

Educational Requirements for Licensure by State, Territory, and Country

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In addition to the educational requirements below, all states require clinical practice hours and a qualifying exam(s) to become a mental health counselor. The clinical practice hours and exam(s) are completed following graduation. This document is intended to inform students of the educational requirements needed to become a mental health counselor in their state and does not document all post-graduation requirements. While every effort is made to maintain the accuracy of this document, students are required to check the state licensure board website for the most accurate, up-to-date information.

State	Licensing Board Information	Initial License Title	Exam(s) Required	Meets/Does Not Meet Educational Requirements (Deficiencies noted.)
Alabama	Alabama Board of Examiners in Counseling 2777 Zelda Road Montgomery, AL 36106 Questions@abec.alabama.gov 334-420-7229	Associate Licensed Counselor (ALC)	NCE	Meets
Alaska	Alaska Board of Professional Counselors PO Box 110806 Juneau, AK 99811 ProfessionalCounselors@Alaska.Gov 907-465-2550	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	NCE or NCMHC	Meets
Arizona	Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners 1740 West Adams Street Ste 3600 Phoenix, AZ 85007 information@azbbhe.us 602-542-1882	Associate Counselor (LAC)	NCE or NCMHC	Meets
Arkansas	Arkansas Board of Examiners in Counseling Freeway Medical Center; 5800 W. 10th Street, Suite 405 Little Rock, AR 72204 arboec@arkansas.gov 501-683-5800	Licensed Associate Counselor (LAC)	NCE Jurisprudence exam	Additional coursework needed: -- Technology Assisted Counseling (Contact program director for more information about additional coursework) --All coursework grades must be B- or above

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California	California Board of Behavioral Sciences 1625 N Market Blvd., Suite S-200 Sacramento, CA 95834 Email through website 916-574-7830	Associate Professional Clinical Counselor (APCC)	NCMHC California Law and Ethics Exam	Additional coursework is needed. There are several California specific requirements; please visit this website to review that information. Contact program director for more information about additional coursework.
Colorado	Colorado State Board of Professional Counselor Examiners 1560 Broadway, Suite 1350 Denver, CO 80202 dora_dpo_licensing@state.co.us 303-894-7800	Licensed Professional Counselor Candidate (LPCC)	NCE Jurisprudence exam	Meets
Connecticut	Connecticut Department of Public Health, Professional Counselor Licensure 410 Capitol Ave., MS# 12 APP; P.O. Box 340308 Hartford, CT 6134 oplc.dph@ct.gov 860-509-7603	Licensed Professional Counselor Associate (LPCA)	NCE or NCMHCE	Additional coursework needed: --COUN 650 Grief, Trauma & Addiction --COUN 655 Crisis, Risk & Prevention
Delaware	Board of Mental Health 861 Silver Lake Blvd; Canon Bldg Ste 203 Dover, DE 19904 customerservice.dpr@delaware.gov 302-744-4500	Licensed Associate Counselor of Mental Health (LACMH)	NCE or other examination acceptable to the Board	Meets
District of Columbia	Board of Professional Counseling 2201 Shannon Place SE Washington, DC 20020 dclpc@dc.gov 202-442-5955 or 877-672-2174	Licensed Graduate Professional Counselor (LGPC)	NCE	Meets

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Florida	Florida Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling 4052 Bald Cypress Way Bin C-08 Tallahassee, FL 32399 info@floridasmentalhealthprofessions.gov 850-488-0595	Registered Mental Health Counselor Intern (RMHCI)	NCMHCE	Additional coursework needed: --Human Sexuality As of July 1, 2025, does not meet due to CACREP-accreditation requirement for state licensure. Contact program director for more information about where we are in the process.
Georgia	Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage & Family Therapists 237 Coliseum Drive Macon, GA 31217 ExamBoards-Healthcare@sos.ga.gov 404-424-9966	Associate Professional Counselor (APC)	NCE or NCMHCE	Meets
Hawaii	Professional & Vocational Licensing Division PO Box 3469 Honolulu, HI 96801 pvl@dcca.hawaii.gov 808-586-3000	Mental Health Counselor under supervision	NCE	Meets
Idaho	Idaho Board of Professional Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists P.O. Box 83720 Boise, ID 83720 cou@ibol.idaho.gov 208-334-3233	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	NCE or NCMHCE	Meets
Illinois	Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation 320 West Washington Street, 3rd Floor Springfield, IL 62786 https://idfpr.illinois.gov/profs/email/prfgrp06.html 800-560-6420	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	NCE or CRCE	Meets Additional payment for transcript review is required for state licensure.

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Indiana	Indiana Professional Licensing Agency Indiana Government Center South, Room W072; 402 West Washington Street Indianapolis, IN 46204 pla8@pla.IN.gov 800-457-8283	Licensed Mental Health Counselor Associate (LMHCA)	NCMHCE	Meets
Iowa	Department of Inspections, Appeals, & Licensing 6200 Park Avenue; Suite 100 Des Moines, IA 50321 plpublic@idph.iowa.gov 515-281-0254	Temporary Licensed Mental Health Counselor (T-LMHC)	NCE or NCMHCE	Additional coursework needed: --Psychopathology Contact program director for more information about additional coursework.
Kansas	Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board 700 SW Harrison St, Suite 420 Topeka, KS 66603 bsrb@ks.gov 785-296-3240	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	NCE	Meets
Kentucky	Kentucky Board of Licensed Professional Counselors PO Box 1360 Frankfort, KY 40602 LPC@ky.gov 502-782-8803	Licensed Professional Counselor Associate (LPCA)	NCE or NCMHCE	Does not meet currently* *Due to CACREP-accreditation requirement for state licensure. Contact program director for more information about where we are in the process.
Louisiana	Louisiana State Board of Licensed Professional Counselors 11410 Lake Sherwood Ave North Suite A Baton Rouge, LA 70816 lpcboard@lpcboard.org 225-295-8444	Provisional Licensed Professional Counselor (PLPC)	NCE or NCMHCE	Meets

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Maine	Board of Counseling Professionals Licensure 35 State House Station Augusta, ME 4333 counsel.board@maine.gov 207-624-8603	Conditional Professional Counselor (XC)	NCE	Meets
Maryland	Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists 4201 Patterson Avenue, Suite 316 Baltimore, MD 21215 MDH Contact Us 410-764-4732	Licensed Graduate Professional Counselor (LGPC)	NCE Maryland Law Assessment	Meets
Massachusetts	Board of Allied Mental Health and Human Services Professions 250 Washington Street, 3rd floor Boston, MA 2108 amh.board@mass.gov 617-624-6199	Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC)	NCMHCE	Meets
Michigan	Bureau of Professional Licensing; Investigations & Inspections Division PO Box 30670 Lansing, MI 48909 BPLHelp@Michigan.gov 517-241-0205	Limited Licensed Professional Counselor (LLPC)	NCE, NCMHCE, or CRCE	Meets Additional trainings for licensure: --Human Trafficking --Implicit Bias
Minnesota	Board of Behavioral Health and Therapy 335 Randolph Avenue, Suite 290 St. Paul, MN 55102 bbht.board@state.mn.us 651-201-2756	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	NCE, NCMHCE, CRCE, or EPPP	Meets

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Mississippi	Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors 239 North Lamar Street, Suite 402 Jackson, MS 39201 info@lpc.ms.gov 601 359-1010	Provisional Licensed Professional Counselor (P-LPC)	NCE or NCMHCE Jurisprudence exam	Meets
Missouri	Committee for Professional Counselors 3605 Missouri Boulevard; PO Box 1335 Jefferson City, MO 65102 profcounselor@pr.mo.gov 573-751-0018	Provisional Licensed Professional Counselor (PLPC)	NCE Jurisprudence exam	Meets Additional training for licensure: --Suicide Prevention (2 hours)
Montana	Montana Board of Behavioral Health PO Box 200513 Helena, MT 59620 dlibsdhhelp@mt.gov 406-444-6880	Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor Candidate (LCPC Candidate)	NCE or NCMHCE	Meets
Nebraska	Mental Health and Social Work Practice Licensing 301 Centennial Mall South Lincoln, NE 68509 dhhs.licensure2117@nebraska.gov 402-471-3121	Provisionally Licensed Mental Health Practitioner (PLMHP)	NCE, NCMHCE, CRCE, or EPPP	Meets
Nevada	Nevada Board of Examiners 500 N. Rainbow Boulevard, Suite 201 Las Vegas, NV 89107 mftbd2@mftbd.nv.gov 702-486-7388	Clinical Professional Counselor Intern (CPC-I)	NCMHCE	Additional coursework needed: --Human Sexuality

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New Hampshire	Office of Professional Licensing and Certification 7 Eagle Square Concord, NH 3301 customersupport@oplc.nh.gov 603-271-2152	Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor Candidate (LCMHC Candidate)	NCMHCE	Meets
New Jersey	Professional Counselor Examiners Committee PO Box 45044 Newark, NJ 7101 DCA_Professional_Counselors@dca.njoag.gov 973-504-6582	Licensed Associate Counselor (LAC)	NCE	Meets
New Mexico	Counseling and Therapy Practice Board PO Box 25101 Santa Fe, NM 87504 counseling.board@rld.nm.gov 505-476-4622	Licensed Mental Health Counselor - temporary license (LMHC)	NCE	Meets
New York	NY State Education Department; Office of Professions 89 Washington Avenue Albany, NY 12234 MHPBD@nysed.gov 518-474-3817, Press 1 then ext. 570 (voice)	Licensed Mental Health Counselor Limited Permit (LMHC LP)	NCMHCE	Meets Additional training for licensure: --Child abuse identification and reporting
North Carolina	North Carolina Board of Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselors PO Box 77819 Greensboro, NC 27417 LCMHInfo@ncblcmhc.org 844-622-3572	Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor Associate (LCMHCA)	NCE, NCMHCE, or CRCE Jurisprudence exam	Does not meet currently* *Due to CACREP-accreditation requirement for state licensure. Contact program director for more information about where we are in the process.

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North Dakota	North Dakota Board of Counselor Examiners 2112 10th Avenue SE Mandan, ND 57554 ndbce@outlook.com 701-667-5969	Licensed Associate Professional Counselor (LAPC)	NCE	Meets
Ohio	Counselor Social Worker & Marriage and Family Therapist Board 77 S High St 24th Floor, Room 2468 Columbus, OH 43215 cswmft.info@cswb.ohio.gov 614-466-0912	Counselor Trainee (CT)	NCE	Does not meet currently* *Due to CACREP-accreditation requirement for state licensure. Contact program director for more information about where we are in the process.
Oklahoma	Board of Behavioral Health Licensure (BBHL) 3815 N Santa Fe, Ste. 110 Oklahoma City, OK 73118 Info.BehavioralHealth@bbhl.ok.gov 405-522-3696	Licensed Professional Counselor Candidate (LPC Candidate)	NCE	Does not meet currently* *Due to CACREP-accreditation requirement for state licensure. Contact program director for more information about where we are in the process.
Oregon	Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counsels and Therapists 3218 Pringle Road SE, Ste. 120 Salem, OR 97302 lpct.board@mhra.oregon.gov 503-378-5499	Professional Counselor Associate (PCA)	NCE, NCMHCE, or CRCE Oregon Law & Rules Exam	Meets
Pennsylvania	State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors PO Box 2649 Harrisburg, PA 17105 ST-SOCIALWORK@PA.GOV 833-DOS-BPOA	Associate Professional Counselor (APC)	NCE or CRCE	Meets Additional training for licensure: --Child abuse recognition and reporting (3 hours)

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Rhode Island	RI Board of Mental Health Counselors and Marriage & Family Therapists Room 104, 3 Capitol Hill Providence, RI 2908 doh.elicense@health.ri.gov 401-222-5960	Licensed Mental Health Counselor Associate (LMHCA)	NCMHCE	Meets
South Carolina	Examiners for Licensure of Professional Counselors 110 Centerview Drive Columbia, SC 29210 Contact.Counselor@llr.sc.gov 803-896-4658	Licensed Professional Counselor Associate (LPCA)	NCE or NCMHCE	Meets
South Dakota	Board of Examiners for Counselor & Marriage and Family Therapists PO Box 340 / 1351 N. Harrison Ave. Pierre, SD 57501 SDBCE@midwestsolutionssd.com 605-224-1721	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	NCE	Meets
Tennessee	Board for Licensed Professional Counselors, Licensed Marital and Family Therapists, and Licensed Clinical Pastoral Therapists 710 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37243 Unit1HRB.Health@tn.gov 615-741-5735	Licensed Professional Counselor - temporary license (LPC)	NCE Jurisprudence Exam	Meets
Texas	Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors 1801 Congress Ave., Ste. 7.300 Austin, TX 78791 lpc@hhsc.state.tx.us 512-305-7700	Licensed Professional Counselor-Associate (LPCA)	NCE Jurisprudence Exam	Additional coursework needed: --Abnormal Human Behavior and Psychopathology Contact program director for more information about additional coursework.

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Utah	Division of Professional Licensing 160 E 300 S, PO Box 146741 Salt Lake City, UT 84114 b8@utah.gov 801-530-6628	Associate Clinical Mental Health Counselor (ACMHC)	NCE or NCMHCE	Meets
Vermont	Office of Professional Regulation 89 Main Street Montpelier, VT 5602 diane.lafaille@vermont.gov 802-828-1505	Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor (LCMHC)	NCE and NCMHCE	Meets
Virginia	Virginia Board of Counseling 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300 Henrico, VA 23233 Coun@dhp.virginia.gov 804-367-4610	Resident Licensed Professional Counselor (Resident LPC)	NCMHCE	Meets
Washington	Washington State Department of Health PO Box 47877 Olympia, WA 98504 hsqa.csc@doh.wa.gov 360-236-4700	Licensed Mental Health Counselor Associate (LMHCA)	NCE or NCMHCE	Meets
West Virginia	WV Board Examiners in Counseling 815 Quarrier Street, Suite 212 Charleston, WV 25301 cheryl.j.henry@wv.gov 304-558-5494	Provisionally Licensed Counselor	NCE or CRCE	Meets

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Wisconsin	Department of Safety and Professional Services 4822 Madison Yards Way Madison, WI 53705 dsps@wisconsin.gov 608-266-2112	Professional Counselor Training License (PCTL)	NCE, NCMHCE, or CRCE	Additional coursework needed: --COUN 650 Grief, Trauma & Addiction (3 credits) --Abnormal behavior and psychopathology (3 credits) Contact program director for more information about additional coursework.
Wyoming	Wyoming Mental Health Professions Licensing Board 2001 Capitol Ave, Room 127 Cheyenne, WY 82002 wyoMHPLB@wyo.gov 307-777-3628	Provisional Professional Counselor (PPC)	NCE or NCMHCE	Meets

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Canada	Canadian Counselling and Psychotherapy Association 202-245 Menten Place Ottawa, ON K2H 9E8 info@ccpa-accp.ca 613-237-1099 or 877-765-5565	Canadian Certified Counsellor – Qualifying (CCC-Q)	n/a	Meets
American Samoa	American Samoa Department of Human and Social Services Regulatory Board, Department of Health Pago Pago, AS 96799 talalupelele.fiso@doh.as 684-633-1222	<i>Contact specific board for more information</i>	<i>Contact specific board for more information</i>	Cannot determine
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI)	CNMI Board of Professional Licensing Healthcare Professions Licensing Board, PO Box 502078, Bldg., 11925 Pohnpei Court Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950 info@cnmilicensing.gov.mp 670-664-4809	<i>Contact specific board for more information</i>	<i>Contact specific board for more information</i>	Meets
Guam	Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners Guam Health Professional Licensing Office; 194 Hernan Cortez Avenue, Terlaje Professional Building, Suite 213 Hagatna, Guam 96910 hplo@dphss.guam.gov 671-735-7407	<i>Contact specific board for more information</i>	<i>Contact specific board for more information</i>	Meets

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Puerto Rico	Puerto Rico Department of Health Puerto Rico Board of Examiners in Psychology; PO Box 10200 San Juan PR 908 San Juan, Puerto Rico 908 contactus@salud.pr.gov 787-765-2929	Provisional Licensed Professional Counselor (PLPC)	<i>Contact specific board for more information</i>	Meets
U.S. Virgin Islands (USVI)	U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs Prop. & Procurement Bldg.; 8201 Sub Base, Suite 1 St. Thomas, USVI 802 Drvincentia@thecwcenter.com 340-714-3522	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	NCE or NCMHCE	Meets