## Practice Act / Title Act Chart

### Year Original Certification/Licensure Law Passed/State Counselor Counts

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| Alabama          | 1979       | Licensed Professional Counselor  
Associate Licensed Counselor | LPC  
ALC | Practice and Title  
1,600  
280 |
| Alaska           | 1998       | Licensed Professional Counselor | LPC | Title  
497 |
| Arizona          | 1988       | Licensed Professional Counselor  
Licensed Associate Counselor | LPC  
LAC | Practice  
2500  
1200 |
| Arkansas         | 1979       | Licensed Professional Counselor  
Licensed Associate Counselor | LPC  
LAC | Practice and Title  
900  
455 |
| California       | 2009       | Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor | LPCC | Practice and Title  
0* |
| Colorado         | 1988       | Licensed Professional Counselor  
Provisional Licensed Professional Counselor | LPC | Title  
4,432  
90 |
| Connecticut      | 1997       | Licensed Professional Counselor | LPC | Practice and Title  
As of 2012  
1932 |
| Delaware         | 1987       | Licensed Professional Counselor of Mental Health  
Licensed Associate Counselor of Mental Health | LPC  
LACMH | Title  
304  
3 |
| District of Columbia | 1992   | Licensed Professional Counselor | LPC | Practice and Title  
1,111 |
| Florida          | 1981       | Licensed Mental Health Counselor  
Provisional Mental Health Counselor  
Registered Mental Health Counselor Intern | LMHC | Practice  
8813  
71  
3990 |
| Georgia          | 1984       | Licensed Professional Counselor  
Associate Professional Counselor | LPC  
ALPC | Practice and Title  
5252  
1228 |
| Hawaii           | 2004       | Licensed Mental Health Counselor | LMHC | Practice and Title  
268 |
| Idaho            | 1982       | Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor  
Licensed Professional Counselor  
Registered Counselor Intern | LPC  
LCPC | Practice  
750  
895  
11 |
| Illinois         | 1993       | Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor  
Licensed Professional Counselor | LPC  
LCPC | Practice  
5,590  
2,720 |
| Indiana          | 1997       | Licensed Mental Health Counselor | LMHC | Practice and Title  
1853 |

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| Nevada        | 2007       | Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor  
Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor Intern | LCPC  
Practice and Title | 25*  
13* |
| New Hampshire | 1998       | Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor                                     | LCMHC  
Practice and Title | 737 |
| New Jersey    | 1993       | Licensed Professional Counselor  
Licensed Associate Counselor                                                   | LPC  
LAC  
Title | 3217  
1061 |
| New Mexico    | 1993       | Licensed Professional Clinical Mental Health Counselor  
Licensed Professional Mental Health Counselor  
Licensed Mental Health Counselor | LPCC  
Practice | 1862 |
| New York      | 2002       | Licensed Mental Health Counselor Limited Permit                               | LMHC  
Practice and Title | 5832 |
| North Carolina| 1983       | Licensed Professional Counselor  
Licensed Professional Counselor Associate  
Licensed Professional Counselor Supervisor | LPC  
LPCA  
LPCS  
Practice and Title | 4,307  
0*  
0* |
| North Dakota  | 1989       | Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor  
Licensed Professional Counselor  
Licensed Associate Professional Counselor | LPCC  
LPC  
LAPC  
Practice and Title | 4858  
3933  
1003  
690 |
| Ohio          | 1984       | Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor  
Licensed Professional Counselor/Clinical Resident  
Registered Counselor Trainee | LPCC  
LPC  
CR  
RCT  
Practice and Title | 4,858  
3,933  
1,003  
690 |
| Oklahoma      | 1985       | Licensed Professional Counselor                                                | LPC  
Practice and Title | 3,784 |
| Oregon        | 1985       | Licensed Professional Counselor Registered Intern                             | LPC  
Title | 1,694  
434 |
| Pennsylvania  | 1998       | Licensed Professional Counselor                                                | LPC  
Title | 6,048 |
| Puerto Rico   | 2002       | Licensed Professional Counselor Professional Counselor with a Provisional License | LPC  
PCPL  
Practice and Title | 2,474  
75 |
| Rhode Island  | 1987       | Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor                                      | LCMHC  
Practice and Title | 363 |
| South Carolina| 1985       | Licensed Professional Counselor  
Licensed Professional Counselor Intern | LPC  
LPC/I  
Practice | 1,777  
311 |
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Note: Please see the [Overview of State Licensing of Professional Counselors](#) for information on practice vs. title acts.

*The state is still in the process of implementing the law for this credential.

**Kansas began registering counselors in 1987; the law licensing professional counselors passed in 1997.

***Count includes professional counselors, marriage and family therapists, and social workers. Those holding the CPC credential also hold either the LMHP or LIMHP credential and can use the title LPC.