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LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

The information in this report was compiled through a survey of state counselor licensure boards conducted in fall of 2008. State-by-state analysis of laws and administrative rules was also conducted to add to the survey data, especially for the states—Connecticut and Illinois—that did not submit information in response to our request.

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information presented here, but, due to the complexity of laws and regulations, and the frequency with which state regulations can and do change, we cannot guarantee that this report is completely without error.

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<p>ALABAMA</p> <p>AL Board of Examiners in Counseling 950 22nd Street North, Suite 765 Birmingham, AL 35203 800/822-3307 205/458-8716 205/458-8718 (fax) <u>www.abec.alabama.gov</u></p> <p>Application packet: \$25 Application fee: \$200</p> <p>LPC License fee: \$300</p> <p>ALC License fee: \$300</p>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) A person who renders professional counseling services in private practice to individuals, groups, organizations, corporations, institutions, government agencies or the general public.</p> <p>Associate Licensed Counselor (ALC) An applicant working under supervision.</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher in counseling from a CACREP or CORE accredited program, or its substantial equivalent defined as a minimum of 48 graduate semester hours (or 72 graduate quarter hours) at a regionally accredited college or university.</p>	<p>3,000 hours of supervised experience in professional counseling with board approved supervision.</p> <p>An applicant may subtract 1,000 hours of the required professional experience for every 15 graduate semester hours (or 22.5 quarter hours) obtained beyond the master's degree from a regionally accredited college or university, provided that such hours are clearly related to the field of professional counseling. This formula can be used for up to 2,000 hours.</p>	<p>NCE</p>

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<p>ALASKA</p> <p>AK Division of Corporations, Business, and Professional Licensing Board of Professional Counselors P.O. Box 110806 Juneau, AK 99811-0806 907/465-2551 907/465-2974 (fax) www.commerce.state.ak.us/ occ/ppco.htm</p> <p>Application fee: \$50</p> <p>Initial Licensure fee: \$200</p>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p>	<p>Master’s degree or higher in counseling or a related professional field from a regionally or nationally accredited institution of higher education approved by the board, and at least 60 graduate semester hours in counseling.</p> <p>The degree must include coursework in 8 core areas.</p> <p>Related professional field includes psychology, marital and family therapy, social work, and applied behavioral science.</p>	<p>2 years/3,000 hours of post-master's supervised experience in professional counseling, including 1,000 hours of direct client contact and 100 hours of face-to-face supervision.</p> <p>The face-to-face supervision can be by telephone or electronic means because of the remote location of the counselor, if approved by the board.</p> <p>Supervision must be under an LPC or other licensed mental health professional approved by the board.</p>	<p>NCE</p>

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<p>ARIZONA</p> <p>AZ Board of Behavioral Health Examiners 3443 N. Central Avenue, Suite 1700 Phoenix, AZ 85012 602/542-1882 602/364-0890 (fax) azbbhe@bbhe.state.az.us <u>www.bbhe.state.az.us</u></p> <p>Application fee: \$250</p> <p>Temporary License fee: \$50</p> <p>Fingerprint Background Check: \$29</p>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p> <p>Licensed Associate Counselor (LAC) LACs shall practice only under direct supervision as prescribed by the board and shall not engage in independent practice.</p>	<p>Master’s degree or higher in counseling or a related field from a program that is either CACREP or CORE accredited or includes a minimum of 60 semester hours and completion of coursework in 14 content areas.</p>	<p>2 years/3,200 hours of full-time post-master’s supervised work experience in psychotherapy, including assessment, diagnosis, and treatment.</p> <p>100 hours of clinical supervision and 1,600 hours of direct client contact are required.</p> <p>Applicant must receive a minimum of 10 hours of clinical supervision obtained during direct observation or a review of audiotapes/videotapes by the clinical supervisor while applicant is providing treatment and evaluation services to a client.</p>	<p>NCE, NCMHCE, or CRCE</p>

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<p>ARKANSAS</p> <p>AR Board of Examiners in Counseling P.O. Box 70 Magnolia, AR 71754 870/901-7055 870/234-1842 (fax) arboec@sbcglobal.net www.state.ar.us/abec</p> <p>Application packet (if mailed): \$20</p> <p>Application fee: \$200</p>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p> <p>Licensed Associate Counselor (LAC) An applicant with less than 3 years of post-master’s level supervision experience, if all other requirements have been met.</p>	<p>Master’s degree or higher in counseling with a minimum of 60 semester hours, in a program that reflects the CACREP or CORE curriculum, from a regionally accredited institution.</p>	<p>3 years/3,000 hours of post-master’s supervised counseling experience (1 year = 1,000 hours).</p> <p>One year of experience may be gained for each 30 semester hours earned beyond master’s degree (up to 2 years) provided the hours are clearly counseling in nature and acceptable to the Board.</p> <p>Supervision must be under a Board approved supervisor.</p>	<p>NCE and an oral exam</p>

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<p>CALIFORNIA</p> <p><i>NO LICENSURE</i></p> <p>Note: To become active in state-level lobbying for LPC legislation, contact the California Coalition for Counselor Licensure (CCCL) info@caccl.org www.caccl.org</p> <p>Also contact the California Counseling Association (CCA) 510/500-4477 866/460-0945 admin@cacounseling.org www.cacounseling.org</p>				

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<p>COLORADO</p> <p>CO Department of Regulatory Agencies Board of Licensed Professional Counselor Examiners 1560 Broadway, Suite 1350 Denver, CO 80202 303/894-7766 303/894-7764 (fax) mentalhealth@dora.state.co.us www.dora.state.co.us/mental-health</p> <p>LPC License: \$160</p> <p>Provisional License: \$100</p>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p> <p>Provisional Licensed Professional Counselor</p> <p>An applicant who has completed the education requirements and is working in a residential child care facility under a licensed supervisor; valid for 2 years.</p>	<p>Master’s degree or higher in professional counseling from a CACREP accredited program, or equivalent program from a regionally accredited college/ university with 48 semester hours that includes coursework in core areas and a practicum and/or internship.</p>	<p>2 years/2,000 hours of post-master’s practice in applied psychotherapy under board approved supervision.</p> <p>100 hours of supervision is required, 70 of which must be individual supervision.</p>	<p>NCE</p> <p>and</p> <p>CO Jurisprudence Exam</p>

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<p>CONNECTICUT</p> <p>CT Department of Public Health Professional Counselor Licensure 410 Capitol Avenue, MS #12APP P.O. Box 340308 Hartford, CT 06134-0308 860/509-7603 860/509-8457 (fax) opl.c.dph@ct.gov http://www.ct.gov/dph/</p> <p>Application fee: \$250</p>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p>	<p>Master’s degree or higher in counseling or a related mental health field from a regionally accredited institution consisting of at least 60 semester hours and completion of required coursework.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>A sixth-year degree in counseling.</p>	<p>1 year/3,000 hours of post-master’s supervised experience in professional counseling.</p> <p>A minimum of 100 hours of direct supervision by an appropriately licensed individual is required.</p>	<p>NCE or NCMHCE</p>

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<p>DELAWARE</p> <p>DE Board of Mental Health and Chemical Dependency Professionals Cannon Building 861 Silverlake Boulevard, Suite 203 Dover, DE 19904-2467 302/744-4500 302/739-2711 (fax) http://dpr.delaware.gov</p> <p>LPC License: \$171</p> <p>LACMH License: \$171</p>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor of Mental Health (LPCMH)</p> <p>Licensed Associate Counselor of Mental Health (LACMH) An individual licensed for the purpose of gaining experience required for licensure as an LPCMH; must work under direct supervision of an LPCMH or other health professional approved by the Board.</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher, including a minimum of 48 semester hours.</p> <p>Must also be certified by NBCC as a Certified Clinical Mental Health Counselor (CCMHC) or certified by another national mental health specialty certifying organization approved by the board.</p>	<p>2 years/3,200 hours of full-time clinical professional counseling experience to be completed within a 4 year period.</p> <p>1,600 hours must be professional direct supervision acceptable to the board (100 hours must be face-to-face supervision).</p> <p>30 graduate semester hours or more beyond master's degree may be substituted for 1 year/1,600 hours of required experience, provided that hours are clearly related to the field of counseling and acceptable to the Board.</p>	<p>NCE or NCMHCE</p>

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<p>DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA</p> <p>DC Department of Health Board of Professional Counseling 717 14th Street, NW, Suite 600 Washington, DC 20005 202/724-4900 877/672-2174 202/727-8471 (fax) http://hpla.doh.dc.gov/hpla</p> <p>Application fee: \$85 License fee: \$145</p>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p>	<p>60 graduate semester hours, including a master’s degree in counseling or a related field from an accredited institution.</p> <p>Master’s degree to include coursework in 10 core areas, including a counseling practicum or internship.</p>	<p>2 years/3,500 hours of post-master’s supervised professional counseling experience.</p> <p>200 hours of supervision must be under an LPC (100 hours must be immediate supervision).</p> <p>The remaining 3,300 hours can be under the supervision of any licensed mental health professional (LPC, clinical social worker, psychologist, or psychiatrist).</p>	<p>NCE, NCMHCE, or CRCE</p>

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<p>FLORIDA</p> <p>FL Department of Health Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage & Family Therapy, and Mental Health Counseling 4052 Bald Cypress Way, BIN C-08 Tallahassee, FL 32399-3258 850/245-4474 850/921-5389 (fax) mqa_491@doh.state.fl.us www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/491</p> <p>Application fee: \$100 Initial License fee: \$105</p> <p>Registered Mental Health Counselor Intern Application fee: \$150</p>	<p>Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC)</p> <p>Provisional Mental Health Counselor A person provisionally licensed to provide mental health counseling under supervision; valid for 24 months. Issued to licensure applicants who have completed their clinical experience requirement intending to provide services in Florida while satisfying coursework and/or exam requirements.</p> <p>Registered Mental Health Counselor Intern A person who is completing the post-master's supervised clinical experience requirement.</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher from a CACREP accredited mental health counseling program that includes 60 semester hours, a course in human sexuality, and a course in substance abuse.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Master's degree or higher from a program related to the practice of mental health counseling from an accredited institution that includes 60 semester hours, 12 specific course content areas, and 1,000 hours of a supervised practicum, internship, or field experience.</p> <p><u>AND for both options:</u> Completion of an 8 hour laws and rules course and a 2 hour prevention of medical errors course from an approved provider.</p>	<p>2 years of supervised post-master's clinical experience in mental health counseling that consists of at least 1,500 hours providing psychotherapy face-to-face with clients and at least 100 face-to-face hours of supervision (50 of which can be group supervision).</p> <p>Supervision must be under an LMHC or equivalent.</p>	<p>NCMHCE</p>

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<p>GEORGIA</p> <p>GA Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage & Family Therapists 237 Coliseum Drive Macon, GA 31217-3858 478/207-1670 478/207-1676 (fax) www.sos.state.ga.us/plb/counselors</p> <p>LPC Application fee: \$100 (includes exam fee)</p> <p>ALPC Application fee: \$100 (includes exam fee)</p>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p> <p>Associate Professional Counselor (ALPC) Applicant who has met the educational requirements and has registered with the board an acceptable contract for obtaining post-master's experience under direct supervision; valid for 5 years.</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher in a program that is primarily counseling in content, or in applied psychology, from an institution accredited by a regional body recognized by the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).</p> <p>Completion of specific coursework and a supervised practicum or internship consisting of at least 300 hours are required.</p>	<p>4 years/2,400 hours of supervised post-master's directed experience in professional counseling in a work setting acceptable to the board, with a minimum of 120 hours of supervision.</p> <p>A minimum of 2 years of supervision must be provided by an LPC.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>3 years/1,800 hours of supervised post-master's directed experience in professional counseling in a work setting acceptable to the board, a minimum of 90 hours of supervision, and a supervised counseling practicum or internship of at least 300 hours which was part of the graduate degree program.</p> <p>A minimum of 2 years of supervision must be provided by an LPC.</p>	<p>NCE</p>

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<p>HAWAII</p> <p>HI Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs - PVL Mental Health Counselor Program P.O. Box 3469 Honolulu, HI 96801 (808) 586-2693 counselor@dcca.hawaii.gov www.hawaii.gov/dcca/areas/pvl/programs/mental/</p> <p>Application fee: \$60</p> <p>License fee: \$439 7/01/2008 - 6/30/2009 \$362 7/01/2009 - 6/30/2010 \$285 7/01/2010 - 6/30/2011</p> <p>Next renewal is June 30th, 2011</p>	<p>Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC)</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher in counseling or an allied field related to the practice of mental health counseling, with a minimum of 48 semester hours (or 72 quarter hours) of coursework in core areas, from an accredited institution.</p> <p>Two academic terms of supervised mental health practicum intern experience for graduate credit of at least three semester hours (or five quarter hours) per academic term in a mental health counseling setting, with at least 300 hours of supervised client contact under a licensed supervisor.</p> <p>7/05/07: Changes in Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 453D-7(c)(1) and (2) allows individuals who obtained a graduate degree before July 1, 2007 an alternate method to verify the practicum and post-graduate experience.</p>	<p>2 years/3,000 hours of post-master's experience in the practice of mental health counseling, with 100 hours of face-to-face clinical supervision under a licensed supervisor.</p> <p>Experience shall be completed in no less than two years and in no more than four years.</p>	<p>NCE</p>

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<p>ILLINOIS</p> <p>IL Division of Professional Regulation Professional Counselor Licensing and Disciplinary Board 320 W. Washington Street, 3rd Floor Springfield, IL 62786 217/785-0800 217/524-6735 TDD 217/782-7645 (fax) www.idfpr.com/dpr/who/prfcns.asp</p> <p>LCPC License: \$150</p> <p>LPC License: \$150</p>	<p>Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC) Holds license authorizing independent practice of clinical professional counseling in private practice.</p> <p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) Holds license authorizing the practice of professional counseling.</p>	<p>LCPC Master's degree or higher in professional counseling or a related field from a regionally accredited college/university.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Hold a current Certified Clinical Mental Health Counselor (CCMHC) credential issued by NBCC (meets all requirements for licensure as an LCPC).</p> <p>Note: Certain other certifications meet all or part of the LPC or LCPC licensure requirements; please contact board for more information.</p> <p>LPC Master's degree or higher in professional counseling or related field of at least 48 semester hours from a regionally accredited college/university in a program approved by the IL Dept. of Professional Regulation.</p> <p>CACREP and CORE accredited programs in professional counseling are approved programs for both LPC and LCPC licensure.</p>	<p>LCPC 2 years/3,360 hours of full-time, satisfactory, supervised employment or experience working as a clinical professional counselor in a professional capacity under the direction of a qualified supervisor, subsequent to degree.</p> <p>1,920 hours must be direct face-to-face service to clients.</p> <p>One year = maximum of 1,680 hours, including 960 hours of direct face-to-face service to clients.</p> <p>If applicant holds a doctoral degree, one year must be subsequent to the degree and internships may count towards professional experience.</p>	<p>LCPC NCE and NCMHCE</p> <p>or</p> <p>ECCP</p> <p>or</p> <p>CRCE</p> <p>LPC NCE or CRCE</p>

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<p>INDIANA</p> <p>IN Professional Licensing Agency Social Worker, Marriage & Family Therapist, and Mental Health Counselor Board 402 W. Washington Street, Room W072 Indianapolis, IN 46204 317/234-2064 317/233-4236 (fax) pla5@pla.in.gov www.in.gov/pla/social.htm</p> <p>Application fee: \$50</p> <p>Temporary permit: \$25 (issued upon completion of the education and experience requirements and approval by the board to take the exam; valid for 180 days).</p>	<p>Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC)</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher in an area related to mental health counseling from a CACREP or CORE accredited program, or equivalent program, from a regionally accredited institution which includes a minimum of 60 semester hours of graduate coursework in counseling in 12 specified content areas.</p> <p>Completion of a practicum (100 hours), internship (600 hours), and advanced internship (300 hours) with at least 100 hours of face-to-face supervision.</p> <p>An area related to mental health counseling includes counseling, clinical social work, psychology, human services, human development, family relations, or programs accredited by CACREP or CORE.</p>	<p>3,000 hours of post-graduate clinical experience over a 21 month period.</p> <p>100 hours of face-to-face supervision under an LMHC or equivalent supervisor is required.</p>	<p>NCMHCE</p>

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<p>IOWA</p> <p>IA Bureau of Professional Licensure Board of Behavioral Science Lucas State Office Building, 5th Floor 321 E. 12th Street Des Moines, IA 50319-0075 515/281-4422 515/281-3121 (fax) www.idph.state.ia.us/licensure/</p> <p>Licensure fee: \$120</p>	<p>Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC)</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher in mental health counseling from a CACREP accredited program, or equivalent, with at least 60 semester hours (or equivalent quarter hours).</p> <p>For applicants who entered program of study prior to July 1, 2008: 45 semester hours (or 60 quarter hours) are required.</p> <p>Degree must be from a nationally accredited college or university.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Hold a current Certified Clinical Mental Health Counselor (CCMHC) credential issued by NBCC (meets educational and experience requirements).</p>	<p>2 years of full-time supervised work experience in mental health counseling following all graduate work, including 300 hours of clinical supervision concurrent with 2,000 hours of mental health counseling conducted in person with individuals, couples, and families.</p> <p>At least 150 of the 300 hours of clinical supervision must be individual supervision.</p> <p>For applicants who entered program of study prior to July 1, 2008: 2 years of full-time supervised work experience in mental health counseling following all graduate work, including 200 hours of clinical supervision concurrent with 1,000 hours of mental health counseling conducted in person with individuals, couples, and families.</p> <p>At least 100 of the 200 hours of clinical supervision must be individual supervision.</p>	<p>NCE, NCMHCE, or CRCE</p>

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<p>KENTUCKY</p> <p>KY Division of Occupations & Professions Board of Licensed Professional Counselors P.O. Box 1360 Frankfort, KY 40602 502/564-3296, x239 502/564-4818 (fax) http://finance.ky.gov/bpc</p> <p>LPCC Application fee: \$150</p> <p>LPCA Application fee: \$50</p>	<p>Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC)</p> <p>Licensed Professional Counselor Associate (LPCA) Credential holder who has met all qualifications to engage in the practice of professional counseling under an approved clinical supervisor authorized by the board.</p>	<p>Master’s degree or higher in professional counseling or a related field from a regionally accredited institution, with a minimum of 60 semester hours in 9 specified content areas and a 400 hour organized practicum/internship.</p>	<p>LPCC</p> <p>4,000 hours of post-master’s experience in the practice of counseling under approved supervision, which includes 1,600 hours of direct counseling and 100 hours of individual, face-to-face clinical supervision.</p> <p>Applicants are encouraged to include 10 hours of direct counseling with individuals in a jail or correctional setting as part of the 4,000 hours.</p>	<p>NCE</p>

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<p>LOUISIANA</p> <p>LA Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners 8631 Summa Avenue Baton Rouge, LA 70809 225/765-2515 225/765-2514 (fax) lpcboard@eatel.net www.lpcboard.org</p> <p>LPC Application fee: \$200</p> <p>Counselor Intern Application fee: \$100</p>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p> <p>Counselor Intern Those with a master's degree in counseling while practicing counseling under the board approved supervision of an LPC. Interns have 3 months to apply for licensure as an LPC after completing supervised experience.</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher, the substance of which is professional mental health counseling in content, from a regionally accredited institution, with 48 semester hours and coursework in 8 content areas OR completion of a CACREP accredited counseling program.</p> <p>Completion of a supervised practicum (100 hours) and a supervised internship (300 hours) in mental health counseling.</p>	<p>2 years/3,000 hours of post-master's supervised experience in professional mental health counseling under the clinical supervision of a board approved supervisor, to be completed in no more than 7 years.</p> <p>Hours to include: 1,900 - 2,900 hours of direct client contact in individual or group counseling;</p> <p>A maximum of 1,000 hours additional client contact, counseling related activities or education at the graduate level in the field of mental health; and</p> <p>A minimum of 100 hours of face-to-face supervision.</p> <p>500 hours of supervised experience may be gained for each 30-graduate semester hours beyond master's degree, but must have no less than 2,000 hours of supervised post-master's experience.</p>	<p>NCE</p>

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<p>MAINE</p> <p>ME Department of Professional & Financial Regulation Board of Counseling Professionals Licensure #35 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333 207/624-8626 888/577-6690 TTY 207/624-8637 (fax) www.maine.gov/pfr/olr</p> <p>Application fee for all licenses: \$25</p> <p>LCPC License: \$200</p> <p>LPC License: \$200</p> <p>Conditional LCPC License: \$150</p> <p>Conditional LPC License: \$150</p> <p>Registered Counselor fee: \$50</p> <p>Criminal Background Check: \$21</p>	<p>Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC)</p> <p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p> <p>Conditional LCPC A license granted to an applicant for licensure as an LCPC who has met all the requirements except for the supervised clinical experience; valid for 2 years.</p> <p>Conditional LPC A license granted to an applicant for licensure as an LPC who has met all the requirements except for the supervised clinical experience; valid for 2 years.</p> <p>Registered Counselor* A person who engages in procedures of counseling for a fee, monetary or otherwise, and who is registered with the Dept. of Professional and Financial Regulation. No minimum education, experience, or exam required. <i>*Recently enacted legislation eliminated initial licenses in this category, however, current Registered Counselors may continue to renew.</i></p>	<p>LCPC / Conditional LCPC Master's degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution that consists of 60 semester hours and is CACREP accredited, or consists of coursework in 10 core areas, 3 additional areas, and a practicum and internship of 900 clock hours.</p> <p>LPC / Conditional LPC Master's degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution that consists of 48* semester hours and is CACREP or CORE accredited, or consists of coursework in 10 core areas and a practicum and internship of 600 clock hours.</p> <p>*As of 1/01/09, supplementing a 36 semester hour program will not be permitted.</p>	<p>LCPC 2 years/3,000 hours of post-master's supervised clinical counseling experience.</p> <p>To include 1,500 hours of direct client contact and 100 hours of clinical supervision with an approved supervisor.</p> <p>LPC 2 years/2,000 hours of post-master's supervised counseling experience.</p> <p>To include 1,000 hours of direct counseling and 67 hours of supervision with an approved supervisor.</p>	<p>LCPC NCMHCE</p> <p>LPC, Conditional LCPC, Conditional LPC NCE</p>

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<p>MARYLAND</p> <p>MD Department of Health & Mental Hygiene Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors and Therapists 4201 Patterson Avenue Baltimore, MD 21215 410/764-4732 410/358-1610 (fax) www.dhmh.state.md.us/bopc</p> <p>Application Processing: \$75</p> <p>Credentials Evaluation fee: \$25</p> <p>Certification and Licensure fee: \$100</p>	<p>Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC)</p> <p>Certified Professional Counselor (CPC)* Available to professional counselors who are not expected to diagnose and treat emotional disorders. <i>*As of October 1, 2008, this credential is no longer available to new applicants. Those currently certified may continue but may not seek inactive status or be reinstated for failure to renew.</i></p> <p>Licensed Graduate Professional Counselor Title used while fulfilling the supervised clinical experience requirement.</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher in a professional counseling or related field from an accredited educational institution, with a minimum of 60 graduate semester hours in specific coursework, including completion of an alcohol and drug counseling course and supervised field experience.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Doctoral degree with a minimum of 90 graduate semester hours in counseling training approved by the board.</p>	<p>3 years/3,000 hours of supervised clinical experience in professional counseling (2 years/2,000 hours must be post-masters).</p> <p>1,500 hours must be face-to-face client contact and 100 hours minimum of face-to-face clinical supervision.</p> <p>Supervision must be under a board approved supervisor.</p> <p>If obtained a doctoral degree: 2 years/2,000 hours of supervised clinical experience in professional counseling (1 year/1,000 hours must be post-doctorate).</p> <p>1,000 hours must be face-to-face client contact and 50 hours minimum of face-to-face clinical supervision.</p> <p>Supervision must be under a board approved supervisor.</p>	<p>NCE</p> <p>and</p> <p>Maryland Professional Counselors and Therapists Act Exam</p>

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<p>MASSACHUSETTS</p> <p>MA Division of Professional Licensure Board of Registration of Allied Mental Health and Human Services Professionals 230 Causeway Street, Suite 500 Boston, MA 02114 617/727-3080 617/727-2197 (fax) www.mass.gov/dpl/boards/mh</p> <p>Application fee: \$102</p>	<p>Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC)</p>	<p>Minimum of 60 graduate semester hours in counseling or a related field from a regionally accredited institution of higher education.</p> <p>This includes a minimum 48 semester credit master's degree in mental health counseling or a related field, including a practicum (100 hours), an internship (600 hours), and coursework in each of the 10 content areas as defined by the board.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Hold a current Certified Clinical Mental Health Counselor (CCMHC) credential issued by NBCC.</p>	<p>2 years/3,360 hours of full-time post-master's supervised clinical experience in mental health counseling after obtaining 60 graduate semester hours.</p> <p>To include 960 hours of direct client contact (250 hours may be group client contact) and 130 hours of supervision (75 hours must be individual supervision).</p> <p>*These hours do not include the pre-master's practicum and internship supervision requirements.</p>	<p>NCMHCE</p>

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<p>MICHIGAN</p> <p>MI Bureau of Health Professions Board of Counseling P.O. Box 30670 Lansing, MI 48909 517/335-0918 517/373-2179 (fax) bhphelp@michigan.gov www.michigan.gov/healthlicense</p> <p>LPC License: \$115</p> <p>LLPC License: \$80</p>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p> <p>Limited Licensed Professional Counselor (LLPC) A limited license is issued to those who have not yet completed the 3,000 hour supervised counseling experience; valid for one year and may be renewed.</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher in professional counseling, including a minimum of 48 semester hours from a program that reflects the CACREP curriculum and a 600 clock hour internship.</p>	<p>2 years/3,000 hours of post-degree supervised counseling experience. To include a minimum 100 hours under the immediate physical presence of the supervisor. Supervision must be under an LPC.</p> <p>For persons with 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours beyond the master's degree: 1 year/1,500 hours post-degree supervised experience. To include a minimum of 50 hours under the immediate physical presence of the supervisor. Supervision must be under an LPC.</p> <p>*Supervisors of LLPCs are required to have training in supervision.</p>	<p>NCE or CRCE</p>

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<p>MISSISSIPPI</p> <p>MS State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors P.O. Box 1497 129 E. Jefferson Street Yazoo City, MS 39194 662/716-3932 888/860-7001 662/716-3021 (fax) <u>www.lpc.state.ms.us</u></p> <p>Application packet: \$10 Application fee: \$100</p> <p>*As of January 1, 2008, a background check is required of all candidates.</p>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p>	<p>Master's degree or educational specialist's degree in counselor education or a related program from a regionally or nationally accredited college/university program, subject to board approval, with 60 semester hours (or 90 quarter hours) and completion of coursework in 10 content areas.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Doctoral degree primarily in counseling, guidance, or related counseling field from a regionally or nationally accredited college/university program, subject to board approval, with 60 semester hours (or 90 quarter hours) and completion of coursework in 10 content areas.</p>	<p>2 years/3,500 hours of supervised counseling experience in a clinical setting (1,750 hours must be post- master's experience).</p> <p>1,167 hours must be direct counseling service to clients to include counseling related activities.</p> <p>Minimum of 100 hours of supervision required (50 hours may be group supervision).</p> <p>Supervision must be under an LPC that has met the requirements to be a Board Qualified Supervisor.</p>	<p>NCE</p>

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<p>MISSOURI</p> <p>MO Committee for Professional Counselors 3605 Missouri Boulevard P.O. Box 1335 Jefferson City, MO 65102 573/751-0018 800/735-2966 TTY 573/751-0735 (fax) profcounselor@pr.mo.gov http://pr.mo.gov/counselors.asp</p> <p>Application fee: \$150</p> <p>Registration of Supervision fee: \$100</p> <p>Background Fingerprint Check (if done electronically through IBT): \$50.95 www.ibtfingerprint.com (866) 522-7067</p>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p> <p>Provisional Licensed Professional Counselor (PLPC) Issued automatically when supervision is registered and approved and all other requirements are met.</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher in counseling, counseling psychology, clinical psychology, or school psychology from a regionally accredited college/university, with at least 48 semester hours reflecting the CACREP or CORE curriculum and a practicum, internship, or field experience consisting of 6 semester hours in the practice of counseling.</p>	<p>2 years/3,000 hours of post-master's continuous counseling experience (full or part-time), to be completed within 60 months. 1,200 hours must be direct client contact.</p> <p>15 hours of supervised counseling experience per week is required, with 1 hour a week of face-to-face supervision. 30 hours of post-master's study may be substituted for 1,500 of the 3,000 hours.</p> <p>If obtained a doctorate or specialist's degree: 1 year/1,500 hours of counseling experience (full or part-time), to be completed within 36 months. 600 hours must be direct client contact.</p> <p>15 hours of supervised counseling experience per week is required, with 1 hour a week of face-to-face supervision.</p> <p>Supervision must be under an LPC or licensed psychologist or psychiatrist.</p>	<p>NCE</p>

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<p>MONTANA</p> <p>MT Board of Social Work Examiners and Professional Counselors 301 South Park, 4th Floor P.O. Box 200513 Helena, MT 59620 406/841-2392 406/841-2305 (fax) dlibsdswp@state.mt.us www.swpc.mt.gov</p> <p>Application fee: \$50 Initial License fee: \$50</p>	<p>Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC)</p>	<p>A 60 semester hour (or 90 quarter hour) counseling-in-nature graduate degree from an accredited institution which includes specific coursework and a 6 semester hour advanced counseling practicum.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>A minimum of 45 semester hour (or 67.5 quarter hour) counseling-in-nature degree from an accredited institution which includes a 6 semester hour advanced counseling practicum, and, upon board approval, applicant must complete remaining hours to equal the total requirement of 60 semester hours.</p> <p>Completion of specific coursework required.</p>	<p>3,000 hours of supervised counseling experience, 1,500 hours of which must be post-degree.</p> <p>1,000 of the 1,500 hours must be direct client contact.</p> <p>Supervision must be under a licensed professional counselor or licensed allied mental health professional.</p>	<p>NCE or NCMHCE</p>

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<p>NEBRASKA</p> <p>NE Department of Health and Human Services Licensing & Regulatory Affairs Board of Mental Health Practice P.O. Box 94986 Lincoln, NE 68509 402/471-2117 402/471-3577 (fax) www.dhhs.ne.gov/crl/mhcs/mental/mentalindex.htm</p> <p>Independent Mental Health Practitioner License: \$50 (if applicant holds an LMHP) \$155 if no LMHP</p> <p>Mental Health Practitioner License: \$38.75 or \$155 depending on date application is submitted</p> <p>Professional Counselor Certificate: \$50</p> <p>Provisional Mental Health Practitioner License: \$125</p>	<p>Licensed Independent Mental Health Practitioner (LIMHP-CPC / LPC) <i>*new licensure tier as of 6-01-07</i></p> <p>Licensed Mental Health Practitioner-Certified Professional Counselor or Licensed Professional Counselor (LMHP-CPC / LPC) This additional appellation is available for LMHPs who have a graduate degree from a CACREP accredited program or a program with equivalent coursework.</p> <p>Licensed Mental Health Practitioner (LMHP) An individual who is qualified to engage in mental health practice or offers or renders mental health practice services.</p> <p>Provisional Licensed Mental Health Practitioner (PLMHP) Required before completing the 3,000 hour experience requirement; valid for 5 years.</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher from an approved educational program that is primarily therapeutic mental health in content, in a CACREP accredited program (or complete equivalent coursework), from a regionally accredited institution.</p> <p>Completion of a practicum or internship with a minimum of 300 clock hours of direct client contact under the supervision of a qualified supervisor.</p>	<p>LIMHP Must already possess the PLMHP or LMHP credential (or similar credential in another state); and</p> <p>2 years/3,000 hours of post-master's experience in mental health practice accumulated in not more than 5 years under the supervision of an LIMHP, licensed psychologist or licensed physician with mental health treatment training.</p> <p>To include 1,500 hours of experience with clients diagnosed under the major mental illness or disorder category.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>10 years/7,000 hours of post-master's experience in mental health practice under the supervision of an LIMHP, licensed psychologist or licensed physician with mental health treatment training.</p> <p>To include 3,500 hours of experience with clients diagnosed under the major mental illness or disorder</p>	<p>LIMHP and LMHP NCE or NCMHCE</p>

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<p>NEBRASKA continued</p>			<p>category.</p> <p>LMHP, LMHP-CPC / LPC 3,000 hours of post-master's supervised experience in mental health practice accumulated during the 5 years immediately preceding application for licensure.</p> <p>To include 1,500 hours of direct client contact (not more than 1,500 hours of non-direct service). Supervision must be under an LMHP, LIMHP, licensed psychologist, or licensed physician with mental health treatment training.</p>	
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<p>NEVADA</p> <p>Board of Examiners for Marriage & Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors P.O. Box 370130 Las Vegas NV 89134-0130 702/486-7388 702/486-7258 (fax) nvmftbd@mftbd.nv.gov http://marriage.state.nv.us/</p> <p>Initial Application fee: \$75</p> <p>Issuance of Initial License: \$50</p>	<p>Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC)</p> <p>Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor Intern</p> <p>Required before beginning supervised experience after obtaining master's degree; valid for 3 years.</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher in mental health counseling or community counseling from a program approved by CACREP, or equivalent program which includes a practicum and internship in mental health counseling under the supervision of a licensed mental health professional.</p> <p>Completion of residency training in psychiatry from an accredited institution approved by the Board.</p>	<p>2 years/3,000 hours of post-master's supervised counseling experience.</p> <p>To include 1,500 hours of direct client contact and 100 hours of direct supervision under an approved supervisor of which at least 1 hour per week was completed for each work setting at which the applicant provided counseling.</p>	<p>NCE or NCMHCE</p> <p>*Beginning January 1, 2010, only the NCMHCE will be accepted.</p>

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<p>NEW HAMPSHIRE</p> <p>NH Board of Mental Health Practice 117 Pleasant Street Concord, NH 03301 603/271-6762 800/735-2954 TDD 603/271-3950 (fax) mlynch@dhhs.state.nh.us www.nh.gov/mhpb/</p> <p>License Application Review fee: \$150</p>	<p>Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor (LCMHC)</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher in counseling or psychology from a regionally accredited college/university, which consists of a minimum of 2 academic years of full-time graduate study related to mental health counseling, 60 graduate semester hours, and coursework in 9 content areas (program must meet the board's approval).</p>	<p>2 years/3,000 hours of paid post-master's supervised clinical work experience in a mental health setting, to be completed in no more than 5 years.</p> <p>Each year shall not be less than 1,500 clock hours.</p> <p>100 hours of face-to-face supervision provided by a state-licensed, board approved, mental health professional is required.</p>	<p>NCMHCE</p> <p>and</p> <p>Essay exam provided by the board</p>

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<p>NEW JERSEY</p> <p>NJ Board of Marriage & Family Therapy Examiners Professional Counselor Examiners Committee P.O. Box 45007 Newark, NJ 07101 973/504-6582 973/648-3536 (fax) www.state.nj.us/lps/ca/medical/procounsel.htm</p> <p>Application fee: \$75</p> <p>LPC Initial License fee: \$250 if applying during 1st year of biennial renewal \$125 if applying during 2nd year of biennial renewal</p> <p>LAC Initial License fee: \$180 if applying during 1st year of biennial renewal \$90 if applying during 2nd year of biennial renewal</p>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p> <p>Licensed Associate Counselor (LAC) After acceptable documentation of the satisfaction of the LPC educational and examination requirements, an individual may be granted licensure as an associate counselor to practice counseling under the direct supervision of an LPC or a supervisor acceptable to the Committee.</p>	<p>Minimum of 60 graduate semester hours which includes a master's degree in counseling from a regionally accredited institution of higher education (45 of the 60 graduate semester hours must be distributed in 8 of the 9 defined course content areas).</p> <p>As of April 20, 2006, an acceptable graduate degree means that the word “counseling” or the word “counselor” appears in the title of the graduate degree awarded and that the institution offering the degree states in the catalog or in another format acceptable to the Committee that the purpose of the graduate degree is to prepare students for the professional practice of counseling.</p>	<p>LPC 3 years/4,500 hours of full-time supervised counseling experience in a professional counseling setting, 1 year of which may be obtained prior to the granting of the master's degree.</p> <p>1 year/1,500 hours of experience may be eliminated by substituting 30 graduate semester hours beyond the master's degree. In no case may an applicant have less than 1 year of post-master's supervised work experience.</p>	<p>NCE</p>

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<p>NEW YORK</p> <p>NY State Education Department State Board for Mental Health Practitioners 89 Washington Avenue Albany, NY 12234-1000 518/474-3817, x450 518/486-2981 (fax) mhpbd@mail.nysed.gov www.op.nysed.gov/mhclic.htm</p> <p>Application fee: \$175</p> <p>Registration fee: \$170</p> <p>Limited Permit fee: \$70</p>	<p>Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC)</p> <p>Limited Permit Applicants who have met all requirements except experience and/or exam must apply for a 2 year permit to practice under supervision.</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher in counseling that includes 48 semester hours and completion of specific coursework.</p> <p>*Beginning Jan. 1, 2010 this requirement will increase to 60 semester hours.</p> <p>Completion of a one year supervised internship or practicum in mental health counseling (600 clock hours).</p> <p>Completion of coursework or training, approved by the Education Department, in the identification and reporting of child abuse.</p>	<p>3,000 hours of post-master's supervised experience providing mental health counseling in a setting acceptable to the Department.</p>	<p>NCMHCE</p>

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<p>NORTH CAROLINA</p> <p>NC Board of Licensed Professional Counselors P.O. Box 1369 Garner, NC 27529 919/661-0820 919/779-5642 (fax) ncblpc@mgmt4u.com www.ncblpc.org</p> <p>Application fee (if mailed): \$5</p> <p>Application Processing fee: \$100</p>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p>	<p>Master’s degree or higher in counseling from a regionally accredited institution of higher education that includes 48 semester hours, coursework in each of 8 content areas, and a 300 hour practicum/internship.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Master’s degree or higher in a related field supplemented with coursework the board determines to be equivalent.</p>	<p>2 years of post-master’s counseling experience in a professional setting, including 2,000 hours of supervised professional practice (1,250 hours must be post-masters).</p> <p>A minimum of 100 hours of face-to-face supervision by a board approved supervisor (no more than 25 hours of group supervision) is required.</p>	<p>NCE, NCMHCE, or CRCE</p>

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<p>OHIO</p> <p>OH Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage & Family Therapist Board 50 West Broad Street, Suite 1075 Columbus, OH 43215 614/466-0912 614/728-7790 (fax) cswmft.info@cswb.state.oh.us http://cswmft.ohio.gov</p> <p>LPC License: \$75</p> <p>LPC License: \$60</p> <p>Registered Counselor Trainee: no fee</p>	<p>Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC)</p> <p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p> <p>Professional Counselor/ Clinical Resident (CR) Title used while completing the 3,000 hours of supervised experience required for the LPCC license.</p> <p>Registered Counselor Trainee (RCT) Title used while enrolled in a practicum or internship in a counselor education program.</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher in counseling from an accredited program, with 60 semester hours (or 90 quarter hours), from an accredited institution.</p> <p>20 hours (or 30 quarter hours) must be in clinical content areas.</p> <p>100 hour practicum and 600 hour internship required.</p>	<p>LPCC Must already possess the 1st-level LPC credential; and</p> <p>2 years/3,000 hours of postmaster's clinical counseling experience under the supervision of an LPCC holding the supervision credential.</p> <p>The supervision must include the diagnosis and treatment of mental and emotional disorders; 50% of the time must be face-to-face contact delivering clinical counseling services.</p>	<p>LPCC NCMHCE</p> <p>LPC NCE</p>

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<p>OKLAHOMA</p> <p>OK State Board of Licensed Professional Counselors 1000 N.E. 10th Street Oklahoma City, OK 73117 405/271-6030 405/271-1918 (fax) nenaw@health.ok.gov http://pcl.health.ok.gov</p> <p>Application fee: \$145</p> <p>Initial License fee: \$90</p>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher in counseling or a related mental health field, with 60 graduate semester hours (or 90 quarter hours), from a regionally accredited college/university.</p> <p>Completion of coursework in 10 areas and a counseling practicum/ internship of 300 clock hours.</p> <p>The board will define what qualifies as counseling related.</p>	<p>3 years/3,000 hours of full-time post-application professional counseling experience supervised by an approved LPC Supervisor.</p> <p>For each 1,000 hours, 350 hours must be direct face-to-face contact.</p> <p>Face-to-face supervision must be 45 minutes for every 20 hours of experience.</p> <p>Up to 2 years of required experience may be gained at a rate of 1 year for each 30-graduate semester hours beyond the master's degree, provided that such hours are clearly related to the field of counseling and acceptable to the Board. The applicant shall have no less than 1 year of supervised full-time experience in counseling.</p>	<p>NCE</p> <p>and</p> <p>Oklahoma Legal & Ethical Responsibilities Exam (as pertains to LPCs)</p>

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<p>OREGON</p> <p>OR Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists 3218 Pringle Road SE, Suite 250 Salem, OR 97302-6312 503/378-5499 503/373-1427 (fax) lpc.lmft@state.or.us www.oregon.gov/oblpc</p> <p>Application fee: \$125</p>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p> <p>Registered Intern An applicant registered to obtain post-degree supervised work experience toward licensure.</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher in counseling, with 48 semester hours (or 72 quarter hours) in a CACREP or CORE accredited program, or the equivalent, from a regionally accredited institution.</p> <p>Completion of an internship/practicum consisting of 600 clock hours.</p>	<p>3 years of full-time supervised experience in counseling, to include 2,400 hours of direct client contact.</p> <p>The supervision must take place concurrently with the direct client contact hours, and must total no less than 2 hours of supervision for months where 45 or less direct client contact hours are completed; or total no less than 3 hours of supervision for months where 46 or more direct client contact hours are completed.</p> <p>An approved supervisor must provide supervision.</p> <p>800 client contact hours may be obtained during the clinical portion of the qualifying degree program.</p>	<p>NCE, NCMHCE, CRCE, or other exam, as approved by the board</p> <p>and</p> <p>Oregon Law and Rules Exam</p>

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<p>PENNSYLVANIA</p> <p>PA Bureau of Professional & Occupational Affairs State Board of Social Workers, Marriage & Family Therapists, and Professional Counselors P.O. Box 2649 Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649 717/783-1389 717/787-7769 (fax) st-socialwork@state.pa.us www.dos.state.pa.us/social</p> <p>Application and Initial License fee: \$45</p>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p>	<p>Master’s degree or higher in counseling or a closely related field (as approved by the board) from an accredited education institution, including 60 semester hours (or 90 quarter hours) of graduate coursework.</p> <p>Completion of coursework in 9 core areas including a supervised practicum (100 hours) and internship (600 hours).</p>	<p>3 years/3,600 hours of supervised clinical experience after completing 48 graduate-level credits (or 72 quarter hours).</p> <p>If obtained a doctoral degree in counseling: 2 years/2,400 hours of supervised clinical experience; 1 year/ 1,200 hours must be obtained post-degree.</p> <p>Supervision must be provided by a qualified supervisor.</p>	<p>Any ONE of the following:</p> <p>NCE CRCE ATCB CBMT PEPK AAODA EMAC</p>

Exam Acronyms:

- NCE: National Counselor Examination
- CRCE: Certified Rehabilitation Counselor Examination
- ATCB: The Art Therapy Credentials Board Certification Examination
- CBMT: The Certification Board for Music Therapists Examination
- PEPK: The Practice Examination of Psychological Knowledge (administered by the North American Association of Masters in Psychology)
- AAODA: The Advanced Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Counselor Examination (administered by the International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium/Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse, Inc.)
- EMAC: The Examination for Masters Addictions Counselors (administered by NBCC)

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<p>PUERTO RICO</p> <p>PR Office of Regulation and Certification of Health Professionals Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors P.O. Box 10200 San Juan, PR 00908 787/723-0102 787/724-2971 (fax) www.salud.gov.pr</p> <p>LPC License: \$30</p> <p>PCPL License: \$30</p>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p> <p>Professional Counselor with Provisional License (PCPL) Person who is granted a temporary/provisional authorization by the board to offer counseling services under supervision (to meet the experience requirement); valid for 3 years.</p> <p>Certified Mentor A licensed LPC who has been certified by the board to supervise those who wish to obtain licensure.</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher in counseling from an institution accredited by the Council of Higher Education of Puerto Rico.</p> <p>Specific coursework required in 8 out of 10 areas.</p>	<p>Completion of a minimum of 500 hours post-master's practice supervised by a Certified Mentor.</p> <p>Upon approval of the exam required, the board shall issue a provisional license.</p>	<p>NCE</p>

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<p>RHODE ISLAND</p> <p>RI Board of Mental Health Counselors and Marriage & Family Therapists 3 Capitol Hill, Room 104 Providence, RI 02908 401/222-2828 401/222-1272 (fax) www.health.ri.gov/hsr/</p> <p>Application fee: \$460</p>	<p>Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor (LCMHC)</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher specializing in counseling/therapy from a college/university accredited by the New England Association of Schools & Colleges or an equivalent regional accrediting agency.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Master's degree, certificate in advanced graduate studies, or doctoral degree in mental health counseling or allied field from a recognized educational institution.</p> <p><u>AND for both options:</u> Completion of 60 semester hours (or 90 quarter hours) within the graduate counseling/therapy program, coursework in 8 core areas, a supervised practicum (12 semester hours), and 1 calendar year of a supervised internship consisting of 20 hrs per week in counseling.</p>	<p>2 years/2,000 hours of post-master's direct client contact offering clinical or counseling or therapy services with emphasis in mental health counseling.</p> <p>To include 100 hours of post-master's supervised case work spread over a 2 year period.</p> <p>Supervision must be under a board approved supervisor.</p>	<p>NCMHCE</p>

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<p>SOUTH CAROLINA</p> <p>SC Board of Examiners for Licensure of Professional Counselors, Marriage & Family Therapists, and Psycho-Educational Specialists P.O. Box 11329 Columbia, SC 29211-1329 803/896-4658 803/896-4719 (fax) www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/counselors</p> <p>To obtain an application for licensure please contact the Center for Credentialing and Education (CCE), an affiliate of NBCC, at: 888/817-8283 cce@cce-global.org www.cce-global.org</p> <p>Application fee: \$150</p>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p> <p>Professional Counselor Intern (LPC/I) An applicant who has met the education and exam requirements, but not the 2 years supervised experience requirement.</p>	<p>Master’s degree or higher in professional counseling or related discipline from a regionally accredited institution that includes at least 48 graduate hours, coursework in 10 content areas, and a 150 hour supervised counseling practicum.</p>	<p>Must already possess the 1st-level LPC/I credential; and</p> <p>2 years/1,500 hours of full-time post-master’s supervised clinical experience in the practice of professional counseling.</p> <p>The 1,500 hours must be direct counseling with individuals, couples, families, or groups.</p> <p>A minimum of 150 hours of the 1,500 hours must be clinical supervision provided by a board approved LPC supervisor (100 hours must be individual supervision).</p>	<p>NCE or NCMHCE</p>

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<p>TENNESSEE</p> <p>TN Board for Professional Counselors, Marital & Family Therapists, and Clinical Pastoral Therapists 227 French Landing, Suite 300 Nashville, TN 37243 615/532-3202, x 25138 800/778-4123, x 25138 615/532-5369 (fax) http://health.state.tn.us/boards/PC_MFT&CPT/</p> <p>LPC with/without MHSP designation: \$200</p> <p>MHSP Upgrade fee: \$85</p> <p>Temporary License: \$150</p> <p>State Registration fee: \$10</p> <p>Background Fingerprint Check: \$56 (please see website for more information)</p>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor-Mental Health Service Provider (LPC/MHSP)</p> <p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p>	<p>LPC/MHSP In addition to, or as part of the graduate degree – completion of 9 graduate semester hours of coursework related to diagnosis, treatment, appraisal, and assessment of mental disorders.</p> <p>LPC 60 graduate semester hours in professional counseling or a related field from an institution accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools, CACREP, or a comparable accrediting body, which includes a master's degree in professional counseling and a supervised 500 hour practicum or internship (300 hours of which must be completed in a clinical setting).</p>	<p>2 years of post-master's professional experience consisting of 1,000 hours of direct clinical experience (not less than 10 hours per week) and 50 hours of supervision per year.</p> <p>*Beginning July 1, 2009, supervision hours will increase to 3,000. This new rule applies to applicants who start(ed) their supervision after June 30, 2007. Applicants who started their supervision on or before June 30, 2007 will fall under the old rule.</p>	<p>LPC/MHSP NCE, NCMHCE, and TN Jurisprudence Exam are all required.</p> <p>LPC NCE and the TN Jurisprudence Exam</p>

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<p>TEXAS</p> <p>TX State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors P.O. Box 149347, MC 1982 Austin, TX 78714 512/834-6658 512/834-6677 (fax) lpc@dshs.state.tx.us www.dshs.state.tx.us/counselor/</p> <p>Application Processing fee: \$98</p> <p>License Issue fee: \$106</p>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p> <p>Licensed Professional Counselor Intern (LPC-I) An applicant practicing under supervision; valid for 3 years.</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher in professional counseling or related field from an accredited college/university, consisting of 48 graduate semester hours.</p> <p>Completion of specific coursework and a 300 clock hour supervised practicum with at least 100 hours of direct client contact.</p> <p>Counseling related field includes but is not limited to psychology, psychiatry, social work, marriage and family therapy, and guidance and counseling.</p>	<p>3 years/3,000 hours of post-master's supervised experience, including 1,500 hours of direct client contact.</p> <p>Supervision must be under a board approved LPC.</p>	<p>NCE</p> <p>and</p> <p>Texas Jurisprudence Exam</p>

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<p>UTAH</p> <p>UT Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing Professional Counselor Licensing Board P.O. Box 146741 Salt Lake City, UT 84114 801/530-6628 866/275-3675 (Utah toll-free number) 801/530-6511 (fax) http://dopl.utah.gov/licensing.html</p> <p>LPC Application fee: \$120</p> <p>CPC Intern Application fee: \$85</p>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p> <p>Certified Professional Counselor Intern Credential required before starting the supervised experience requirement; valid for 3 years.</p> <p>Certified Professional Counselor Extern For applicants who have a master's degree but haven't completed all of the required coursework; valid for 3 years.</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher in mental health counseling from a CACREP accredited program, including a minimum of 60 graduate semester hours (or 90 quarter hours) in specific coursework.</p> <p>A minimum of 3 semester hours or 4 ½ quarter hours of a practicum.</p> <p>A minimum of 6 semester hours or nine quarter hours of an internship.</p>	<p>Must already possess the 1st-level Certified Professional Counselor Intern credential; and</p> <p>2 years/4,000 hours of post-master's supervised professional counseling experience.</p> <p>1,000 hours must be supervised experience in mental health therapy.</p> <p>100 hours of face-to-face supervision required.</p> <p>Supervision must be under a licensed mental health therapist.</p> <p>Professional Counselor Extern Must work under the supervision of a licensed mental health therapist; NO hours count toward the 4,000 hours of experience.</p>	<p>NCE, NCMHCE, and the Utah Professional Counselor Law, Rules and Ethics Exam</p> <p>Professional Counselor Extern No exams required</p>

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<p>VERMONT</p> <p>VT Office of Professional Regulation Board of Allied Mental Health Practitioners National Life Building, North Floor 2 Montpelier, VT 05620-3402 800/439-8683 (in-state) 802/828-2390 802/828-2465 (fax) dlafail@sec.state.vt.us http://vtprofessionals.org</p> <p>Application fee: \$125</p>	<p>Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor (LCMHC)</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher in counseling from an accredited institution, with a minimum of 60 semester hours and a 1,000 hour supervised practicum, internship, or field experience in a clinical mental health setting.</p>	<p>2 years/3,000 hours of post-master's experience in clinical mental health counseling, including 2,000 hours of direct client contact.</p> <p>100 hours of face-to-face supervision required.</p> <p>Supervision must be under a board approved licensed mental health professional.</p>	<p>NCE and NCMHCE</p>

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<p>VIRGINIA</p> <p>VA Department of Health Professions Board of Counseling Perimeter Center 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300 Richmond, VA 23233 804/367-4610 804/527-4435 (fax) coun@dhp.virginia.gov www.dhp.virginia.gov/counseling</p> <p>Initial Registration of Supervision: \$50</p> <p>Application and Initial Licensure fee: \$140</p>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher in counseling that includes 60 semester hours (or 90 quarter hours) of graduate study in counseling, from a CACREP or CORE approved program.</p> <p>Completion of a supervised internship consisting of at least 600 hours.</p>	<p>4,000 hours of post-graduate supervised counseling experience, including 2,000 hours of direct client contact.</p> <p>200 hours of supervision required (100 hours must be under the supervision of an LPC).</p> <p>Graduate level internship hours may count toward the 4,000 hours.</p>	<p>NCMHCE</p>

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<p>WASHINGTON</p> <p>WA Department of Health Division of Health Profession Quality Assurance Mental Health Counselor Program P.O. Box 47852 Olympia, WA 98504-7852 360/236-4700 360/236-4818 (fax) hpqa.csc@doh.wa.gov www.doh.wa.gov/licensing.htm</p> <p>LMHC Application fee: \$150 LMHC Initial License fee: \$125</p> <p>LMHC Associate: TBD</p> <p>Certified Counselor or Advisor: TBD</p> <p>Agency Affiliated Counselor: TBD</p> <p>Registered Counselor Application and Registration fee: \$130</p>	<p>Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC)</p> <p>Licensed Mental Health Counselor Associate* Those pursuing an LMHC license; must have a graduate degree in mental health counseling or related field and be working toward meeting the supervised experience requirements. <i>*new credential beginning 7/01/09.</i></p> <p>Certified Counselor and Certified Advisor* Certified health professionals authorized to engage in private practice counseling. <i>*new credential beginning 7/01/09.</i></p> <p>Agency Affiliated Counselor* Registered health professionals who engage in counseling and are employed by an agency or facility that operates under state regulations. Applicant must provide satisfactory documentation of employment or offer of employment by an approved counseling agency. <i>*new credential beginning 7/01/09.</i></p>	<p>LMHC/LMHC Associate Master's degree or higher in mental health counseling or related field from a regionally accredited college or university that includes a supervised counseling practicum or internship.</p> <p>4 hours of HIV/AIDS education and training (required for all applicants regardless of credential pursued).</p> <p>Certified Counselor/Advisor Before July 1, 2010: Be a current Registered Counselor in good standing and have been registered for at least 5 years.</p> <p>Completed required coursework and passed an exam in these areas.</p> <p>Have a written supervisory agreement with an approved supervisor.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Bachelor's degree in counseling or a related field, or for a certified advisor have an associate's degree and</p>	<p>LMHC 3 years of full-time counseling or 3,000 hours of post-graduate supervised mental health counseling in an approved setting.</p> <p>To include 1,200 hours of direct counseling with individuals, couples, groups, or families and 100 hours of immediate supervision by a board approved supervisor.</p>	<p>LMHC NCE or NCMHCE</p>

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<p>WASHINGTON continued</p>	<p>Registered Counselor* Any individual may advertise them self as a “Registered Counselor” when they become registered with the state. The applicant is required to complete a 4-hour HIV/AIDS training course. No minimum education, experience, or exam required. Registered Counselors may practice independently and be paid directly by clients, but they cannot bill third-party health insurance. <i>*Beginning July 1, 2009, this credential will no longer be available to new applicants; current Registered Counselors must transition to one of the above credentials by July 1, 2010 or stop practicing as a counselor.</i></p>	<p>supervised experience.</p> <p>Passed an exam in the required coursework.</p> <p>Have a written supervisory agreement with an approved supervisor.</p>		
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<p>WEST VIRGINIA</p> <p>WV Board of Examiners in Counseling 815 Quarrier Street, Suite 212 Charleston, WV 25301 800/520-3852 304/558-5496 (fax) counselingboard@msn.com www.wvbec.org</p> <p>Application fee: \$120</p> <p>Initial License fee: depends on date applicant is licensed</p>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p>	<p>Master’s degree or higher from a program accredited by CACREP or CORE, or a comparable accrediting body, that includes 60 graduate semester hours (or 90 quarter hours) and a practicum and internship.</p> <p>Acceptable graduate degrees include a specialization in community agency counseling, mental health counseling, pastoral counseling, rehabilitation counseling, school counseling, and substance abuse or addictions counseling.</p> <p>Similar degrees that include the word “counseling” and include specific coursework, and are determined by the Board to be a closely related field, are also acceptable.</p>	<p>2 years/3,000 hours of post-master’s supervised professional counseling experience.</p> <p>If obtained a doctoral degree: 1 year/1,500 hours of post-degree supervised professional counseling experience.</p> <p>At least 50% of the supervised counseling experience must be in the direct provision of counseling services to clients.</p> <p>A minimum of 1 hour of direct individual supervision is required for every 20 hours of practice.</p> <p>Supervision must be under a board approved professional.</p>	<p>NCE or CRCE</p>

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<p>WISCONSIN</p> <p>WI Department of Regulation & Licensing Examining Board of Marriage & Family Therapists, Professional Counselors, and Social Workers P.O. Box 8935 Madison, WI 53708 608/266-2112 608/261-7083 (fax) http://drl.wi.gov/prof/coun/def.htm</p> <p>Application and Initial Licensure fee: \$125 (includes \$57 state law exam fee)</p> <p>Professional Counselor Training License: \$53</p>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p> <p>Licensed Professional Counselor Trainee An applicant who has completed the degree requirements but not the supervised experience; valid for 48 months.</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher in professional counseling, or equivalent program approved by the board, from a regionally accredited institution that includes a minimum of 42 semester hours (or 63 quarter hours).</p> <p>3 semester hours of Counseling Theories and 3 semester hours of a supervised counseling practicum are required.</p>	<p>2 years/3,000 hours of post-master's supervised professional counseling practice, including 1,000 hours of face-to-face client contact.</p> <p>Supervision must include one hour per week of face-to-face supervision and must be provided by a board approved mental health professional.</p>	<p>NCE, NCMHCE, CRCE, or equivalent exam</p> <p>and</p> <p>Wisconsin Jurisprudence Exam</p>

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<p>WYOMING</p> <p>WY Mental Health Professions Licensing Board 1800 Carey Avenue, 4th Floor Cheyenne, WY 82002 307/777-3628 307/777-3508 (fax) vskora@state.wy.us http://plboards.state.wy.us/mentalhealth/index.asp</p> <p>LPC Application fee: \$200</p> <p>PPC Application fee: \$100</p>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p> <p>Provisional Professional Counselor (PPC) An applicant who has received a master’s degree, but has not passed the NCE exam or completed the supervised experience requirement; valid for 36 months.</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher in counseling, with a minimum of 48 semester hours (or 72 quarter hours), from a CACREP or CORE accredited program or a regionally accredited college or university.</p>	<p>3,000 hours of supervised clinical experience (1,500 must be post-masters), including 100 hours of face-to-face supervision.</p> <p>Supervision must be provided by a licensed mental health professional.</p>	<p>NCE</p>

*Note: Application/Initial Licensure fees may be different for those applying for license by reciprocity or license by endorsement.

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Acronyms used refer to the following:

CACREP	Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (an organizational affiliate of ACA that provides professional counselor-training accreditation)
CCMHC	Certified Clinical Mental Health Counselor (an NBCC professional counseling specialty title; not a required credential)
CORE	Council on Rehabilitation Education (an independent rehabilitation counselor-training accreditation board)
CRC	Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (a CRCC professional counseling specialty title; not a required credential)
CRCC	Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification (an independent, non-governmental rehabilitation counselor-credentialing board)
CRCE	Certified Rehabilitation Counselor Examination (administered by CRCC for the certification of rehabilitation counselors; also administered by some states for their own credentialing process as an alternative to their clinically oriented exam)
NBCC	National Board for Certified Counselors (an independent, non-governmental professional counselor-credentialing board and an organizational affiliate of ACA)
NCE	National Counselor Examination (administered by NBCC for the general certification of professional counselors; also administered by most states for their own credentialing process)
NCMHCE	National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination (administered by NBCC for the certification of mental health counselors; also administered by some states for their own credentialing process)