

Clinical Mental Health Counseling Licensure by State

This chart displays whether or not a Post program in its entirety satisfies the educational requirements for a specific license. Call admissions/advising to be put in touch with a credentialing specialist to discuss whether partial completion could lead to licensure.

State-Territory	License	Can the educational requirements for the license be met with Post coursework?	Post Program(s) Needed	Other requirements outside of education including, but not limited to:	Governing Body	Website	Email	Phone Number
Alabama	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	No	None	NCE, 3000 supervision hours	Alabama Board of Examiners in Counseling	https://abec.alabama.gov/		(334) 420-7229
Alaska	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	Yes	Master of Science in Counseling and Human Services and Professional Counseling Certificate	NCE or NCMHCE, 3000 supervision hours	Alaska Board of Professional Counselors	https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/CBPL/ProfessionalLicensing/ProfessionalCounselors.aspx	ProfessionalCounselors@Alaska.gov	(907) 465-8444
Arizona	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	No	None	NCE or NCMHCE or CRCE, 3200 supervision hours	Arizona State Board of Behavioral Health Examiners	https://azbbhe.us/information@azbbhe.us		(602) 542-1882
Arkansas	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	No	None	NCE, AR Jurisprudence Exam, 3000 supervision hours	Arkansas Board of Examiners in Counseling and Marriage & Family Therapy	https://abec.statesolutions.us/		(501) 683-5800
California	Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC)	No	None	NCMHCE, CA Law & Ethics Exam, 3000 supervision hours	California Board of Behavioral Sciences	https://www.bbs.ca.gov/applicants/lpcc.html		(916) 574-7830
Colorado	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	No	None	NCE, CO Jurisprudence Exam, 2000 supervision hours	Colorado State Board of Licensed Professional Counselor Examiners	https://dpo.colorado.gov/ProfessionalCounselor	doramenta@healthboard.state.co.us	(303) 894-7800
Connecticut	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	Yes	Master of Science in Counseling and Human Services and Professional Counseling Certificate	NCE or NCMHCE, 3000 supervision hours	Connecticut State Department of Public Health	https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Practitioner-Licensing--Investigations/Professional-Counselor/	dph.counselorsteam@ct.gov	(860) 509-7603

District of Columbia	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	Yes	Master of Science in Counseling and Human Services and Professional Counseling Certificate	NCE, 3500 supervision hours	DC Board of Professional Counseling	https://dchealth.dc.gov/node/160252 doh@dc.gov (202) 442-5955
Delaware	Licensed Professional Counselor of Mental Health (LPCMH)	Yes	Master of Science in Counseling and Human Services and Professional Counseling Certificate	NCE, 3200 supervision hours	Delaware Board of Mental Health and Chemical Dependency Professionals	https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/professionals/ customer-service.dpr@delaware.gov (302) 744-4500
Florida	Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC)	Yes	Master of Science in Counseling and Human Services and Professional Counseling Certificate	NCMHCE, 1500 supervision hours (face-to-face with clients)	Florida Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage & Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling	https://floridasmentalhealthprofessionals.gov/ (850) 245-4292
Georgia	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	Yes	Master of Science in Counseling and Human Services and Professional Counseling Certificate	NCE or NCMHCE, 1200 supervision hours	Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists	https://sos.ga.gov/index.php/licensing/plb/43 (844) 753-7825
Guam	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	Yes	Master of Science in Counseling and Human Services and Professional Counseling Certificate	NCE, 3000 supervision hours	Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners	https://dphss.guamdev.com/dph/health-professional-licensing-office-3/guam-board-of-allied-health-examiners/#:~:text=G Guam%20Board%20of%20Allied%20Health%20Examiners(w%2F15%20health%20disciplines,%2C%20chiropractics%2C%20IMFT%2C%20etc. publichealth@dphss.guam.gov (671) 638-4512
Hawaii	Mental Health Counselor (MHC)	Yes	Master of Science in Counseling and Human Services and Professional Counseling Certificate	NCE, 3000 supervision hours	Hawaii Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs	https://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/programs/mental/ counselor@dcca.hawaii.gov (808) 586-2655

Idaho	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	No	None	NCE, 1000 supervision hours	Idaho Licensing Board of Professional Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists	https://dopl.idaho.gov/DOPLPortal/Home.aspx	cou@dopl.idaho.gov	(208) 334-3233
Idaho	Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC)	No	None	NCE, 2000 supervision hours	Idaho Licensing Board of Professional Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists	https://dopl.idaho.gov/DOPLPortal/Home.aspx	cou@dopl.idaho.gov	(208) 334-3233
Illinois	Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC)	No	None	NCE, NCMHCE, 3360 supervision hours	Illinois Professional Counselor Licensing and Disciplinary Board	https://www.idfpr.com/profs/ProfCounselor.asp		(888) 473-4858
Indiana	Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC)	No	None	NCMHCE, 3000 supervision hours	Indiana Behavioral Health and Human Services Licensing Board	https://www.in.gov/pla/professions/behavioral-health-and-human-services-licensing-board/	pla8@pla.in.gov	(317) 234-2054
Iowa	Mental Health Counselor (MHC)	No	None	NCE or NCMHCE, 3000 supervision hours	Iowa Board of Behavioral Science	https://idph.iowa.gov/Licensure/iowa-Board-of-Behavioral-Science	PLPublic@idph.iowa.gov	(515) 281-0254
Kansas	Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC)	No	None	NCE, 4000 supervision hours	Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board	https://ksbsrb.ks.gov/		(785) 296-3240
Kentucky	Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC)	No	None	NCE or NCMHCE, 4000 supervision hours	Kentucky Board of Licensed Professional Counselors	https://lpc.ky.gov/	lpc@ky.gov	(502) 782-8803
Louisiana	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	No	None	NCE or NCMHCE, 3000 supervision hours	Louisiana State Board of Licensed Professional Counselors	https://www.lpcboard.org/	lpcboard@lpcboard.org	(225) 295-8444
Maine	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	Yes	Master of Science in Counseling and Human Services and Professional Counseling Certificate	NCE, 2000 supervision hours	Maine Board of Counseling Professionals Licensure	https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionals/licensing/professionals/board-of-counseling-professionals-licensure	counselboard@maine.gov	(207) 624-8623

Maine	Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC)	Yes	Master of Science in Counseling and Human Services and Professional Counseling Certificate	NCMHCE, 3000 supervision hours	Maine Board of Counseling Professionals Licensure	https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionals/board-of-counseling-professionals-licensure	counsel.board@maine.gov	(207) 624-8623
Maryland	Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC)	Yes	Master of Science in Counseling and Human Services and Professional Counseling Certificate	NCE, MD Law Exam, 3000 supervision hours	Maryland Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists	https://health.maryland.gov/bopc/Pages/index.aspx		(410) 764-4732
Massachusetts	Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC)	No	None	NCMHCE, 3360 supervision hours	Massachusetts Board of Allied Mental Health and Human Services Professions	https://www.mass.gov/service-details/licensing-guidelines-for-mental-health-and-human-services-professionals	amh.board@mass.gov	(617) 701-8683
Michigan	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	No	None	NCE, 3000 supervision hours	Michigan Board Of Counseling	https://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,460,1,7-154-89334_72600_72603_27529_27536---,00.html	bplhelp@michigan.gov	(517) 241-0199
Minnesota	Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC)	No	None	NCMHCE, 2000 supervision hours	Minnesota Board of Behavioral Health & Therapy	https://mn.gov/boards/behavioral-health/	bbht.board@state.mn.us	(651) 201-2756
Mississippi	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	No	None	NCE and NCMHCE, 3000 supervision hours	Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors	https://www.lpc.ms.gov/wplpc/	info@lpc.ms.gov	(601) 359-1010
Mississippi	Certified Mental Health Therapist	Yes	Master of Science in Counseling and Human Services	DMH Mental Health Therapist Exam, 2 years work experience	Mississippi Department of Mental Health	http://www.dmh.ms.gov/who-we-are/board-of-mental-health/	info@lpc.ms.gov	(601) 359-1288
Missouri	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	No	None	NCE, MO Legal and Ethical Responsibilities Exam, 3000 supervision hours	Missouri Committee for Professional Counselors	https://pr.mo.gov/counselors.asp	profcounselor@pr.mo.gov	(573) 751-0018
Montana	Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC)	No	None	NCE or NCMHCE, 3000 supervision hours	Montana Board of Behavioral Health	https://boards.bsdi.dli.mt.gov/behavioral-health/	dlibsdhelp@mt.gov	(406) 444-6880

Nebraska	Certified Professional Counselor (CPC)	Yes	Master of Science in Counseling and Human Services and Professional Counseling Certificate	NCE or NCMHCE, 3000 supervision hours	Nebraska Office of Behavioral Health & Consumer Services	https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Mental-Health-and-Social-Work-Practice.aspx	DHHS.Licensure2117@nebraska.gov	(402) 471-2117
Nebraska	Licensed Mental Health Practitioner (LMHP)	Yes	Master of Science in Counseling and Human Services and Professional Counseling Certificate	NCE or NCMHCE, 3000 supervision hours	Nebraska Office of Behavioral Health & Consumer Services	https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Mental-Health-and-Social-Work-Practice.aspx	DHHS.Licensure2117@nebraska.gov	(402) 471-2117
Nevada	Clinical Professional Counselor (CPC)	Yes	Master of Science in Counseling and Human Services and Professional Counseling Certificate	NCMHCE, 3000 supervision hours	Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors	https://marriage.nv.gov/Services/CPC/	mftbd2@mftbd.nv.gov	(702) 486-7388
New Hampshire	Mental Health Counselor (MHC)	No	None	NCMHCE, 1500 supervision hours	New Hampshire Board of Mental Health Practice	https://www.oplc.nh.gov/board-mental-health-practice	OPLC.BDMHP@oplc.nh.gov	(603) 271-2152
New Jersey	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	Yes	Master of Science in Counseling and Human Services and Professional Counseling Certificate	NCE, 4500 supervision hours	New Jersey Professional Counselor Examiners Committee	https://www.niconsumeraffairs.gov/pages/default.aspx	MFTinquiries@dca.njoa.gov	(973) 504-6582
New Mexico	Professional Clinical Mental Health Counselor (LPCC)	No	None	NCE and NCMHCE, 3000 supervision hours	New Mexico Counseling and Therapy Practice Board	http://www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/Counseling_and_Therapy_Practice.aspx	counseling.board@state.nm.us	(505) 476-4622
New York	Mental Health Counselor (MHC)	No	None	NCMHCE, 3000 supervision hours	New York State Board for Mental Health Practitioner	http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/mhp/mhclm.htm	mhpbnd@nysed.gov	(518) 474-3817
North Carolina	Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor (LCMHC)	No	None	NCE or NCMHCE or CRC, NC Jurisprudence, 3000 supervision hours	North Carolina Board of Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselors	https://www.ncblpc.org/	LCMHCinfo@ncblcmhc.org	(844) 622-3572
North Dakota	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	No	None	NCE, 400 hours of client contact, 100 hours supervised directly	North Dakota Board of Counselor Examiners	http://www.ndbce.org/	ndbce@outlook.com	(701) 667-5969
North Dakota	Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC)	No	None	NCMHCE, 3000 supervision hours	North Dakota Board of Counselor Examiners	http://www.ndbce.org/	ndbce@outlook.com	(701) 667-5969

Ohio	Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC)	Yes	Master of Science in Counseling and Human Services and Professional Counseling Certificate	NCMHCE, 3000 supervision hours	Ohio Counselor and Social Worker Board	https://cswmft.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/cswmft/	cswmft.info@cswb.ohio.gov	(614) 466-0912
Oklahoma	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	Yes	Master of Science in Counseling and Human Services and Professional Counseling Certificate	NCE, OK Legal and Ethical Responsibilities Exam, 3000 supervision hours	Oklahoma State Board of Behavioral Health	https://www.ok.gov/behavioralhealth/		(405) 522-3696
Oregon	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	No	None	NCE or NCMHCE or CRC, OR Laws and Rules Exam, 2400 supervision hours	Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists	https://www.oregon.gov/oblpc/Pages/index.aspx	lpct.board@oregon.gov	(503) 378-5499
Pennsylvania	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	No	None	NCE, 3000 supervision hours	Pennsylvania State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors	https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/SocialWorkersMarriageandFamilyTherapistsandProfessionalCounselors/Pages/default.aspx	ST-SOCIALWORK@PA.GOV	(717) 783-1389
Puerto Rico	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	No	None	Information not available	Puerto Rico Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors	http://www.salud.gov.pr/Pages/Home.aspx	contactus@salud.pr.gov	(787) 765-2929
Rhode Island	Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor (LCMHC)	No	None	NCMHCE, 2000 supervision hours	Rhode Island Board of Mental Health Counselors and Marriage/Family Therapists	https://health.ri.gov/licenses/detail.php?id=228#one		(401) 222-2828
South Carolina	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	No	None	NCE or NCMHCE, 1500 supervision hours	South Carolina Board of Examiners for the Licensure of Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, Addiction Counselors and Psycho-Educational Specialists	https://llr.sc.gov/cou/	Contact.Counselor@llr.sc.gov	(803) 896-4658
South Dakota	Licensed Professional Counselor- Mental Health (LPC-MH)	No	None	NCE and NCMHCE, 2000 supervision hours	South Dakota Board of Examiners for Counselors & Marriage and Family Therapists	https://dss.sd.gov/licensingboards/counselors/counselors.aspx	SDBCE@midwestsolutionssd.com	(605) 224-1721

Tennessee	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	No	None	NCE, TN Jurisprudence Exam, 1000 supervision hours (face-to-face with clients)	Tennessee Board for Licensed Professional Counselors, Licensed Marital and Family Therapists and Licensed Clinical Pastoral Therapists	https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/pcmft-board.html	(615)741-5735
Tennessee	Licensed Professional Counselor - Mental Health Service Provider (LPC/MHSP)	No	None	NCE, NCMHCE, TN Jurisprudence Exam, 1500 supervision hours (face-to-face with clients)	Tennessee Board for Licensed Professional Counselors, Licensed Marital and Family Therapists and Licensed Clinical Pastoral Therapists	https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/pcmft-board.html	(615)741-5735
Texas	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	Yes	Master of Science in Counseling and Human Services and Professional Counseling Certificate	NCE or NCMHCE, TX Jurisprudence Exam, Human Trafficking Awareness Course, 3000 supervision hours	Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors	https://www.bhec.texas.gov/texas-state-board-of-examiners-of-professional-counselors/index.html	lpc@hhsc.state.tx.us (512) 305-7700
U.S. Virgin Islands	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	Yes	Master of Science in Counseling and Human Services and Professional Counseling Certificate	NCE or NCMHCE, 2500 supervision hours	U.S. Virgin Islands Board of Licensed Counselors and Examiners	https://dlca.vi.gov/boardcertifications/steps/counselorrequirements/	
Utah	Clinical Mental Health Counselor (CMHC)	No	None	NCE, NCMHCE, Suicide Prevention Course, 4000 supervision hours	Utah Clinical Mental Health Counselor Board	https://dopl.utah.gov/cmhc/ b3@utah.gov	(801) 530-6628
Vermont	Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor (LCMHC)	No	None	NCE, NCMHCE, 3000 supervision hours	Vermont Board of Allied Mental Health	https://sos.vermont.gov/opr/	(802) 828-1505
Virginia	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	Yes	Master of Science in Counseling and Human Services and Professional Counseling Certificate	NCMHCE, 3400 supervision hours	Virginia Board of Counseling	https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/counseling/ Coun@dhp.virginia.gov	(804) 367-4610
Virginia	Qualified Mental Health Professional-Adult (QMHP-A)	Yes	Master of Science in Counseling and Human Services	3000 hours work experience (reduced 1500-3000 hours depending upon education)	Virginia Board of Qualified Mental Health Professionals	https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/counseling_QMHP.htm qmhp@dhp.virginia.gov	(804) 367-3053

Virginia	Qualified Mental Health Professional-Child (QMHP-C)	Yes	Master of Science in Counseling and Human Services	3000 hours work experience (reduced 1500-3000 hours depending upon education)	Virginia Board of Qualified Mental Health Professionals	https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/counseling_QMHP.htm	qmhp@dhp.virginia.gov	(804) 367-3053
Washington	Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC)	Yes	Master of Science in Counseling and Human Services	NCE or NCMHCE, 3000 supervision hours	Washington State Department of Health	https://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworUpdate/CertifiedCounselor	hsqa.csc@doh.wa.gov	(360) 236-4700
West Virginia	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	Yes	Master of Science in Counseling and Human Services and Professional Counseling Certificate	NCE or NCMHCE or CRC, 3000 supervision hours	West Virginia Board of Examiners in Counseling	http://www.wvbec.org/	counselingboard@msn.com	(304) 558-5494
Wisconsin	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	No	None	NCE or NCMHCE or CRCE, WI Statutes and Rules Exam, 3000 supervision hours	Wisconsin Joint Board of Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling, and Social Work	https://dsps.wi.gov/Pages/Professions/LPC/Default.aspx	dsps@wi.gov	(608) 266-2112
Wyoming	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	Yes	Master of Science in Counseling and Human Services and Professional Counseling Certificate	NCE or NCMHE or CRCC, 3000 supervision hours	Wyoming Mental Health Professions Licensing Board	https://mentalhealth.wyo.gov/	wyomhplb@wyo.gov	(307) 777-7788
<p>More information on the NCE and NCMHCE can be found at: https://nbcc.org/. The programs do not prepare students to pass state-specific jurisprudence, law, or ethics examinations. More information on these types of exams can be found on the individual state websites. States vary on when supervision hours can begin, and in how many face-to-face and direct supervision hours are included in the total. The requirements listed above display a portion of the detail found on the individual board websites. Visit the appropriate state for a full list of requirements. Licensure rules can change frequently, visit the state sites for the most up to date information.</p>								