social work degree course - A wealth of guidance on study skills, advice about possible career directions, and extensive signposting to sources of further information

**Social Work Documentation**  
Bloomsbury Publishing

This gateway text lays the foundations for a thorough knowledge of the theory and methods that social workers need. Pulling together the work of a team of experts, this book uses the innovative “theorizing practice” approach, rather than the traditional “applying theory to practice” approach, thereby providing a much more satisfactory basis for understanding the relationship between theory and practice and making it easier for practitioners to employ theory in practice. Part I sets the scene by examining the relationship between theory and practice, how research can be used to inform practice and the important role of policy and

organizational factors. Part II provides 14 chapters, each exploring a different theoretical approach. All in all, this book provides the ideal introduction to using social work theory and methods in practice.

Understanding Social Work Routledge

This new practice text provides a series of readings focusing on case management in a number of fields and in a variety of settings with different client populations. Each chapter examines a major component of case management practice by presenting information about an innovative program from a different location around the country. In conjunction, these readings provide a road map to social work case management. In addition to offering up-to-date practice approaches and examining the functions and skills of case management in depth, the authors provide the policy information needed for putting this traditional form of social work practice into today's service delivery context.