

# State Professional Counseling Licensing Boards

Two types of accreditation are recognized in the United States; institutional and specialized. Institutional accreditation takes the entire institution into account while the specialized focus on professional preparation programs. The Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) is a specialized accreditation that focuses on master's and doctoral degree programs in counseling at colleges and universities worldwide. Only accredited institutions are eligible for CACREP review. The review for accreditation will center on programs offering graduate degrees in counseling.

Choosing a CACREP accredited program ensures that the program meets the highest of quality standards. Many counseling specialties are accredited by the CACREP, including Addiction Counseling. Accredited Addiction Counseling programs prepare individuals to work with those affected by addictive behavior and their families. Addictive behaviors include alcohol, drugs, food, gambling, or sex.

CACREP accredited programs will focus on treatment models and the phases of addiction including prevention, recovery, and relapse prevention. These 60-semester hour programs will include the application of interventions. When students choose a CACREP accredited program they can be confident that:

- the program meets or exceeds national standards
- the program will focus on professional counseling rather than psychology or education
- the program has an excellent reputation
- CACREP graduates statistically receive higher scores on the National Counselor Examination for Licensure and Certification (NCE).
- the requirements for licensure will be met.

## ALABAMA

### Board of Examiners in Counseling

The Alabama Board of Examiners in Counseling is a panel of professional counselors appointed to regulate counseling professionals. Their mission is to:

- protect the public
- enforce counseling licensure qualification standards
- enforce disciplinary procedures when required

950 22nd Street North, Suite 765

Birmingham, AL 35203

800/822-3307

205/458-8716

<http://www.abec.state.al.us/>

### Licensure:

Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)

Associate Licensed Counselor (ALC)

## ALASKA

### Board of Professional Counselors

The Alaska Board of Professional Counselors regulates and enforces all laws that govern professional counseling practices. The Board is responsible for licensing decisions and imposing disciplinary actions when

counselors violate laws. Be aware that the process to obtain a new counselor's license can take three months or more after an application is completed.

P.O. Box 110806

Juneau, AK 99811-0806

907/465-2974

<https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/ProfessionalCounselors.aspx>

**Licensure:**

Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)

## **ARIZONA**

### **Board of Behavioral Health Examiners**

The Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners exists to enforce the qualifications standards and performance expectations of licensed behavioral health professionals. The Board regulates all fields of counseling including marriage and family therapists, social workers and addiction counselors. The Board also has the responsibility of protecting the public from unethical or unlawful behavioral health professionals. The Board investigates any complaints and enforces disciplinary action.

1740 West Adams Street, Suite 3600

Phoenix AZ 85007

602-542-1882

<http://azbbhe.us>

**Licensure:**

Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)

Licensed Associate Counselor (LAC)

## **ARKANSAS**

### **Board of Examiners in Counseling**

The Arkansas Board of Examiners in Counseling oversees the quality of mental health care provided to Arkansas' citizens. The Board is responsible to oversee both Licensed Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists. The Arkansas Board also researches applicants' credentials and monitors new licensees for their first three years in practice. The Board of Examiners enforces any disciplinary action including suspension or revocation of licensure. Their mission is to "protect the public" and ensure the quality of the state's mental health services.

101 East Capitol, Suite 202, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

501.683.5800

<https://abec.statesolutions.us/>

**Licensure:**

Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)

Licensed Associate Counselor (LAC)

## **CALIFORNIA**

### **Board of Behavioral Sciences**

The California Board of Behavioral Sciences is a regulatory committee provides licensure exams, licensing, and enforces state standards for professional counselors. The committee sets and enforces standards for mental health professionals, communicating current standards to licensees. The mission of the Board is to "protect and serve" the citizens of California.

1625 North Market Boulevard, Suite S-200  
Sacramento, CA 95834  
916-574-7830  
<https://www.bbs.ca.gov/>

**Licensure:**

Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists (LMFT) and Interns (IMF)  
Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSW) Associates (ASW)  
Licensed Professional Clinical Counselors (LPCC) and Interns (APCC)  
Licensed Educational Psychologists (LEP)

## **COLORADO**

### **Board of Licensed Professional Counselor Examiners**

The Colorado Board of Licensed Professional Counselor Examiners is a division of the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA). DORA Boards are committed to encouraging business while protecting consumers. The Board reviews licensure applications and provides licensure exams, renewals, and continued education information. The Board also reviews consumer complaints, enforcing disciplinary action when licensees are found to violate the Mental Health Practice Act or other Colorado rules of practice.

1560 Broadway  
Denver, CO 80202  
303-894-7855  
[www.dora.state.co.us/mental-health](http://www.dora.state.co.us/mental-health)

**Licensure:**

Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)

## **CONNECTICUT**

### **Department of Public Health, Professional Counselor Licensure**

The Connecticut Department of Public Health is responsible for overseeing Professional Counselor Licensure and regulating counseling practices in the state. Applicants must provide required proof of education to be eligible for the licensure examination. The Department of Public Health also enforces a period of practice under supervision for all new licensees.

410 Capitol Avenue, MS #12APP  
P.O. Box 340308  
Hartford, CT 06134-0308  
860-509-7603  
<https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Practitioner-Licensing--Investigations/Professional-Counselor/Professional-Counselor-Licensing>

**Licensure:**

Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)

## **DELAWARE**

### **Board of Mental Health and Chemical Dependency Professionals**

The Delaware Board of Mental Health and Chemical Dependency Professionals' primary goal is protecting their state's citizens from unsafe and unethical counseling practices. The Delaware Board develops professional standards, rules, and regulations. The Board maintains competency standards as well as watching

for incidents of price fixing or other unethical practices. The Board also handles all complaints against licensees and enforces any necessary discipline.

The Board regulates licensure for:

- mental health counselors
- associate counselors of mental health
- chemical dependency counselors
- marriage and family therapists
- associate marriage and family therapists

Cannon Building  
861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Suite 203  
Dover, DE 19904-2467  
302-744-4500  
<https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/profcounselors/>

**Licensure:**

Licensed Professional Counselor of Mental Health (LPCMH)

Licensed Associate Counselor of Mental Health (LACMH)

## **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

### **Board of Professional Counseling**

The Board of Professional Counseling is responsible for regulating professional counseling practices in the District of Columbia. The Board enforces all laws pertaining to counseling practices in the district. Additionally, the D.C. Board evaluates the qualifications of applicants, issues licenses, and implements standards and procedures for counseling practices. The Board receives and investigates complaints and enforces professional discipline.

899 North Capitol Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20002  
202-442-5955  
<https://dchealth.dc.gov/node/160252>

**Licensure:**

Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)

## **FLORIDA**

### **Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage & Family Therapy, and Mental Health Counseling**

The Florida Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage & Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling is the state's regulatory agency for counseling practice. The Board claims exemplary leadership in the Florida healthcare industry by communicating with the public, the government, and the education community. The Board makes every effort to clearly communicate licensure procedures to interested applicants. Their website provides extensive information about practice standards, licensure for applicants, or professionals in need of information or renewal.

4052 Bald Cypress Way, BIN C-08  
Tallahassee, FL 32399  
850-245-4474  
<https://floridasmmentalhealthprofessions.gov/>

**Licensure:**

Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC)  
Provisional Mental Health Counselor (RMH)

## **GEORGIA**

### **Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists**

The Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists is a committee of 10 appointees. The mission of the Board is to regulate the practice of licensed Georgia

- Professional Counselors
- Social Workers
- Marriage and Family Therapists

The Board was created to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Georgia's citizens. The Board enforces education and training standards for licensure in each field of mental health practice. They enforce a set code of ethics, establish and enforce continuing education requirements, and administer any disciplinary action.

214 State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334  
844-753-7825  
<http://sos.ga.gov/index.php/licensing/plb/43>

#### **Licensure:**

Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)  
Associate Licensed Professional Counselor (LAPC)

## **HAWAII**

### **Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs**

#### **Professional and Vocational Licensing Division (PVL)**

The Professional and Vocational Licensing Division (PVL) oversees the Hawaiian Mental Health Counselor Program and licensure. The program implements educational requirements. Licensure requirements are overseen by the PVL. The Division also provides continuing education information and handles complaints and disciplinary action pertaining to mental health professionals.

P.O. Box 3469  
Honolulu, HI 96801  
(808) 586-2692  
<http://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/programs/mental/>

#### **Licensure:**

Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC)

## **IDAHO**

### **State Licensing Board of Professional Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists**

The Idaho State Licensing Board of Professional Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists exists to regulate mental health practitioners in the state. By regulating licensure and monitoring licensees the Board strives to ensure that standards and ethical practices are followed. The Board oversees licensure, renewals, and inspections of establishments that offer counseling services.

700 West State Street, Boise, ID 83702  
208-334-3233  
<https://ibol.idaho.gov/IBOL/BoardPage.aspx?Bureau=COU>

**Licensure:**

Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC)

Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)

Registered Counselor Intern (RI)

**ILLINOIS****Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulations (IDFPR)****Professional Counselor Licensing and Disciplinary Board**

The Illinois Professional Counselor Licensing and Disciplinary Board focuses on the regulation of the counseling industry, overseeing licensure, practice, complaints, and disciplinary action. The Board oversees counseling practices, as well as advises the IDFPR Secretary on issues that affect public policy relating to the industry. It is the responsibility to recommend educational programs geared toward counseling careers and continuing education. The Board also monitors the performance and conduct of licensed counselors in Illinois.

320 W. Washington Street, 3rd Floor

Springfield, IL 62786

217-785-0800

<https://www.idfpr.com/profs/ProfCounselor.asp>

**Licensure:**

Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC)

Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)

**INDIANA****Indiana Professional Licensing Agency (IPLA)****Behavioral Health & Human Services Licensing Board**

The Indiana Behavioral Health and Human Services Licensing Board is an arm of IPLA. The goal of IPLA is to provide licensing opportunities to qualified applicants. The Board focuses its attention on the licensure of mental health professionals. IPLA strives to offer efficient exam processes to all potential licensees, as well as online renewal current professionals. The Board is responsible for supervising the conduct of existing counseling practices and investigating complaints.

402 W. Washington Street, Room W072

Indianapolis, IN 46204

317-234-2054

<https://www.in.gov/pla/social.htm>

**Licensure:**

Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC)

Licensed Mental Health Counselor - Associate (LMHCA)

**IOWA****Board of Behavioral Science**

The Iowa Board of Behavioral Science consists of an Executive of the Iowa Department of Public Health, aided by a Secretary of the Iowa Bureau of Professional Licensure. The Board evaluates applicant qualifications for Mental Health Counselor and Marital and Family Therapist licenses. It is also the responsibility of the Board of Behavioral Science to investigate complaints in an effort to protect the public from unprofessional conduct in the industry. The Board offers licensing, renewals, and reactivation.

Lucas State Office Building, 5th Floor

321 E. 12th Street  
Des Moines, IA 50319  
515-281-7689  
<https://idph.iowa.gov/Licensure/Iowa-Board-of-Behavioral-Science>  
**Licensure:**  
Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC)

## **KANSAS**

### **Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board**

The counseling industry in Kansas is regulated by the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board (BSRB). The Board offers information regarding state laws pertaining to counseling professionals. Also available is a list of licensees with any disciplinary action they may have endured. The mission of the BSRB is to “protect and serve” BSRB licensee consumers. The Board issues licenses and resolves complaints while formulating standards for practice and regulations of the industry.

700 SW Harrison St, Suite 420, Topeka, KS 66603  
785-296-3240  
<https://ksbsrb.ks.gov/>

#### **Licensure:**

Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)  
Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC)  
Licensed Professional Counselor-Temporary (LPC-T)

## **KENTUCKY**

### **Board of Licensed Professional Counselors**

The Kentucky Board of Professional Counselors serves the purpose of regulating the counseling industry to meet the needs of, and protect, consumers. The Board evaluates the eligibility of candidates, issuing professional counseling licenses to qualified individuals. In Kentucky, this regulatory board also advises legislating bodies on possible changes to established laws. Complaints toward licensees are met with formal hearings conducted by the board, prosecuting when deemed necessary.

911 Leawood Drive, Frankfort, KY 40601  
502-564-3296  
<http://lpc.ky.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

#### **Licensure:**

Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC)  
Licensed Professional Counselor Associate (LPCA)

## **LOUISIANA**

### **Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners**

The Louisiana Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners states in their mission statement that they “protect the public interest” in regard to mental health counseling. The Board regulates the counseling industry throughout the state including licensing and investigating complaints against professionals. The Board has established the Professional Assistance Program (PAP) to assist professionals and safeguard consumers.

8631 Summa Avenue  
Baton Rouge, LA 70809  
225/765-2515

<http://www.lpcboard.org/>

**Licensure:**

Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)

Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT)

Provisional Licensed Professional Counselor (PLPC)

Provisional Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (PLMFT)

## **MAINE**

### **Department of Professional and Financial Regulation (DPFR)**

#### **Board of Counseling Professionals Licensure**

The Maine Board of Counseling Professionals Licensure is a division of the DPFR which was created to protect Maine's citizens through regulation. The Board currently only offers license renewals. Initial licenses are issued via the DPFR, but information can be acquired through the Board. The Board of Counseling Professionals investigates consumer complaints as well as offering specific information on Maine laws regarding the counseling profession.

Gardiner Annex

76 Northern Ave.

Gardiner, ME. 04345

207-624-8603

<https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/counselors/>

**Licensure:**

Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC)

Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)

Licensed Professional Counselor-Conditional (LPC-C)

## **MARYLAND**

### **Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists**

The Maryland State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists is regulated by the Maryland Professional Counselors and Therapists Act. The Board acts as the licensing authority for professional counselors and therapists. The Board certifies qualified candidates and provides licensing and renewal services, along with monitoring continuing education requirements. Complaints of violations to state regulations are investigated here, and disciplinary action is the Board's responsibility. In Maryland, this Board is required to submit an annual report to the Governor.

4201 Patterson Avenue, 3rd Floor

Baltimore, MD 21215

410-764-2400

<https://health.maryland.gov/bopc/Pages/index.aspx>

**Licensure:**

Licensed Graduate Professional Counselor (LGPC)

Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC)

Certified Professional Counselor (CPC) – Renewal only

## **MASSACHUSETTS**

### **Board of Registration of Allied Mental Health & Human Services Professionals**

The Massachusetts Board of Registration of Allied Mental Health and Human Services Professions regulates several fields in the counseling industry. The Board issues licenses to qualified candidates utilizing contracted



test vendors to provide licensing exams. It is the responsibility of this board to investigate complaints and administer and necessary discipline to professionals. The fields regulated by this Board include Behavioral Analysis, Educational Psychology, Marriage and Family Therapy, Mental Health Counseling, and Rehabilitation Counseling.

1000 Washington Street, Suite 710

Boston, MA 02118

617-727-3080

<https://www.mass.gov/orgs/board-of-registration-of-allied-mental-health-and-human-services-professions>

**Licensure:**

Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC)

## **MICHIGAN**

### **Board of Counseling**

The Michigan Board of Counseling regulates any professionals rendering clinical counseling services. It is the responsibility of the Board to “promote and protect” the health, safety, and welfare of the Michigan public at large. The Board implements entry-level qualifications and issues qualified candidates professional licenses. The Board of Counseling is also obligated to enforce disciplinary action when licensees negatively affect the aforementioned health, safety, and/or welfare of the citizens of Michigan.

LARA

Ottawa Building

611 W. Ottawa

P.O. Box 30004

Lansing, MI 48909

517-335-9700

[https://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-89334\\_72600\\_72603\\_27529\\_27536-58876--,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-89334_72600_72603_27529_27536-58876--,00.html)

**Licensure:**

Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)

Limited Licensed Counselor (LLC)

## **MINNESOTA**

### **Board of Behavioral Health and Therapy**

The Minnesota Board of Behavioral Health and Therapy states that their mission is to “protect the public” by enforcing statutes governing licensees. The Board provides effective licensure practices for qualified candidates as well as monitoring the counseling industry to uphold standards of ethical practice. The Board is responsible for initial and renewal licensure and setting forth rules of conduct. A list of licensees is available through the Board, as well as consumer information regarding the laws and regulations professionals must adhere to. The Minnesota Board reviews established rules periodically and are host to a disciplinary committee with a formal complaint process.

2829 University Ave SE, Suite 210

Minneapolis MN 55414

Phone: (612) 548-2177

<https://mn.gov/boards/behavioral-health/>

**Licensure:**

Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC)

Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)

## **MISSISSIPPI**

### **State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors**

In Mississippi, the State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors provides licensure and regulation of professional counselors. Anyone using the title of “Licensed Professional Counselor” in the state is subject to the regulations enforced by this Board. The mission of the Board is to protect the "public health, safety, and welfare" of Mississippi’s citizens. Board members in Mississippi are appointed by the Governor and must be confirmed by the Senate. Regulations are enforced to ensure the integrity of the Board. Mississippi takes the responsibilities of this regulatory Board very seriously.

239 North Lamar Street

Suite 402

Jackson, MS 39201

601-359-1010

<https://www.lpc.ms.gov/secure/index.asp>

**Licensure:** Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)

Provisional Licensed Professional Counselor (P-LPC)

## **MISSOURI**

### **Committee for Professional Counselors**

The Committee for Professional Counselors in Missouri consists of six committee members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the State Senate. As an arm of the Division of Professional Registration, the committee is responsible for examining licensure candidate qualifications. The Board also investigates complaints lodged against the counseling profession. The committee communicates with established professionals as well as prospective licensees through education programs and professional associations. It is the goal of the committee to inform students and practitioners of changes to pertinent laws or regulations including the newly required Suicide Prevention Training.

3605 Missouri Boulevard

P.O. Box 1335

Jefferson City, MO 65102-1335

573-751-0018

<https://pr.mo.gov/counselors.asp>

**Licensure:**

Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)

Provisional Licensed Professional Counselor (PLPC)

## **MONTANA**

### **Department of Labor and Industry**

#### **Board of Behavioral Health**

The Montana Board of Behavioral Health is on a mission to “protect the health, safety, and well-being” of Montana’s citizens. Members of the Board are appointed by the Governor and must be confirmed by the Montana Senate. The Board regulates and oversees the licensing and practices of all fields of counseling in the state. On their website, the Board strives to keep relevant content updated pertaining to current licensure requirements and professional regulations.

301 S. Park, 4th Floor

P.O. Box 200513

Helena, MT 59620  
406-444-5773  
<http://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/bbh>

**Licensure:**

Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors (LCPC)

## **NEBRASKA**

### **Department of Health and Human Services**

#### **Mental Health and Social Work Practice**

As an arm of the Department of Health and Human Services, the Mental Health and Social Work Practice regulates the many licenses and titles offered to counselors in the state. Nebraska offers two levels of licensure for Addiction Counseling. The Provisional Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (PLADC) license provides beginners to gain experience while supervised. The ultimate goal will be to attain a Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LADC) designation.

P.O. Box 95026  
Lincoln, NE 68509  
402-471-3121  
<http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Pages/crIMHPSWHome.aspx>

**Licensure:**

Provisional Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (PLADC)

Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LADC)

## **NEVADA**

### **Board of Examiners for Marriage & Family Therapists & Clinical Professional Counselors**

The Nevada Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors was established to protect consumers when dealing with mental health professionals. The Board exists to ensure the ethical conduct of both therapists and licensed clinical counselors in the state of Nevada.

Applicants requesting a license to practice clinical professional counseling in Nevada must present evidence to the Board that they have successfully completed the National Certified Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE). The exam is given throughout the U.S. by the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC).

7324 West Cheyenne Suite #9  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89129  
702-486-7388  
[marriage.nv.gov/](http://marriage.nv.gov/)

**Licensure:**

Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LCADC)

## **NEW HAMPSHIRE**

### **Board of Mental Health Practice**

The New Hampshire Board of Mental Health Practice protects mental health consumers by setting practice standards, a licensure system, enforcing continuing competency, and regulating the industry. The Board was created to ensure that mental health professionals offer effective, quality services. The Board of Mental Health Practice oversees Clinical Mental Health Counselors, Pastoral Psychotherapists, Clinical Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists.

121 South Fruit Street, Suite 303  
Concord, NH 03301  
603-271-2702  
<https://www.oplc.nh.gov/mental-health/>

**Licensure:**

Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor (LCMHC)

## **NEW JERSEY**

### **Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners**

#### **Professional Counselor Examiners Committee**

#### **Alcohol and Drug Counselors Committee**

The New Jersey Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners is host to regulatory committees including the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee and Alcohol and Drug Counselors Committee. The purpose of the Alcohol and Drug Counselors Committee is to:

- protect the health, safety, and welfare of New Jersey citizens
- regulate Alcohol and Drug Counseling professionals
- investigate complaints regarding any unprofessional conduct by Alcohol and Drug Counselors
- enforce disciplinary action for unethical or unlicensed practices

124 Halsey Street, 6th Floor  
P.O. Box 45007  
Newark, New Jersey 07101  
973-504-6415  
<https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/adcc/Pages/default.aspx>

**Licensure:**

Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)

Licensed Associate Counselor (LAC)

## **NEW MEXICO**

### **Counseling and Therapy Practice Board**

The New Mexico Counseling and Therapy Practice Board creates and enforces professional standards for counselors and therapists in the state. The Board is responsible for setting continuing education requirements for New Mexico counselors. The Board also investigates consumer complaints and enforces any disciplinary action. The Counseling and Therapy Practice Board regulates four levels of drug and alcohol licensure including Licensed Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor (LADAC) and three tiers of Licensed Substance Abuse Associate (LSAA). Tiers are dependent upon the level of degree completed.

2550 Cerrillos Road  
Santa Fe, NM 87505  
505-476-4500  
[http://www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/counseling\\_and\\_therapy\\_practice.aspx](http://www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/counseling_and_therapy_practice.aspx)

**Licensure:**

Licensed Professional Mental Health Counselor (LPMHC)

Licensed Professional Clinical Mental Health Counselor (LPCMHC)

Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC)

Registered Mental Health Counselor (RMHC)

## **NEW YORK**

### **Office of the Professions**

Licensing for Mental Health Counselors in New York is the responsibility of the Office of the Professions. New York State uses a unique system of regulation guided by the Regents consisting of a citizen body. The New York State Education Department, under the direction of the Regents and through the Office of the Professions, issues professional regulations. The Office of the Professions review the qualifications of candidates for licensure and also fulfill any supervision required by the state. New licensees are allowed to practice under a limited permit while under supervision. New York licensure exam requirements include a passing score on the National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination (NCMHCE) given by the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC).

89 Washington Avenue

Albany, NY 12234-1000

518-474-3817, x450

<http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/mhp/>

#### **Licensure:**

Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC)

## **NORTH CAROLINA**

### **Board of Licensed Professional Counselors (NCBLPC)**

The mission of the NCBLPC to regulate any persons offering counseling services in the state. The Board exists to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public. The Board is responsible for administering and enforcing national standards of counselor preparation and ethical practices defined by the National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC). NBCC testing, the National Counselor Examination (NCE), is used by North Carolina to determine the eligibility of licensure applicants. The Board also relies on standards set by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP).

P.O. Box 77819

Greensboro, NC 27417

336-217-6007

<http://www.ncblpc.org/>

#### **Licensure:**

Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)

Licensed Professional Counselor Associate (LPCA)

Licensed Professional Counselor Supervisor (LPCS)

## **NORTH DAKOTA**

### **Board of Counselor Examiners (NDBCE)**

The NDBCE was established to regulate the practice of professional counseling throughout North Dakota. Their mission is to ensure that counseling practices are “competent, safe, and ethical.” The Board sets licensure requirements and provides examinations for new candidates as well as setting standards for existing practices. The NDBCE also creates and monitors continuing education requirements and investigates any complaints brought against mental health professionals.

2112 10th Ave SE

Mandan, ND 58554

701-667-5969

<http://www.ndbce.org/>

**Licensure:**

Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC)

Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)

Licensed Associate Professional Counselor (LAPC)

## **OHIO**

### **Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board**

The Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board has the responsibility of protecting Ohio's consumers of mental health services. The Board establishes and enforces licensure and practice standards for professional counselors, social workers, and therapists. Each of these three counseling fields has a committee designated to review licensure applications and regulate the specific field of practice.

77 South High Street, Room 2468

Columbus, OH 43215

614-466-0912

<https://cswmft.ohio.gov/>

**Licensure:**

Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC)

Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)

## **OKLAHOMA**

### **State Board of Behavioral Health Licensure (BBHL)**

The Oklahoma BBHL was created to protect the public. The Board promotes and enforces regulations that govern the practice of mental health professionals in Oklahoma. The Board is responsible for overseeing Licensed Professional Counselors, Licensed Marital and Family Therapists, and Licensed Behavioral Practitioners. The BBHL provides licensure, supervision, continuing education, and complaint processing to the mental health industry.

3815 N. Santa Fe, Suite 110

Oklahoma City, OK 73118

405-522-3696

<https://www.ok.gov/behavioralhealth/>

**Licensure:** Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)

## **OREGON**

### **Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists**

The Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists regulates the practice of professional counseling and therapy. The Board oversees licensure requirements including reviewing educational qualifications, and competency exams, along with clinical supervision. The Board approves supervisory candidates and monitors state continuing education requirements. Board members are appointed to protect Oregon consumers from unprofessional counseling practices.

3218 Pringle Road, SE, Suite 120

Salem, OR 97302

503-378-5499

<https://www.oregon.gov/OBLPCT/Pages/index.aspx>

**Licensure:** Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)

## **PENNSYLVANIA**

### **State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Professional Counselors**

The Pennsylvania State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors is responsible for protecting the public from unprofessional and improper practices in professional counseling. The Board regulates clinical social workers, marriage and family therapists, and professional counselors. The Board enforces regulations, issues licenses, and offers renewal. The Pennsylvania Board also conducts complaint hearings and enforces discipline including license suspension and revocation.

P.O. Box 2649

Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649

717-783-1389

<https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/SocialWorkersMarriageandFamilyTherapistsandProfessionalCounselors/Pages/default.aspx>

**Licensure:** Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)

## **RHODE ISLAND**

### **Department of Health**

#### **Board of Mental Health Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists**

The Rhode Island Board of Mental Health Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists advises the Department and Director of Health in matters concerning the mental health profession. The Board reviews and approves, or rejects, applications for licensure and formulates regulations pertaining to the mental health professionals. The Board is responsible for ensuring the highest quality of care for the citizens of Rhode Island. Their mission includes qualifying individuals for professional licensure, regulating practicing professionals activities and continuing education requirements.

3 Capitol Hill, Room 104

Providence, RI 02908

401/222-7883

<https://opengov.sos.ri.gov/OpenMeetingsPublic/GovDirectory?subtopmenuId=202&EntityID=1922&MeetingID=0>

**Licensure:** Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor (LCMHC)

## **SOUTH CAROLINA**

### **Board of Examiners for Licensure of Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Psycho-Educational Specialists**

South Carolina Board of Examiners for Licensure of Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Psycho-Educational Specialists regulates the practice of mental health professionals throughout the state. The Board oversees licensure, renewals, and continuing education requirements for all mental health professionals and applicants in South Carolina. The Board also reviews complaints about violations of state regulations and either dismiss or enforce discipline.

Kingstree Building, 110 Centerview Drive

Columbia, SC 29210

803-896-4300

<https://www.llr.sc.gov/pol/counselors/>

To obtain an application for licensure please contact the Center for Credentialing and Education (CCE), an affiliate of NBCC, at:

(888) 817-8283

<https://www.llr.sc.gov/pol/counselors/>

**Licensure:** Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)

Professional Counselor Intern (LPC/I)

## **SOUTH DAKOTA**

### **Board of Examiners for Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists**

The South Dakota Board of Examiners facilitates licensure of qualified applicants for mental health professionals including Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists. South Dakota counseling licenses require a passing score on the National Board for Counselor Certification (NBCC) National Counselor Examination (NCE).

The Board of Addiction and Prevention Professionals regulates the specific practice of alcohol and drug professionals. The Board ensures ethical conduct according to accepted South Dakota and national standards in Addiction Counseling.

1351 N. Harrison Ave.

P.O. Box 340

Sioux Falls, SD 57501

605-224-1721

<https://dss.sd.gov/licensingboards/examiners.aspx>

### **Licensure:**

Licensed Professional Counselor – Mental Health (LPC-MH)

Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)

Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT)

## **TENNESSEE**

### **Board for Licensed Professional Counselors, Licensed Marital and Family Therapists and Licensed Clinical Pastoral Therapists**

The Tennessee Board for Licensed Professional Counselors, Licensed Marital and Family Therapists and Licensed Clinical Pastoral Therapists safeguards the health, safety, and welfare of Tennessee consumers. The Board enforces requirements for licensure applicants and practicing mental health professionals. The Board also determines licensure and continuing education requirements and handles complaint investigations and disciplinary actions. Their website provides extensive information pertaining to the industry and Tennessee licensed mental health professionals.

665 Mainstream Drive

Nashville, TN 37243

615/532-5088

<https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/pcmft-board.html>

### **Licensure:**

Licensed Professional Counselor-Mental Health Service Provider (LPC/MHSP)

Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)



## **TEXAS**

### **State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors**

The Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors is a focused branch of the Texas Department of State Health Services. The Board implements and enforces the “Code of Ethics” implemented by the state on the practice of mental health counseling. The Board oversees mental health professional licensure, renewals, and continuing education requirements. It is also the responsibility of the Board to investigate complaints against professionals. The focus of the Board includes improving mental health outcomes through specific strategies including prevention and intervention.

P.O. Box 149347, Mail Code 1982

Austin, Texas 78714-9347

512-834-6658

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/counselor/>

#### **Licensure:**

Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)

Licensed Professional Counselor Intern (LPC-I)

## **UTAH**

### **Department of Commerce**

#### **Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing (DOPL)**

The Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing (DOPL) is a regulatory branch of the Utah Department of Commerce. Although DOPL no longer administers mental health licensure exams, the Division does offer renewals and continuing education information. Utah now requires the NCMHC examination, provided by The National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), for licensure.

P.O. Box 146741

Salt Lake City, UT 84114-6741

801/530-6628

866/275-3675 (Utah toll-free number)

<https://dopl.utah.gov/cmhc/index.html>

#### **Licensure:**

Clinical Mental Health Counselor (CMHC)

Associate Clinical Mental Health Counselor (ACMHC)

## **VERMONT**

### **Board of Allied Mental Health Practitioners**

The Vermont Board of Allied Mental Health members are appointed by the governor to enforce laws pertaining to mental health professionals. The mission of the Board is to protect the public from unethical practices by counselors. The Vermont Board ensures that applicants are qualified for licensure, along with setting and enforcing regulations for the profession. The Office of Professional Regulation aids the Board by investigating complaints of unethical conduct and implementing any necessary disciplinary action. The Board’s website provides information for professionals and consumers including regulations governing clinical mental health counselors and lists of reputable licensees.

89 Main Street, 3rd Floor

Montpelier, VT 05620-3402

802-828-2390

<https://www.sec.state.vt.us/professional-regulation/list-of-professions/allied-mental-health.aspx>

**Licensure:**

Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor (LCMHC)

**VIRGINIA****Board of Counseling**

The Virginia Board of Counseling exists to regulate the mental health industry as well as to stay abreast of community and professional needs. The Board inspects mental health professionals to ensure that licensees practice in conformance within state regulations. The Board of Counseling also enacts and enforces qualifications for licensure, regulations for the practice of Marriage and Family Therapists as well as Substance Abuse Treatment Practitioners. The Board operates according to regulations established by the Virginia Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services.

Perimeter Center

9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300

Henrico Virginia 23233-1463

804/367-4610

<https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/counseling/>

**Licensure:**

Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)

**WASHINGTON****Mental Health Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Social Workers Advisory Committee**

The Mental Health Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Social Workers Advisory Committee is a focused entity of the Washington State Department of Health. Members of the Committee are Washington residents appointed by the Secretary of Health. The Committee oversees mental health licensure. Applicants for professional counseling licenses in Washington State must show proof of successfully passing the National Counselor Examination (NCE) or the National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination (NCMHCE).

P.O. Box 47852

Olympia, WA 98504-7852

360-236-2927

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworUpdate/MentalHealthCounselor>

**Licensure:**

Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC)

**WEST VIRGINIA****Board of Examiners in Counseling**

The West Virginia Board of Examiners in Counseling ensures the ethical practice of professional counselors and marriage and family therapists. The Board's goal is to contribute to the welfare of Washington state and its citizens. It is the responsibility of the Board to establish standards for professionals and qualify applicants for licensure. The Board establishes conducts hearings and governs the industry including the issuance, denial, and revocation of licenses to practitioners.

815 Quarrier Street, Suite 212

Charleston, WV 25301

304-558-5494

800-520-3852

www.wvbec.org

**Licensure:**

Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)

## **WISCONSIN**

### **Department of Safety and Professional Services**

#### **Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling, and Social Work Examining Board**

The Wisconsin Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling and Social Work Examining Board regulates matters of interest in the mental health profession. The Board is divided into three Sections for specifically addressing matters pertinent to individual fields of mental health. The three sections are Marriage and Family Therapist, Professional Counselor, and Social Worker. The sections of the Board deal with licensure and disciplinary matters for their specific field of practice.

4822 Madison Yards Way

Madison, WI 53705

608-266-2112

<https://dsps.wi.gov/Pages/BoardsCouncils/MPSW/Default.aspx>

**Licensure:**

Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)

## **WYOMING**

### **Mental Health Professions Licensing Board**

The Wyoming Mental Health Professions Licensing Board has a mandate from the Wyoming legislature to “safeguard the health, safety and welfare” of the state’s citizens. The Board’s mission includes qualifying candidates for licensure exams to ensure quality mental health services. Only those licensed (or certified) by the Board are entitled to use the term “Counselor.” In Wyoming, Addiction Counselors must be licensed or certified. Multiple Licensure is available. To become a Licensed Addictions Therapist (LAT) the Board requires a master’s degree, exam, and supervised practice period.

2001 Capitol Ave, Room 105

Cheyenne, WY 82002

307-777-3508

<https://mentalhealth.wyo.gov/>

**Licensure:**

Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)

Licensed Addiction Therapist (LAT)

Provisional Professional Counselor (PPC)