

Educational Requirements for Licensure by State, Territory, and Country

West Virginia Wesleyan College—Master of Arts in Counseling

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	Official Board Portal	Licensing Board Information	Initial Pre-Licensure Title	Primary Exam(s) Required	WVWC Curriculum Status	Notes & Special Requirements
Alabama	Alabama Board of Examiners in Counseling	Alabama Board of Examiners in Counseling 400 South Union Street, Suite 245 Montgomery, AL 31604 Email- questions@abec.alabama.gov Phone- 334-569-8640	Associate Licensed Counselor (ALC)	NCE	Meets	Standard 60-credit alignment.
Alaska	Board of Professional Counselors	P.O. Box 110806 Juneau, AK 99811-0806 Email- ProfessionalCounselors@Alaska.Gov Phone- (907) 465-2550	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	NCE or NCMHCE	Meets	Standard 60-credit alignment.
Arizona	Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners	Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners 1740 West Adams Street, #3600 Phoenix, AZ 85007 Email- info@azbbhe.us Phone- (602)-542-1882	Licensed Associate Counselor (LAC)	NCE or NCMHCE	Meets	Standard 60-credit alignment.
Arkansas	Arkansas Board of Examiners in Counseling	Freeway Medical Center; 5800 W. 10th Street, Suite 405 Little Rock, AR 72204 Email- arboec@arkansas.gov Phone- (501)-683-5800	Licensed Associate Counselor (LAC)	NCE + AR Jurisprudence	Meets with Add-ons	Requires Tech-Assisted Counseling Course

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California	Board of Behavioral Sciences	1625 N Market Blvd., Suite S-200 Sacramento, CA 95834 Email- through website Phone- (916)-574-7830	Associate Professional Clinical Counselor (APCC)	CA Law & Ethics + NCMHCE	Meets with Add-ons	Requires CA Human Sexuality, Child Abuse 7-hr, Spousal Abuse, Aging)
Colorado	Colorado Professional Counselor Homepage Divisions of Professions and Occupations	1560 Broadway, Suite 1350 Denver, CO 80202 Email- dora_dpo_licensing@state.co.us Phone- (303)-894-7800	Licensed Professional Counselor Candidate (LPCC)	NCE + CO Jurisprudence Exam	Meets	Standard 60-credit alignment.
Connecticut	Professional Counselor Licensing	410 Capitol Ave., MS# 12 APP; P.O. Box 340308 Hartford, CT 6134 Email- dph.counselorsteam@ct.gov Phone- (860)-509-7603	Licensed Professional Counselor Associate (LPCA)	NCE or NCMHCE	Meets	Standard 60-credit alignment.
Delaware	Professional Counselor of Mental Health Licensure	861 Silver Lake Blvd; Canon Bldg Ste 203 Dover, DE 19904 Email- customerservice.dpr@delaware.gov Phone- (302)-744-4500	Associate Counselor of Mental Health (LACMH)	NCE or NCMHCE	Meets	Standard 60-credit alignment.
District of Columbia	Professional Counseling Licensing doh	DC Board of Professional Counseling, 899 North Capitol Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002 Email- dclpc@dc.gov Phone- (877) 672-2174	Licensed Graduate Professional Counselor (LGPC)	NCE	Meets	Standard 60-credit alignment.
Florida	Florida Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage & Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling	4052 Bald Cypress Way Bin C-08 Tallahassee, FL 32399-3258 Email- MQA.491@flhealth.gov Phone- (850)-488-0595	Registered Mental Health Counselor Intern (RMHCI)	NCMHCE	Meets with Add-ons	Requires specific coursework in Human Sexuality. Additionally, Florida board rules mandate specific accreditation/coursework equivalency standards.

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Georgia	Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage & Family Therapists	237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217 Email- ExamBoards-Healthcare@sos.ga.gov Phone- (404) 424-9966	Associate Professional Counselor (APC)	NCE or NCMHCE	Meets	Standard 60-credit alignment.
Hawaii	https://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/programs/mental/	Mental Health Counselors Program, DCCA, PVL Licensing Branch P.O. Box 3469, Honolulu, HI 96801 Email- pvl@dcca.hawaii.gov Phone- (808) 586-2693	Mental Health Counselor under Supervision	NCE	Meets	Standard 60-credit alignment.
Idaho	Board of Professional Counselors	P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0063 Email- cou@dopl.idaho.gov Phone- (208) 334-3233	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	NCE or NCMHCE	Meets	Standard 60-credit alignment.
Illinois	Illinois Department of Financial & Professional Regulation	320 West Washington Street, 3rd Floor Springfield, IL 62786 Email- FPR.LMU@illinois.gov Phone- 1-800-560-6420	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	NCE or CRCE	Meets	Requires state transcript review fee.
Indiana	PLA: Behavioral Health and Human Services	Indiana Government Center South, Room W072 402 West Washington Street Indianapolis, IN 46204 Email- pla8@pla.IN.gov Phone- 1-800-457-8283	Licensed Mental Health Counselor Associate (LMHCA)	NCE or NCMHCE	Meets	Standard 60-credit alignment.
Iowa	Mental & Behavioral Health Department of Inspections, Appeals, & Licensing	DIAL 6200 Park Avenue Suite 100 Des Moines, IA 50321 Email- plpublic@idph.iowa.gov Phone- (515)-281-0254	Temporary Licensed Mental Health Counselor (tLMHC)	NCE or NCMHCE	Meets	Standard 60-credit alignment.
Kansas	KS BSRB	700 SW Harrison St, Suite 420, Topeka, KS 66603 Email- bsrb@ks.gov Phone- (785)-296-3240	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	NCE	Meets	Standard 60-credit alignment.

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Kentucky	KENTUCKY BOARD OF LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS	P. O. Box 1360 Frankfort, KY 40602 Email- lpc@ky.gov Phone- (502)-782-8803	Licensed Professional Counselor Associate (LPCA)	NCE	Meets	Standard 60-credit alignment. (While Kentucky accepts degrees from regionally accredited institutions, applicants who do not graduate from a CACREP-accredited program must submit course syllabi along with their transcript for individual course-by-course board evaluation.
Louisiana	LPC Board	11410 Lake Sherwood Ave North Suite A Baton Rouge, LA 70816 Email- lpcboard@lpcboard.org Phone- (225)-295-8444	Provisional Licensed Professional Counselor (PLPC)	NCE or NCMHCE	Meets	Standard 60-credit alignment.
Maine	Board of Counseling Professionals Licensure Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation	Board of Counseling Professionals Licensure Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation 35 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0035 Email- counsel.board@maine.gov Phone- (207) 624-8623	Conditional Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC-C)	NCE	Meets	Standard 60-credit alignment.
Maryland	Maryland Department of Health Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists	4201 Patterson Avenue, Suite 316 Baltimore, MD 21215-2299 Email- mdh.bopct@maryland.gov Phone- (410)-764-4732	Licensed Graduate Professional Counselor (LGPC)	NCE + MD Law Assessment	Meets	Includes state law assessment.
Massachusetts	Board of Registration of Allied Mental Health and Human Services	250 Washington Street Boston, MA 02108 Email- amh.board@mass.gov Phone- (617) 624-6199	Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC)	NCMHCE	Meets	Standard 60-credit alignment.

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Michigan	Professional Licensing	PO Box 30670 Lansing, MI 48909 Email- BPLHelp@Michigan.gov Phone- (517)-241-0199	Limited Licensed Professional Counselor (LLPC)	NCE or NCMHCE	Meets with Add-ons	Requires Implicit Bias & Human Trafficking training.
Minnesota	Minnesota Board of Behavioral Health and Therapy	Minnesota Board of Behavioral Health & Therapy 335 Randolph Avenue, Suite 290 St. Paul, MN 55102 Email- bbht.board@state.mn.us Phone- (651)201-2756	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	NCE or NCMHCE	Meets	Standard 60-credit alignment.
Mississippi	Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors	239 North Lamar Street Suite 402 Jackson, MS 39201 Email- info@lpc.ms.gov Phone- (601) 359-1010	Provisional Licensed Professional Counselor (P-LPC)	NCE	Meets	Standard 60-credit alignment.
Missouri	Committee for Professional Counselors	3605 Missouri Boulevard P.O. Box 1335 Jefferson City, MO 65102-1335 Email- profcounselor@pr.mo.gov Phone- (573)-751-0018	Provisionally Licensed Professional Counselor (PLPC)	NCE or NCMHCE	Meets with Add-ons	Requires 2 hours of Suicide Prevention training.
Montana	Board of Behavioral Health	Board of Behavioral Health PO Box 200513 Helena, MT 59620-0513 Email- DLIBSDHELP@MT.GOV Phone- (406) 444-6880	Candidate Professional Counselor (PCC)	NCE or NCMHCE	Meets	Standard 60-credit alignment.
Nebraska	Mental Health and Social Work Practice	301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508 Email- dhhs.webmaster@nebraska.gov Phone- (402) 471-2062	Provisional Licensed Mental Health Practitioner (PLMHP)	NCE or NCMHCE	Meets	Standard 60-credit alignment.

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Nevada	Marriage Board	500 N. Rainbow Boulevard, Suite 201 Las Vegas, Nevada 89107 Email- mftbd2@mftbd.nv.gov Phone- (702) 486-7388	Clinical Professional Counselor Intern (CPCI)	NCMHCE	Meets	Standard 60-credit alignment.
New Hampshire	Board of Mental Health Practice NH Office of Professional Licensure and Certification	7 Eagle Square Concord, NH 03301 Email- CustomerSupport@oplcr.nh.gov Phone- (603) 271-2152	Candidate for Licensure	NCE or NCMHCE	Meets	Standard 60-credit alignment.
New Jersey	Pages - Professional Counselor Examiners Committee	Milagros B. Collazo Executive Director P.O. Box 45044 Newark, New Jersey 07101 Email- DCA_Professional_Counselors@dca.njoag.gov Phone- (973) 504-6582	Licensed Associate Counselor (LAC)	NCE	Meets	Standard 60-credit alignment.
New Mexico	Counseling and Therapy Practice Overview RLD	Counseling and Therapy Practice Board New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department 2550 Cerrillos Rd., Santa Fe, NM 87505 Email- counseling.board@rld.nm.gov Phone- (505)-476-4622	Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC)	NCE	Meets	Standard 60-credit alignment.
New York	Mental Health Counselors Office of the Professions	NY State Education Department Office of the Professions 89 Washington Avenue Albany, New York 12234-1000 Email- MHPBD@nysed.gov Phone- (518)-474-3817, Press 1 then ext. 570 (voice)	Limited Permit Holder (LMHC-LP)	NCMHCE	Meets with Add-ons	Requires NY Child Abuse Identification training.

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North Carolina	North Carolina Board of Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselors	Post Office Box 77819 Greensboro, North Carolina 27417 Email- LCMHCinfo@ncblcmhc.org Phone- (844)-622-3572	Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor Associate (LCMHCA)	NCE or NCMHCE + NC Jurisprudence	Deficiencies Noted	Requires strict CACREP accreditation.
North Dakota	North Dakota Board of Counselor Examiners	2112 10TH AVENUE SE · MANDAN, ND 58554 Email- ndbce@outlook.com Phone- (701)-667-5969	Associate Professional Counselor (LAP C)	NCE	Meets	Standard 60-credit alignment.
Ohio	Ohio CSWMFT Board	Counselor Social Worker & Marriage and Family Therapist Board 77 S High St 24th Floor, Room 2468 Columbus, OH 43215 Email- cswmft.info@cswb.ohio.gov Phone- (614) 466-0912	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	NCE or NCMHCE	Meets	Standard 60-credit alignment (You'll need to submit a Counselor Course Worksheet with your LPC application to document the alignment)
Oklahoma	State Board of Behavioral Health Licensure	State Board of Behavioral Health Licensure (BBHL) 3815 N Santa Fe, Ste. 110 Oklahoma City, OK 73118 Email- Info.BehavioralHealth@bbhl.ok.gov Phone- (405) 522-3696	Licensed Professional Counselor Candidate (LPC Candidate)	NCE + OK Jurisprudence	Deficiencies Noted	Requires strict CACREP accreditation.
Oregon	Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists : Welcome Page : State of Oregon	OBLPCT 3218 Pringle Road SE, Ste. 120 Salem, OR 97302 Email- lpct.board@mhra.oregon.gov Phone- (503)-378-5499	Registered Associate	NCE or NCMHCE + OR Law Exam	Meets	Standard 60-credit alignment.

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Pennsylvania	Social Workers, Marriage & Family Therapists, Professional Counselors Department of State Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors P.O. Box 2649 Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649 Email- ST-SOCIALWORK@PA.GOV Phone- 1-833-DOS-BPOA	Associate Professional Counselor (APC)	NCE or CRCE	Meets with Add-ons	Requires PA Child Abuse training.
Rhode Island	What We License Department of Health	3 Capitol Hill Room 105A, Providence, RI 02908 Email- doh.elicense@health.ri.gov Phone- (401)-222-5960	Clinical Mental Health Counselor Associate	NCE or NCMHCE	Meets	Standard 60-credit alignment.
South Carolina	South Carolina Board of Examiners for Licensure of Professional Counselors	Synergy Business Park; Kingstree Building 110 Centerview Dr. Columbia, South Carolina 29210 Email- Contact.Counselor@llr.sc.gov Phone- (803) 896-4658	Licensed Professional Counselor Associate (LPC-A)	NCE or NCMHCE	Meets	Standard 60-credit alignment.
South Dakota	Board of Examiners for Counselors & Marriage and Family Therapists	PO Box 340 1351 N. Harrison Ave. Pierre, SD 57501 Email- SDBCE@midwestsolutionssd.com Phone- (605)-224-1721	Licensed Professional Counselor Plan Candidate	NCE	Meets	Standard 60-credit alignment.
Tennessee	Tennessee Department of Health Board for Licensed Professional Counselors, Licensed Marital and Family Therapists, and Licensed Clinical Pastoral Therapists	665 Mainstream Drive, 2nd Floor Nashville, TN 37243 Email- Unit1HRB.Health@tn.gov Phone- (615) 741-5735	Licensed Professional Counselor Designation / Candidate	NCE or NCMHCE + TN Jurisprudence	Meets with Add-ons	Standard 60-credit alignment.
Texas	Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors	1801 Congress Ave., Ste. 7.300 Austin, Texas 78701 Email- lpc@hhsc.state.tx.us Phone- (512) 305-7700	Licensed Professional Counselor Associate (LPCA)	NCE + TX Jurisprudence Exam	Meets	Standard 60-credit alignment.

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Utah	Clinical Mental Health Counseling	P.O. Box 146741, Salt Lake City, UT 84114-6741 Email- dopl@utah.gov Phone- (801) 530-6628	Associate Clinical Mental Health Counselor (ACMHC)	NCE or NCMHCE	Meets	Standard 60-credit alignment.
Vermont	Allied Mental Health Secretary of State	89 Main Street Montpelier, VT 05602 Email- diane.lafaille@vermont.gov Phone- (802)-828-1505	Registered Roster Entry (Roster of Non-Licensed Psychotherapists)	NCE or NCMHCE	Meets	Standard 60-credit alignment.
Virginia	Virginia Board of Counseling	Perimeter Center 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300 Henrico, Virginia 23233-1463 Email- Coun@dhp.virginia.gov Phone- (804) 367-4400	Resident in Counseling	NCE or NCMHCE	Meets	Standard 60-credit alignment.
Washington	Mental Health Counselor Washington State Department of Health	Town Center 2 111 Israel Rd. S.E. Tumwater, WA 98501 Email- hsqa.csc@doh.wa.gov Phone- (360)-236-4700	Mental Health Counselor Associate (LMHCA)	NCE or NCMHCE	Meets	Standard 60-credit alignment.
West Virginia	West Virginia Board of Examiners in Counseling	West Virginia Board of Examiners in Counseling 815 Quarrier Street, Suite 212 Charleston, West Virginia 25301 Email- cheryl.j.henry@wv.gov Phone- (304)-558-5494	Provisional Licensed Counselor (PLC/PLPC)	NCE or NCMHCE	Meets	Standard 60-credit alignment.
Wisconsin	DSPS Professional Counselor	4822 Madison Yards Way Madison, WI 53705 Email- dsps@wisconsin.gov Phone- (608) 266-2112	Professional Counselor In-Training (LPC-IT)	NCE or NCMHCE	Meets	Standard 60-credit alignment.
Wyoming	Wyoming Mental Health Professions Licensing Board	Wyoming Mental Health Professions Licensing Board 2001 Capitol Ave., Room 127 Cheyenne, WY 82002	Provisional Professional Counselor (PPC)	NCE or NCMHCE	Meets	Standard 60-credit alignment. (Applicants enrolled in Non-CACREP programs must submit with their

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		Email- wyomhplb@wyo.gov Phone- (307) 777-3628				application a transcript showing the conferred degree and a completed course worksheet.)
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