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Every year as we head into March, Social Work Month, I look forward to embracing the theme. When the theme is announced by our colleagues at National Association of Social Workers, I take it as a personal opportunity to reflect on the profession to which I've devoted nearly 37 years of my life.

The 2025 Social Work Month theme is **Compassion + Action**. Today, I'd like to focus on the **action** part of the equation.

Last March 2024, we took action: launching the Social Work Census, which encompassed our practice analysis for the exams, along with the profession's largest workforce study.

Today, we are once again taking action by sharing the [2024 Analysis of the Practice of Social Work](#), the full report of the practice analysis portion of the Social Work Census. This practice analysis reflects the largest collection of survey responses and the largest task force of volunteers that ASWB has ever convened — all with the goal of assessing competence in our profession.



Next month — Social Work Month 2025 — we will share the workforce study findings through a series of reports that will help the social work profession understand who we are and what we do. This data, we hope, will serve as a springboard to action for the whole social work profession.

I end all of these messages with "in gratitude," and today's gratitude is multiplied because of the scope of this work. Thank you to the [Practice Analysis Task Force](#), our psychometricians at [HumRRO](#), and the thousands of social workers who contributed their knowledge and experiences to the Census. You are all showing the importance of action in social work.

In gratitude,

Stacey
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2024 Analysis of the Practice of Social Work

Blueprints for the 2026 competence assessments reflect significant structural modifications, minor content changes

The changes made to the licensing exam blueprints are based on feedback from more than 25,000 social workers who participated in the practice analysis. These changes include structural and editorial modifications for comprehensiveness and relevance to current practice.

The examination blueprints were updated from four content areas to three and were reorganized because of the similarities in the practice of social work in all categories of practice. The restructuring maintains the distinct nature of each exam and its corresponding practice category.

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2024 Analysis of the Practice of Social Work

Analyse de la pratique du travail social 2024

2025 ASWB events

Registration now open for 2025 events!

2025 Education Meeting, May 1–3, 2025

Portland, Oregon

The role of regulation: Shaping social work's future-ready workforce



At the heart of this year's meeting are two essential questions:

- What defines a social worker in today's world?
- What role does regulation play in protecting a future-ready workforce?

We've structured the Education Meeting around those questions to ensure attendees leave empowered with new strategies to drive innovation, equity, and competence.

Join social work regulators, administrators, educators, and thought leaders to engage in two days of exploration into how regulatory concepts shape the future of social work.

Administrators Workshop, April 3–5, 2025

Washington, DC

New Board Member Training, August 28–29, 2025

Online

New Board Member Training, September 25–27, 2025

Washington, DC

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