

**Practice Act / Title Act Chart**  
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<b>States</b>	<b>Law Passed</b>	<b>Credentials</b>		<b>Practice/Title</b>	<b>Counselor Counts</b>
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	LPCMH 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	LCPC LPC	Practice	750 895 11
Illinois	1993	Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor Licensed Professional Counselor	LCPC LPC	Practice	5,590 2,720
Indiana	1997	Licensed Mental Health Counselor	LMHC	Practice and Title	1853

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Iowa	1991	Licensed Mental Health Counselor	LMHC	Practice	935/
Kansas	1997**	Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor Licensed Professional Counselor	LCPC LPC	Practice and Title	359 429
Kentucky	1996	Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor Licensed Professional Counselor Associate	LPCC LPCA	Practice and Title	1400 800
Louisiana	1987	Licensed Professional Counselor Counselor Intern	LPC CI	Practice	2810 914
Maine	1989	Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor Licensed Professional Counselor Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor – Conditional Licensed Professional Counselor – Conditional Registered Counselor	LCPC LPC  RC	Practice  Practice	1,453 211 469 93 634
Maryland	1985	Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor	LCPC CPC LGPC	Practice and Title	3000
Massachusetts	1987	Licensed Mental Health Counselor	LMHC	Practice	5446
Michigan	1988	Licensed Professional Counselor Limited Licensed Professional Counselor	LPC LLPC	Practice and Title	9,069 total
Minnesota	2007	Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor Licensed Professional Counselor	LPCC LPC	Practice and Title Practice and Title	391 465
Mississippi	1985	Licensed Professional Counselor	LPC	Practice and Title	954
Missouri	1985	Licensed Professional Counselor Provisional Licensed Professional Counselor	LPC PLPC	Practice and Title	3,531 693
Montana	1985	Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor	LCPC	Practice and Title	954
Nebraska	1986	Licensed Independent Mental Health Practitioner Licensed Mental Health Practitioner Certified Professional Counselor Provisional Licensed Mental Health Practitioner	LIMHP LMHP CPC PLMHP	Practice and Title Practice and Title Title Practice and Title	682*** 2,615*** 1,106 935***

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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  LPC LMHC	Practice	1862  279 802
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	430 198 74
Ohio	1984	Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor Licensed Professional Counselor Professional Counselor/Clinical Resident Registered Counselor Trainee	LPCC LPC CR RCT	Practice and Title	4858 3933 1003 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 Professional Counselor Intern	LPC LPC/I	Practice	1,777 311

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South Dakota	1990	Licensed Professional Counselor – Mental Health Licensed Professional Counselor	LPC-MH LPC	Practice	211 471
Tennessee	1984	Licensed Professional Counselor – Mental Health Service Provider Licensed Professional Counselor	LPC/MHSP  LPC	Practice and Title	1806  355
Texas	1981	Licensed Professional Counselor Licensed Professional Counselor Intern	LPC	Practice and Title	18,000 4,000
Utah	1994	Licensed Professional Counselor Certified Professional Counselor Intern Certified Professional Counselor Extern	LPC	Practice	1045 310 48
Vermont	1988	Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor	LCMHC	Practice and Title	485
Virginia	1976	Licensed Professional Counselor	LPC	Practice and Title	4150
Washington	2001	Licensed Mental Health Counselor Licensed Mental Health Counselor Associate Certified Counselor Certified Advisor Agency Affiliated Counselors	LMHC LMHCA CC CA AAC	Practice and Title	5,133 1,235 717 9 5,996
West Virginia	1986	Licensed Professional Counselor	LPC	Practice and Title	1,060
Wisconsin	1992	Licensed Professional Counselor Licensed Professional Counselor Trainee	LPC	Practice and Title	5158 582
Wyoming	1987	Licensed Professional Counselor Provisional Professional Counselor	LPC PPC	Practice and Title	810 190

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.