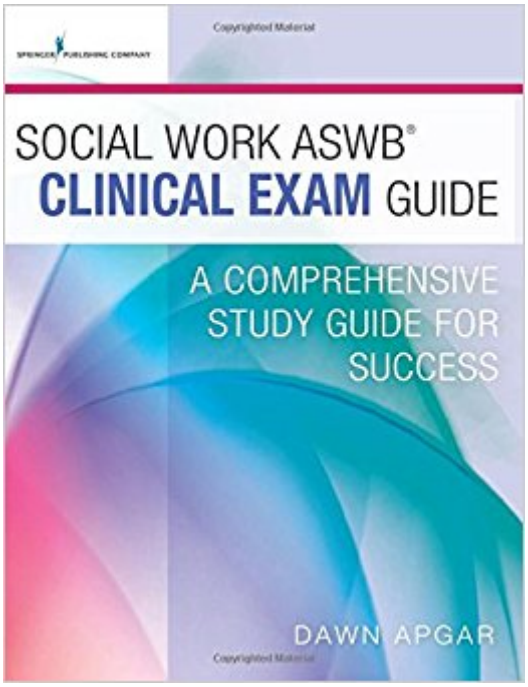
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Synopsis

Ã¢â ¬Å“Dawn gave us the tools we needed to take the exam, and let me tell youÃ¢â ¬â •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.Ã¢â ¬Â• Ã¢â ¬â •Ammu D. Kowolik, LMSW, McSilver Institute for Poverty Policy and Research Students and social workers preparing for the social work clinical licensure exam will find an invaluable study resource in the Social Work ASWBÃ Â® Clinical 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 Clinical Ã¢â ¬Å“Knowledge, Skills, and AbilitiesÃ¢â ¬Â• upon which the exam is based and incorporates information from the DSMÃ Â®-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, human behavior in the environment, diversity, addictions, assessment and diagnosis, treatment planning, clinical interventions, case management, 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 clinical 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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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.

Passed the LCSW the first try! I graduated with my MSW in 2008 and knew I had a lot of reviewing to do. i know this book helped me get all the reviewing that I needed. I read it twice, had a really good DSM 5 Power Point, and used a LCSW App (Pocket Prep purchased). I think the test was really hard. I thought it would be more detail about theories but not the test I got...was mostly ethical questions. What would you do first...apply Maslow and the EatPie (in book) to most questions. Very clinical...dah. I studied for 4 months to build my confidence. This book has so many benefits. Test anxiety, getting things in order in your mind, ways to study and test, and the practice test. What I liked about the practice test was not so much that the questions asked would be on the test but each question made me think and go back and study that specific topic. I was surprised how well I did on the test. The App, I mentioned above was super hard so I was even more prepared..probably overly. I agree with others that reviewed this book, the mile wide and 1 inch deep knowledge is the way to think about your studying for the LCSW. Remember safety first on a lot of questions. Very logical and book smart is what you need to get use to for the test. Good luck and I'm sure you will do great. I am so releaved I passed!

Such a great book to study from, and practice test is good. I just passed in late May 2016 and this is ALL I used to study. I skimmed it & made note cards, took some other tests online then read the whole thing word from word then took the full practice exam and then finished study with areas I was lacking. I DEFINITELY over study into way to much detail, I knew way too much specifics and lists and such. Study WIDE AND SHALLOW. The practice exam in the book is fairly good but not as weird as the test because the test's answers will be MUCH less clear between two, like should you do A or B MOST? Well you should actually do them both at the same time if you are a good social worker but they are no good social workers after the LCSW boards just "stupid social workers" (wink wink just pick the best answer) so just figure out which one you are suppose to do FIRST or MOST. The practice exam in the book was a little more obvious about which test answers to pick, and it also differentiated somethings which I'm not sure is actually need to distinguish and I feel confused me.... (ie: between court orders and subpoenas). Overall it is VERY up to date on DSM 5 and all changes, and I sold my book to a coworker because I felt confident enough that its the reason I passed. I also used an app unrelated to this book but it was dumb and I wouldn't recommend it and really just gave me more anxiety and very little knowledge base. Good luck everyone!!Of note: I also do own the DSM 5 and referred to that as well, as I would recommend anyone doing if for your practice alone as well as test review.

This was the only study guide I used. Took the LCSW test this week and passed with flying colors. Study this book front to back repeatedly, learn everything in it, and you are set.

This is the best LICSW test prep manual I found after long searching. It was very helpful in raising my confidence level, and reviewing theory and practice concepts.

Passed! Studied this book, researched what I didn't know and bought a DSW 5 overview sheet for $6 from . Used this book to make flash cards of content that I felt less confident about. The book offers a pretest and post test and a full 170 question practice exam.I would recommend using this source and few others so that you dont confuse yourself and so that you are able to practice answering questions which are structured like actual exam questions. This book will prepare you to answer the questions and know the content that is on the exam. You WILL NOT REMEMBER EVERYTHING and YOU WILL NOT GET EVERYTHING CORRECT. it is okay. Study diligently for about a month prior to your exam date. Best wishes fellow social workers!

Like everyone I know who has had to take the ASWB clinical exam, I was pretty anxious and it wasn't all that clear where I could get good information to study that would be helpful for the exam. I heard so many different opinions and about so many different sources that I was probably more confused than I ever needed to be. I tried all of the phone apps, the practice tests, the different resources like the study courses, etc., etc. In the end, I purchased this book and took the ASWB sample test. Frankly, I think this book was the easiest to understand and provided the most concise information. I passed the exam the first time with a pretty solid score (I know, it's pass/fail in the end, but I was also interested in how I did out of 150). So, my recommendations are (1) use this book as a study guide, with particular attention to the helpful tips in the front, (2) go through each item on the KSA until you feel like you could provide a brief overview of each one (i.e. how does a substance abuser impact the family? the individual? children?) (3) take the practice exam so you get a solid idea of the computer format and sample questions, and (4) take the clinical exam.

This book saved my life! Not literally, but it is amazing. It is comprehensive and added more content than other social work exam prep books. I need the extra content and find this book to be very readable. It's well organized and has the most recent study material (i.e. DSM-V info).

Incredibly helpful resource and much less expensive than online prep courses! Less expensive than a practice test alone! Passed the exam first time! Information is well-organized and clearly presented.

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