

**Office of Professional Regulation  
Social Workers  
Interpretation of Law  
Excluding Social Worker Students From Roster Registration  
and  
Requiring Roster Registration for Those Engaged in  
Post Degree Supervised Practice Toward Licensure  
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Vermont law requires those who provide psychotherapy to be on the Roster of nonlicensed and noncertified psychotherapists. 26 V.S.A. § 4081 et seq. To assure that those who are in supervised practice toward licensure as social workers are aware of the legal requirements for the practice of social work, the Office of Professional Regulation provides the following notice.

**Notice**

The Office interprets the roster registration requirement to apply to those who are engaged in post degree supervised practice towards licensure as social workers. Thus, any person who is engaged in supervised post-degree practice toward licensure as a social worker is required to register with the Office and be on the Roster of Non-Licensed and Non-Certified Psychotherapists. Those social worker students in accredited graduate programs who provide psychotherapy services in Vermont under the auspices of that program are not required to be on the roster. Any individual who is providing psychotherapy but who is not a student in an accredited graduate program in social work and who is not otherwise exempted by statute, is required to register and be on the roster.

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