

Educational Requirements for State & Territory Licensing Boards July 2023

****Please Note:** Licensing laws, rules, and regulations change regularly. Thus, it is important that individuals regularly check their state licensure board.

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<p>ALABAMA</p> <p><u>Alabama Board of Examiners in Counseling</u></p>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p> <p>Associate Licensed Counselor (ALC)</p> <p>Licensed Professional Counselor – Supervisor (LPC-S)</p> <p>* ALCs work under the supervision of LPCs while they gain the experience required to qualify for the LPC credential.</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher in counseling from a CACREP or CORE accredited program, or the content equivalent, with a minimum of 60 graduate semester hours (or 90 graduate quarter hours) from a regionally accredited academic institution.</p> <p>Licensing Exam Required: <i>LPC:</i> National Counselor Examination (NCE). Once NCE is passed, counselors go from ALC to LPC.</p>	<p>Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 21st, 2023.</p>

- <https://abec.alabama.gov/about/law/>

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<p>ALASKA</p> <p><u>Board of Professional Counselors</u></p>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher in counseling or a related professional field from a regionally or nationally accredited institution of higher education approved by the board, with at least 60 graduate semester hours in counseling.</p> <p>The degree must include coursework in at least 8 core areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The helping relationship, including counseling theory & practice 2. Human growth & development 3. Lifestyle & career development 4. Group dynamics, processes, counseling & consulting 5. Assessment, appraisal, & testing of individuals 6. Social & cultural foundation, including multicultural issues 7. Principles of etiology, diagnosis, treatment planning, & prevention of mental & emotional 	<p>Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 21st, 2023.</p>

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		<p>disorders & dysfunctional behavior</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">8. Marriage & family counseling & therapy9. Research & evaluation10. Professional counseling orientation & ethics <p>An applicant must have a minimum of 3 graduate level credits in ethics.</p> <p>To pursue a LPC in Alaska, applicants must acquire 3,000 or more hours of supervised experience after graduation.</p> <p>Licensing Exam Required: National Counselor Examination (NCE) & National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE)</p>	
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- <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/Portals/5/pub/CounselorStatutes.pdf>

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<p>ARIZONA</p> <p><u>Board of Behavioral Health Examiners</u></p>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p> <p>Licensed Associate Counselor (LAC)</p> <p>* LACs work under the supervision of LPCs while they gain the experience required to qualify for the LPC credential.</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher in counseling or a related field from a program that is either CACREP or CORE accredited or includes a minimum of 60 semester hours and completion of coursework in 14 content areas.</p> <p>As of October 31, 2015: If a program is not accredited by CACREP or CORE, it must require 700 clinical supervision hours and a minimum of 24 semester hours in 8 content areas.</p> <p>Licensing Exam Required: National Counselor Examination (NCE), National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE), or Certified Rehabilitation Counselor Examination. Once one of these is passed, counselor goes from LAC to LPC.</p>	<p>Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 21st, 2023.</p>

- <https://www.azbbhe.us/node/5>

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<p>ARKANSAS</p> <p><u>Arkansas Board of Examiners in Counseling and Marriage & Family Therapy</u></p>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p> <p>Licensed Associate Counselor (LAC)</p> <p>*LACs work under the supervision of LPCs while they gain the experience required to qualify for the LPC credential.</p>	<p>Master’s degree or higher in counseling from a program that reflects the CACREP curriculum and consists of 60 semester hours from a regionally accredited institution.</p> <p>Licensing Exam Required: National Counselor Examination (NCE) & Arkansas Jurisprudence Exam.</p> <p>Once these are passed, counselor moves from LAC to LPC.</p>	<p>Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 21st, 2023.</p>

- <https://abec.statesolutions.us/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/2021-Rules-Clean-with-TOC-2-9-22.pdf>

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<p>CALIFORNIA</p> <p><u>Board of Behavioral Sciences</u></p>	<p>Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC)</p> <p>Associate Professional Clinical Counselor (APCC)</p> <p>* APCCIs work under the supervision of LPCCs while they gain the experience required to qualify for the LPCC credential.</p>	<p>Master’s degree or higher that is counseling or psychotherapy in content: Enrolled before 8/1/12 and graduate before 12/31/18: Minimum of 48 graduate semester hours Enrolled after 8/1/12 or graduate after 12/31/18: Minimum of 60 graduate semester hours.</p> <p>Must complete a California law and ethics course.</p> <p>Additional Educational Requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 45 contact hours in mental health recovery oriented care & methods of service delivery 2. 10 contact hours in human sexuality 3. 15 contact hours of California cultures & the social & psychological implications of socioeconomic position 4. 15 contact hours in spousal or partner abuse assessment, detection, and intervention strategies* 5. 7 contact hours in child abuse assessment and reporting. 6. 3 hours of coursework in provision of mental health services via telehealth 7. 10 contact hours in aging and long-term care* 8. 6 contact hours of suicide risk assessment & intervention <p>Core Content Areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Counseling & psychotherapeutic theories & techniques 2. Human growth & development across the lifespan 	<p>Please see the additional educational requirements needed for beyond the Wheaton CMHC degree required for CA.</p>

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		<ol style="list-style-type: none">3. Career development theories & techniques4. Group counseling theories & techniques5. Assessment, appraisal, & testing of individuals6. Multicultural counseling theories & techniques7. Principles of the diagnostic process8. Research & evaluation9. Professional orientation, ethics, & law in counseling10. Psychopharmacology11. Addictions counseling12. Crisis or trauma counseling13. Advanced counseling & psychotherapeutic theories & techniques <p>Licensing Exams Required: <i>APCC</i>: California Law & Ethics Exam <i>LPCC</i>: National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination (NCMHCE)</p>	
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<p>COLORADO</p> <p><u>State Board of Licensed Professional Counselor Examiners</u></p>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p> <p>Licensed Professional Counselor Candidate (LPCC)</p> <p>Provisional Licensed Professional Counselor (LPP)</p> <p>* LPCCs work under the supervision of LPCs while they gain the experience required to qualify for the LPC credential.</p>	<p>Master’s degree or higher in professional counseling from a CACREP accredited program, or equivalent program from a regionally accredited college/ university consisting of 60 semester hours, completion of coursework in core areas and a practicum and/or internship.</p> <p>Licensing Exams Required: <i>LPCC</i>: National Counselor Exam (NCE), & Colorado Jurisprudence Exam</p>	<p>Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 22nd, 2023.</p>

- <https://dpo.colorado.gov/ProfessionalCounselor/LawsRulesPolicies>

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<p>CONNECTICUT</p> <p><u>Connecticut Department of Public Health Professional Counselor Licensure</u></p>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher in counseling or a related mental health field from a regionally accredited institution of higher education consisting of at least 60 semester hours and completion of required coursework:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Human growth & development 2. Social & cultural foundations 3. Counseling theories 4. Counseling techniques 5. Group counseling 6. Career counseling 7. Appraisals or tests & measurements to individuals & groups 8. Research & evaluation 9. Professional orientation to mental health counseling 10. Addiction & substance abuse counseling 11. Trauma & crisis counseling 12. Diagnosis & treatment of mental & emotional disorders <p>Licensing Exam Required: National Counselor Examination (NCE) or National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE)</p>	<p>Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 22nd, 2023.</p>

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<p>DELAWARE</p> <p><u>Board of Mental Health and Chemical Dependency Professionals</u></p>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor of Mental Health (LPCMH)</p> <p>Licensed Associate Counselor of Mental Health (LACMH)</p> <p>* LACMHs work under the supervision of LPCMHs while they gain the experience required to qualify for the LPCMH credential.</p>	<p>Master’s degree or higher, including a minimum of 60 semester hours in clinical mental health counseling from a regionally accredited institution of higher education or its equivalent.</p> <p>Licensing Exam Required: <i>LACMHC</i>: Must pass the NCE, NCMHCE, other examination acceptable to the Board.</p>	<p>Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 22nd, 2023.</p>

- <https://delcode.delaware.gov/title24/c030/>

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA <u>Board of Professional Counseling</u>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p> <p>Licensed Graduate Professional Counselor (LGPC)</p> <p>* LGPCs work under the supervision of LPCs while they gain the experience required to qualify for the LPC credential.</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher from a CACREP or equivalent program, including a minimum of 48 graduate semester hours and 11 core areas, with a counseling practicum or internship.</p> <p>Licensing Exam Required: <i>LGPC:</i> National Counselor Examination (NCE)</p>	<p>Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 22nd, 2023.</p>

- <https://dchealth.dc.gov/node/150962>

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<p>FLORIDA</p> <p><u>Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage & Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling</u></p>	<p>Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC)</p> <p>Provisional Mental Health Counselor (PMHC)</p> <p>Registered Mental Health Counselor Intern</p> <p>*PMHCs work under the supervision of LMHCs while they gain the experience required to qualify for the LMHC credential.</p>	<p>Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC) candidates in Florida must earn a master's degree from a program accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). Not all CACREP-accredited programs automatically qualify for Florida counseling licensure.</p> <p>For students in the CACREP program, a minimum of an earned master's degree from a mental health counseling program accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) that consists of at least 60 semester hours or 80 quarter hours of clinical and didactic instruction.</p> <p>Beginning July 1, 2025, an applicant must have a master's degree from a program that is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP), the Masters in Psychology and Counseling Accreditation Council (MPCAC), or an equivalent accrediting body which consists of at least 60 semester hours or 80 quarter hours to apply for licensure.</p> <p>A minimum of 3 semester hours or 4 quarter hours of graduate-level coursework in each of the following: counseling theories</p>	<p>Please see the additional educational requirements needed beyond the Wheaton CMHC degree required for FL.</p>

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		<p>and practice, human growth and development, diagnosis and treatment of psychopathology, human sexuality, group theories and practice, individual evaluation and assessment, career and lifestyle assessment, research and program evaluation, social and cultural foundations, counseling in community settings, substance abuse, and legal, ethical, and professional standards issues. Courses in research, thesis or dissertation work, practicums, internships, or fieldwork may not be applied toward this requirement.</p> <p>As part of their master's programs, LMHC candidates must complete 1,000 hours of university-sponsored field experience, which can include internships and practicums.</p> <p>Additional coursework includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 8 hour Florida laws & rules course 2. 3 hour HIV/AIDS course 3. 2 hour domestic violence course <p>Licensing Exam Required: <i>PMHC</i>: National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE)</p>	
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- <https://floridasmentalhealthprofessions.gov/licensing/licensed-mental-health-counselor/#tab-statutes-rules>

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<p>GEORGIA</p> <p><u>Secretary of State</u> <u>Professional Licensing</u> <u>Boards Division</u></p>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p> <p>Associate Professional Counselor (ALPC)</p> <p>*ALPCs work under the supervision of LPCs while they gain the experience required to qualify for the LPC credential.</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher in a program that is primarily counseling in content from an institution accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP), the Council on Rehabilitation Education (CORE) or a regionally accredited program recognized by the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).</p> <p>Completion of specific coursework and a supervised practicum or internship consisting of at least 600 hours is required.</p> <p>Licensing Exam Required: LPC: Must pass National Counselor Examination (NCE) or National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE) to move from ALPC to LPC.</p>	<p>Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 22nd, 2023.</p>

- <https://sos.ga.gov/page/counseling-board-rules>

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<p>GUAM</p> <p><u>Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners</u></p>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher from an accredited educational institution with a minimum of 48 semester hours or 72 quarter hours of graduate course work.</p> <p>Licensing Exam Required: National Counselor Examination (NCE)</p>	<p>Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 22nd, 2023.</p>

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<p>HAWAII</p> <p><u>Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs</u> <u>Professional & Vocational Licensing</u> <u>Mental Health Counselor Program</u></p>	<p>Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC)</p>	<p>Master’s degree or higher in counseling or an allied field related to the practice of mental health counseling from an accredited institution, with a minimum of 48 semester hours (or 72 quarter hours) of coursework in core areas. Minimum of three semester hours or five quarter hours in each course area:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Human growth and development 2. Social & cultural foundations 3. Counseling theories & applications 4. Group theory & practice 5. Career & lifestyle development 6. Appraisal of human behavior 7. Tests & measurements 8. Research & program evaluation 9. Profess orientation & ethics <p>Also, at least two academic terms of supervised mental health practicum intern experience for graduate credit of at least six semester hours (or ten quarter hours) in a mental health counseling setting, with at least 300 hours of supervised client contact under a licensed supervisor.</p> <p>Licensing Exam Required: National Counselor Examination (NCE)</p>	<p>Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 22nd, 2023.</p>

- https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/hrscurrent/Vol110_Ch0436-0474/HRS0453D/HRS_0453D-.htm

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<p>IDAHO</p> <p><u>Idaho Licensing Board of Professional Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists</u></p>	<p>Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC)</p> <p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p>	<p>Master’s degree or higher in a counseling field from a CACREP or equivalent accredited college/university, with 60 semester hours or 90 quarter hours with the following core areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Human growth & development 2. Social & cultural foundations 3. The helping relationship 4. Groups 5. Lifestyle & career development 6. Appraisal of the individual 7. Research & evaluation 8. Professional orientation <p>Licensing Exam Required: <i>LPC:</i> National Counselor Examination (NCE) <i>LCPC:</i> National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination (NCMHCE)</p>	<p>Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 2nd, 2023.</p>

- <https://legislature.idaho.gov/statutesrules/idstat/Title54/T54CH34/>

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<p>ILLINOIS</p> <p><u>Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation</u></p>	<p>Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC)</p> <p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p> <p>*LPCs work under the supervision of LCPCs while they gain the experience required to qualify for the LCPC credential.</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher in professional counseling or related field of at least 48 semester hours from a regionally accredited college/ university in a program approved by the IL Dept. of Professional Regulation.</p> <p>CACREP and CORE accredited programs in professional counseling are approved programs for both LPC and LCPC licensure.</p> <p>Licensing Exam Required: <i>LPC:</i> National Counselor Examination (NCE) or Certified Rehabilitation Counselor Examination <i>LCPC:</i> National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination (NCMHCE)</p>	<p>Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 22nd, 2023.</p>

- <https://ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=1324&ChapAct=225%26nbsp%3BILCS%26nbsp%3B107%2F&ChapterID=24&ChapterName=PROFESSIONS+AND+OCCUPATIONS&ActName=Professional+Counselor+and+Clinical+Professional+Counselor+Licensing+Act%2E>

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<p>INDIANA</p> <p><u>Behavioral Health and Human Services Licensing Board</u></p>	<p>Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC)</p> <p>Licensed Mental Health Counselor Associate (LMHCA)</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher in an area related to mental health counseling from a CACREP or CORE accredited program, or equivalent program, from a regionally accredited institution which includes no less than 48 semester hours of graduate course work in 12 specified content areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Human growth & development 2. Social & cultural foundations of counseling 3. Helping relationships 4. Group dynamics, processes, counseling, & consultation 5. Lifestyle & career development 6. Assessment & appraisal of individuals 7. Research & program evaluation 8. Professional orientation & ethics 9. Foundations of mental health cslg 10. Contextual dimensions of mental health counseling 11. Knowledge & skill for the practice of mental health counseling & psychotherapy 12. Clinical instruction <p>Licensing Exam Required: <i>LMHCA</i>: National Counselor Examination (NCE) and Indiana</p>	<p>Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 22nd, 2023.</p>

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		Jurisprudence Exam. To become an LMHC, must pass the NCMHCE.	
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- <https://www.in.gov/pla/professions/behavioral-health-and-human-services/behavioral-health-and-human-services-resources/>

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IOWA <u>Bureau of Professional Licensure</u>	Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC) Temporary Mental Health Counselor Must complete 3,000 hours of supervised experience in at least 2 years	Master's degree or higher in mental health counseling from a CACREP accredited program, or the content equivalent, with at least 60 semester hours (or equivalent quarter hours). Licensing Exam Required: National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination (NCMHCE)	Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 22 nd , 2023.

- <https://hhs.iowa.gov/Licensure/Iowa-Board-of-Behavioral-Science/Laws-and-Rules>

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<p>KANSAS</p> <p><u>Behavioral Sciences</u> <u>Regulatory Board</u></p>	<p>Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC)</p> <p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p> <p>*LPCs work under the supervision of LCPCs while they gain the experience required to qualify for the LCPC credential.</p>	<p>Master’s Degree in counseling consisting of 60 credit hours that cover the ten core areas of professional development.</p> <p>Licensing Exam Required: <i>LPC</i>: National Counselor Examination (NCE) <i>LCPC</i>: National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination (NCMHCE)</p>	<p>Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 22nd, 2023.</p>

- <https://ksbsrb.ks.gov/professions/professional-counselors/statutes-regulations>

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<p>KENTUCKY</p> <p><u>Kentucky Board of Licensed Professional Counselors</u></p>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p> <p>Licensed Professional Counselor Supervisor (LPC-S)</p> <p>Provisional Licensed Professional Counselor (PLPC)</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher in professional counseling or a related field from a regionally accredited institution, with a minimum of 60 semester hours in 9 specified content areas and a 600 hour organized practicum/internship.</p> <p>Licensing Exam Required: National Counselor Examination (NCE) or National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination (NCMHCE)</p>	<p>Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 22nd, 2023.</p>

- <https://lpc.ky.gov/>

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<p>LOUISIANA</p> <p><u>LA LPC Board of Examiners</u></p>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p> <p>Licensed Professional Counselor Supervisor(LPC-S)</p> <p>Provisional Licensed Professional Counselor (PLPC)</p> <p>*PLPCs work under the supervision of LPCs while they gain the experience required to qualify for the LPC credential.</p>	<p>Completion of a CACREP accredited graduate degree program in professional mental health counseling from a regionally accredited institution of higher education. Degree programs should be 60 graduate hours in 8 content areas.</p> <p>Recommended inclusion coursework:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marriage & family studies 2. Substance abuse <p>Licensing Exam Required: <i>LPC:</i> National Counselor Examination (NCE) & National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination (NCMHCE)</p>	<p>Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 22nd, 2023.</p>

- <https://www.lpcboard.org/rules>

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<p>MAINE</p> <p><u>Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation</u></p>	<p>Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC)</p> <p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher from an accredited institution that consists of 48 semester hours and is CACREP or CORE accredited, or consists of coursework in 10 core areas. Practicum and internship of 600 clock hours.</p> <p>Licensing Exam Required: <i>LPC:</i> National Counselor Examination (NCE) <i>LCPC:</i> National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination (NCMHCE)</p>	<p>Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 22nd, 2023.</p>

- <https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/board-of-counseling-professionals-licensure/home/laws-rules>

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<p>MARYLAND</p> <p><u>Maryland Department of Health</u></p>	<p>Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC)</p> <p>Licensed Graduate Professional Counselor (LGPC) Title used while fulfilling the supervised clinical experience requirement.</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher in professional counseling or related field from an accredited educational institution, with a minimum of 60 graduate semester hours or 90 graduate quarter hour credits in 14 content areas identified by the board:</p> <p>(1) Human Growth and Personality Development (2) Social and Cultural Foundations of Counseling (3) Counseling Theory (4) Counseling Techniques (5) Group Dynamics, Processing, and Counseling (6) Lifestyle and Career Development (7) Appraisal (8) Research and Evaluation (9) Professional, Legal, and Ethical Responsibilities (10) Marriage and Family Therapy (11) Alcohol and Drug Counseling (12) Supervised Field Experience (13) Diagnosis and Psychopathology (14) Psychotherapy and Treatment of Mental and Emotional Disorders</p> <p>Licensing Exam Required: LCPC: National Counselor Examination (NCE) and Maryland Law Assessment</p>	<p>Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 22nd, 2023.</p>

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

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<p>MASSACHUSETTS</p> <p><u>Board of Registration of Allied Mental Health and Human Services Professions</u></p>	<p>Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC)</p>	<p>Applicants need a minimum of 60 semester credit hours or 80 quarter credit hours from an integrated, planned and comprehensive program from a Recognized Educational Institution.</p> <p>This includes a minimum 48 semester credit master's degree in mental health counseling or a related field, including a practicum (100 hours), an internship (600 hours), and coursework in each of the 10 content areas as defined by the board.</p> <p>Licensing Exam Required: National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination (NCMHCE)</p>	<p>Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 22nd, 2023.</p>

- <https://www.mass.gov/lists/statutes-and-regulations-allied-mental-health>

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<p>MICHIGAN</p> <p><u>Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs</u></p>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p> <p>Limited Licensed Professional Counselor (LLPC)</p> <p>A limited license is issued to those who have not yet completed the 3,000 hour supervised counseling experience; valid for one year and may be renewed.</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher in professional counseling from a program that reflects the CACREP curriculum, including a minimum of 48 semester hours in counseling topics and a 600 clock hour internship. Includes 12 content areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Career development 2. Consulting 3. Counseling techniques 4. Counseling theories 5. Counseling philosophy 6. Group techniques 7. Professional ethics 8. Research methodology 9. Multicultural counseling 10. Testing procedures & assessment 11. Practicum 12. Internship <p>Licensing Exam Required: <i>LPC:</i> National Counselor Examination (NCE), National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination (NCMHCE), or Certified Rehabilitation Counselor Examination</p>	<p>Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 22nd, 2023.</p>

- <https://www.michigan.gov/lara/bureau-list/bpl/resources>

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<p>MINNESOTA</p> <p><u>Minnesota Board of Behavioral Health & Therapy</u></p>	<p>Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC)</p> <p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p> <p>Supervision must be completed prior to licensure, or during the first 3 years of licensure.</p> <p>*LPCs work under the supervision of LPCCs while they gain the experience required to qualify for the LPCC credential.</p>	<p>Master’s degree or higher in counseling or a related field from a CACREP accredited program or a Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) accredited educational institution, that includes a minimum of 48 semester hours or 72 quarter hours and supervised field experience not fewer than 700 hours that is counseling in nature.</p> <p>The degree must include specific coursework in 10 core content areas.</p> <p>Licensing Exam Required: National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination (NCMHCE)</p>	<p>Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 22nd, 2023.</p>

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

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<p>MISSISSIPPI</p> <p><u>State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors</u></p>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p> <p>Licensed Professional Counselor Supervisor (LPC-S)</p> <p>Provisional Licensed Professional Counselor (P-LPC)</p> <p>*P-LPCs work under the supervision of LPCs while they gain the experience required to qualify for the LPC credential.</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher in CACREP programs or degree programs with the word counseling in its title and meet the structure of CACREP as it specifically pertains to the 12 courses specified, as part of 60 semester hours or 90 quarter hours that are required for completion of the degree.</p> <p>Licensing Exam Required: <i>P-LCP</i>: National Counselor Examination (NCE) <i>LPC</i>: National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination (NCMHCE)</p>	<p>Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 22nd, 2023.</p>

- <https://www.lpc.ms.gov/board/statutes-and-rules/>

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MISSOURI <u>Missouri Division of Professional Registration</u>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p> <p>Provisional Licensed Professional Counselor (PLPC)</p> <p>*PLPC is issued automatically when supervision is registered and approved and all other requirements are met.</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher in counseling, counseling psychology, clinical psychology, or school psychology from a regionally accredited college/university, with at least 48 semester hours or 72 quarter hours reflecting the CACREP or CORE curriculum and a practicum, internship, or field experience consisting of 6 semester hours in the practice of counseling.</p> <p>Includes coursework in 10 core content areas.</p> <p>Licensing Exam Required: <i>PLPC:</i> National Counselor Examination (NCE) <i>LPC:</i> Missouri Legal & Ethical Responsibilities Examination</p>	<p>Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 22nd, 2023.</p>

- <https://www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/20csr/20csr.asp#20-2095>

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<p>MONTANA</p> <p><u>Montana Department of Labor & Industry</u></p>	<p>Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC)</p> <p>Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor Candidate</p>	<p>Master’s degree with a minimum of 60 semester hour (or 90 quarter hour) from an accredited college with a program of study that is primarily counseling in nature and includes 6 semester credits in an advanced counseling practicum. The program must include CACREP core courses in 11 content areas.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Master’s degree with a minimum of 45 semester hours from an accredited college with a program of study that is primarily counseling in nature. The program must include CACREP core courses in 11 content areas.</p> <p>Licensing Exam Required: National Counselor Examination (NCE), or National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination (NCMHCE)</p>	<p>Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 22nd, 2023.</p>

- <https://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/behavioral-health/regulations/>

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<p>NEBRASKA</p> <p><u>Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services</u></p>	<p>Licensed Independent Mental Health Practitioner (LIMHP)</p> <p>Licensed Mental Health Practitioner (LMHP) An individual who is qualified to engage in mental health practice or offers or renders mental health practice services.</p> <p>Provisional Licensed Mental Health Practitioner (PLMHP) An individual completing the 3,000 hour experience requirement; valid for 5 years.</p> <p>Certified Professional Counselor</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher from an approved educational program that is primarily therapeutic mental health in content, in a CACREP accredited program (or complete equivalent coursework), from a regionally accredited institution.</p> <p>Includes 8 course content areas.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Human growth & development 2. Social & cultural foundations 3. The helping relationship 4. Group dynam, process, & cslg 5. Lifestyle & career development 6. Appraisal of individuals 7. Research & evaluation 8. Professional orientation <p>Licensing Exam Required: <i>LMHP:</i> National Counselor Exam (NCE), or National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Exam (NCMHCE) & Nebraska Mental Health Jurisprudence Exam</p>	<p>Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 22nd, 2023.</p>

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<https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/pages/mental-health-and-social-work-practice.aspx>

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<p>NEVADA</p> <p><u>Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists & Clinical Professional Counselors</u></p>	<p>Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC)</p> <p>Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor Intern</p>	<p>A graduate Mental Health degree from a program approved by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) as a program in mental health counseling or community counseling.</p> <p>Includes courses in 11 content areas.</p> <p>Licensing Exam Required: National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination (NCMHCE)</p>	<p>Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 22nd, 2023.</p>

- <https://marriage.nv.gov/Regs/>

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<p>NEW HAMPSHIRE</p> <p><u>Office of Professional Licensure and Certification</u></p>	<p>Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor (LCMHC)</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher in clinical mental health counseling from a CACREP accredited institution. The 60 graduate semester hour degree in mental health counseling shall include course study of a minimum of 2 academic years, 4 semesters, of full time graduate study and 700 hours of supervised practicum and/or internship experience.</p> <p>Until December 31, 2021 an applicant who has been granted a degree in mental health counseling based upon a program consisting of at least 48 credit hours, shall not be licensed unless additional graduate credit hours of instruction are obtained to meet the 60 credit hour degree requirement.</p> <p>Licensing Exam Required: National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination (NCMHCE)</p>	<p>Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 22nd, 2023.</p>

- <https://www.oplc.nh.gov/oplc-laws-and-rules>

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<p>NEW JERSEY</p> <p><u>Professional Counselor Examiners Committee</u></p>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p> <p>Licensed Associate Counselor (LAC)</p> <p>*LACs work under the supervision of LPCs while they gain the experience required to qualify for the LPC credential.</p>	<p>Minimum of 60 graduate semester hours in a planned educational program, which includes a master's degree in counseling from a regionally accredited institution of higher education, of which 45 graduate semester hours are distributed in at least 8 of the 9 defined course content areas (1) counseling theories (2) the helping relationship (3) human growth and development (4) lifestyle and career development (5) groups (6) appraisal (7) social and cultural foundations (8) research (9) counseling profession.</p> <p>Licensing Exam Required: LPC: National Counselor Examination (NCE)</p>	<p>Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 22nd, 2023.</p>

- <https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/pc/Pages/applications.aspx>

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<p>NEW MEXICO</p> <p><u>New Mexico Regulation & Licensing Department</u></p>	<p>Licensed Professional Clinical Mental Health Counselor (LPCC)</p> <p>Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC)</p> <p>* Individuals who are pursuing the LPCC license but still need to complete the supervised experience requirements.</p>	<p>Master’s degree or higher in counseling or a counseling related field with no less than 48 graduate hours from an accredited institution in 8 different course content areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Human growth & development 2. Social & cultural foundations 3. Helping relationships 4. Group work 5. Career & lifestyle development 6. Appraisal 7. Research methods 8. Professional orientation <p>Licensing Exam Required: <i>LMHC:</i> National Counselor Examination (NCE) <i>LPCC:</i> National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination (NCMHCE)</p>	<p>Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 22nd, 2023.</p>

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- <https://www.rld.nm.gov/boards-and-commissions/individual-boards-and-commissions/counseling-and-therapy-practice/instructors-training-requirements-and-continuing-education/>

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<p>NEW YORK</p> <p><u>New York State Education Department, Office of the Professions</u> <u>Division of Professional Licensing Services,</u> <u>Certification and Verification Unit</u></p>	<p>Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC)</p>	<p>Master’s degree or higher in counseling that includes 60*semester hours and completion of specific coursework accredited by the CACREP under its 2009 standards. Includes 11 core course content areas.</p> <p>*If counseling degree was completed prior to Jan. 1, 2010, 48 semester hours are required.</p> <p>Completion of a one year supervised internship or practicum in mental health counseling (600 hours).</p> <p>Licensing Exam Required: National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination (NCMHCE)</p>	<p>Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 22nd, 2023.</p>

- <https://www.op.nysed.gov/professions/mental-health-counselors/laws-rules-regulations>

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<p>NORTH CAROLINA</p> <p><u>North Carolina Board of Licensed Professional Counselors</u></p>	<p>Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor (LCMHC)</p> <p>Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor Associate (LCMHCA)</p> <p>Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor Supervisor (LCMHCS)</p>	<p>Beginning July 1, 2022, has earned a minimum of 60 semester hours or 90 quarter hours of graduate training as defined by the Board, including a master's degree in counseling or related field from an institution of higher education that is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP).</p> <p>Master's degree or higher in counseling from a regionally accredited institution of higher education that includes coursework in 8 areas of study and meets the following additional requirements, 3 semester hours or 5 quarter hours per course area of study.</p> <p>Licensing Exam Required: <i>LCMHCCA:</i> National Counselor Exam (NCE), National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Exam (NCMHCE), or the Certified Rehabilitation Counselor Exam, & North Carolina Jurisprudence Exam <i>LCMHC:</i> North Carolina Jurisprudence Exam</p>	<p>Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 22nd, 2023.</p>

- <https://www.ncblcmhc.org/LawsAndCodes>

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<p>NORTH DAKOTA</p> <p><u>North Dakota Board of Counselor Examiners</u></p>	<p>Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC)</p> <p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p> <p>Licensed Associate Professional Counselor (LAPC) A two year license which allows for completion of the supervised experience. A two year plan of supervision and passage of the NCE required.</p>	<p>Masters degree (48 graduate semester credits) in counseling from an accredited college or university. Effective July 1, 2017, all Masters in counseling must be 60 semester hours. Also necessary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific core counseling coursework • 3 letters of reference • 2 year plan of supervision • Intent to Practice statement • Passing score on the NCE • Minimum 700 hour counseling practicum & internship <p>Licensing Exam Required: <i>LAPC:</i> National Counselor Examination (NCE) <i>LPC:</i> National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination (NCMHCE)</p>	<p>Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 22nd, 2023.</p>

- <http://www.ndbce.org/laws.shtml>

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<p>OHIO</p> <p><u>Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage & Family Therapist Board</u></p>	<p>Counselor Trainee (CT) students enrolled in internship</p> <p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p> <p>Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC)</p> <p>Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor Supervision (LPC C-S)</p>	<p>Master’s degree from a clinical mental health counseling program, clinical rehabilitation counseling program, or addiction counseling program accredited by CACREP with the completion of 60 semester credit hours in 9 core content areas.</p> <p>Licensing Exam Required: <i>LPC:</i> National Counselor Examination (NCE) & Laws and Rules Examination <i>LPCC:</i> National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination (NCMHCE)</p>	<p>Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 22nd, 2023.</p>

- <https://cswmft.ohio.gov/for-professionals/resources-for-professionals/laws+and+rules>

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<p>OKLAHOMA</p> <p><u>State Board of Behavioral Health Licensure (BBHL)</u></p>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher in counseling or a mental health degree that is substantially content-equivalent, with 60 graduate semester hours (or 90 quarter hours) counseling-related course work, including internship, from a regionally accredited college/university.</p> <p>The board will define what qualifies as counseling related.</p> <p>Licensing Exam Required: National Counselor Examination (NCE), & the Oklahoma Legal & Ethical Responsibilities Examination</p>	<p>Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 22nd, 2023.</p>

- https://www.ok.gov/behavioralhealth/Acts_and_Regulations/index.html

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<p>OREGON</p> <p><u>Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists</u></p>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p> <p>Registered Associates An applicant registered to obtain post-degree supervised work experience toward licensure.</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher in counseling, in a CACREP or CORE accredited program, or the content equivalent, from a regionally accredited institution.</p> <p>CACREP and CORE programs must have included at least 2 semester credit hours or 3 quarter credit hours of coursework in the diagnosis of mental disorders.</p> <p>Licensing Exam Required: National Counselor Examination (NCE), National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination (NCMHCE), or Certified Rehabilitation Counselor Examination</p>	<p>Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 22nd, 2023.</p>

- <https://www.oregon.gov/oblpc/Pages/LawsRules.aspx>

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<p>PENNSYLVANIA</p> <p><u>Pennsylvania</u> <u>Department of State</u></p>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p>	<p>Successful completion of a planned program of 60 semester hours (or 90 quarter hours) of graduate coursework in counseling or a field closely related to the practice of professional counseling, including a 48 semester hour (or 72 quarter hour) master’s degree in professional counseling or in a field closely related to the practice of professional counseling.</p> <p>Completion of coursework in 9 core areas including a supervised practicum (100 hours) and internship (600 hours). The supervised internship experience shall begin after completion of the supervised practicum experience.</p> <p>Licensing Exam Required: National Counselor Examination (NCE), Certified Rehabilitation Counselor Examination, Art Therapy Credentials Board Certification Examination, Certification Board for Music Therapists Certified Examination, North American Association of Master’s in Psychology Practice Examination Advanced Alcohol & Other Drug Abuse Counselor Examination, or Examination for Master Addictions Counselors</p>	<p>Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 23rd, 2023.</p>

- <https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/SocialWorkersMarriageanFamilyTherapistsandProfessionalCounselors/Pages/Board-Laws-and-Regulations.aspx#.VG-alVZO5s>

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<p>PUERTO RICO</p> <p><u>Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors</u></p>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p> <p>Professional Counselor with Provisional License (PCPL) Person who is granted a temporary/provisional authorization by the board to offer counseling services under supervision to meet the experience requirement; valid for 3 years.</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher in counseling from an institution accredited by the Council of Higher Education of Puerto Rico.</p> <p>Specific coursework required in 8 out of 10 areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Basic counseling theory 2. Assistance process 3. Human development & dysfunctional behavior 4. Occupational development 5. Group counseling process 6. Assistance & evaluation 7. Social & cultural grounds 8. Theory & practice of investigation 9. Ethical & professional issues 10. Consulting <p>Licensing Exam Required: National Counselor Exam (NCE), or National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Exam (NCMHCE)</p>	<p><i>There is insufficient information to determine whether the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the educational requirements for licensure in Puerto Rico.</i></p>

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- <https://health.ri.gov/licenses/detail.php?id=228>

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<p>RHODE ISLAND</p> <p><u>Department of Health</u></p>	<p>Mental Health Counselor (MHC)</p> <p>Mental Health Counselor Associate</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher from a program accredited by CACREP; or an equivalent accrediting agency approved by both the board and by the cognizable national or regional certifying authority.</p> <p><u>OR</u></p> <p>Master's degree or certificate in advanced graduate studies from a recognized educational institution, or a graduate degree in an allied field from a recognized educational institution and a graduate level course work that is equivalent to a master's degree in mental health counseling.</p> <p><u>AND for both:</u></p> <p>Completion of 60 semester hours (or 90 quarter hours) within the graduate counseling/ therapy program, coursework in 8 core areas, supervised practicum (12 semester hours) and year long supervised internship consisting of 20 hours per week in counseling.</p> <p>Licensing Exam Required:</p> <p>National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination (NCMHCE)</p>	<p>Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 23rd, 2023.</p>

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- <https://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/t40c075.php>

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<p>SOUTH CAROLINA</p> <p><u>South Carolina</u> <u>Department of Labor,</u> <u>Licensing and</u> <u>Regulation</u></p>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p> <p>Licensed Professional Counselor Associate</p> <p>Licensed Professional Counselor Supervisor</p>	<p>Master’s degree or higher with a minimum of sixty (60) graduate semester hours primarily in counseling from a program accredited by a national educational accrediting body such as CACREP or one that requires and follows substantially similar educational standards, and from a college or university accredited by the Commission on the Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, one of its transferring regional associations, the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada, or a regionally-accredited institution of higher learning subsequent to receiving the graduate degree.</p> <p>Coursework required in 11 content area, including psychopathology & diagnostics of psychopathology.</p> <p>Licensing Exam Required: National Counselor Examination (NCE), or National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination (NCMHCE)</p>	<p>Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 23rd, 2023.</p>

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<p>SOUTH DAKOTA</p> <p><u>Board of Examiners for Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists</u></p>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor – Mental Health (LPC-MH)</p> <p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher with an emphasis in mental health counseling from a CACREP accredited program, or equivalent program from an accredited institution. 48 semester hours required for LPC licensure.</p> <p>Licensing Exam Required: National Counselor Examination (NCE)</p>	<p>Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 23rd, 2023.</p>

- <https://sdlegislature.gov/Statutes/36-32>

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<p>TENNESSEE</p> <p><u>Board of Licensed Professional Counselors, Licensed Marital and Family Therapists and Licensed Pastoral Therapists</u></p>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) – not an independent license</p> <p>Licensed Professional Counselor with Mental Health Service Provider (LPC/MHSP) – independent license</p>	<p>60 graduate semester hours in professional counseling or a related field from an institution accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools, CACREP, or a comparable accrediting body, which includes a master's degree in professional counseling. Coursework in 11 core areas.</p> <p>Licensing Exam Required: <i>LPC:</i> National Counselor Examination (NCE) <i>LPC/MHSP:</i> Tennessee Jurisprudence Exam & National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination (NCMHCE)</p>	<p>Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 23rd, 2023.</p>

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

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<p>TEXAS</p> <p><u>Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors Texas</u> <u>Department of State Health Services</u></p>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p> <p>Licensed Professional Counselor Associate (LPC-A) An applicant practicing under supervision; valid for 5 years.</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher in professional counseling or related field from an accredited college/university. Planned graduate program in counseling or a counseling-related field of at least 48 semester hours. Completion of specific coursework and a 300 clock hour supervised practicum with at least 100 hours of direct client contact.</p> <p>Beginning August 1, 2017, 60 graduate semester credit program required. Additional coursework includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Addictions counseling 2. Counselor ethics 3. Couples, marriage, or families 4. Psychopathology <p>Licensing Exam Required: National Counselor Examination (NCE), or National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination (NCMHCE), & Texas Jurisprudence Exam</p>	<p>Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 23rd, 2023.</p>

- <https://www.bhec.texas.gov/statues-and-rules/index.html>

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<p>UTAH</p> <p><u>Utah Department of Commerce Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing</u></p>	<p>Clinical Mental Health Counselor (CMHC)</p> <p>Associate Clinical Mental Health Counselor (ACMHC)</p> <p>Credential required before starting the supervised experience requirement; valid for 3 years</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher in mental health counseling from a CACREP accredited program or an equivalent field that is accredited by CHEA, including a minimum of 60 graduate semester hours (or 90 quarter hours) in specific coursework in 10 core areas.</p> <p>Licensing Exam Required: <i>ACMHC:</i> National Counselor Examination (NCE) & National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination (NCMHCE)</p>	<p>Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 23rd, 2023.</p>

- <https://dopl.utah.gov/clinical-mental-health-counseling/laws-and-rules/>

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VERMONT <u>Vermont Secretary of State Board of Allied Mental Health</u>	Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor (LCMHC)	Master's degree or higher in counseling from an accredited educational institution, with a minimum of 60 semester hours and 700 hours of a supervised practicum, internship, or field experience in a clinical mental health setting. Licensing Exam Required: National Counselor Examination (NCE), & National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination (NCMHCE)	Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 23 rd , 2023.

- <https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/chapter/26/065>

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<p>VIRGINIA</p> <p><u>Virginia Board of Counseling</u></p>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p> <p>Resident in Counseling</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher in counseling that includes 60 semester hours (or 90 quarter hours) of graduate study in counseling.</p> <p>Programs that are approved by CACREP or CORE are recognized as meeting the definition of graduate degree programs that prepare individuals to practice counseling and counseling treatment intervention.</p> <p>Programs must have identifiable counselor training faculty (licensed LPC faculty) with identifiable body of students.</p> <p>Licensing Exam Required: <i>LPC: National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination (NCMHCE)</i></p>	<p>Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 23rd, 2023.</p>

- <https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/Boards/Counseling/PractitionerResources/LawsRegulations/>

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<p>WASHINGTON</p> <p><u>Washington State Department of Health</u></p>	<p>Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC)</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher in mental health counseling, behavioral science, or related field from a regionally accredited college or university that includes a supervised counseling practicum or internship.</p> <p>Must include core course content from seven of seventeen content areas, five of which must be from #1 - #8:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assessment/diagnosis 2. Ethics/law 3. Counseling individuals 4. Counseling groups 5. Counseling couples & families 6. Developmental psychology 7. Psychopathology/abnormal psychology 8. Research & evaluation 9. Career development counseling 10. Multicultural concerns 11. Substance/chemical abuse 12. Physiological psychology 13. Organizational psychology 14. Mental health consultation 15. Developmentally disabled people 16. Abusive relationships 17. Chronically mentally ill <p>Licensing Exam Required: National Counselor Exam (NCE), or National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Exam (NCMHCE)</p>	<p>Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 23rd, 2023.</p>

- <https://doh.wa.gov/licenses-permits-and-certificates/professions-new-renew-or-update/mental-health-counselor/laws>

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<p>WEST VIRGINIA</p> <p><u>West Virginia Board of Examiners in Counseling</u></p>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher from a program accredited by CACREP, CAEP, NCACS, SACS, CORE, or a comparable accrediting body, that includes 60 graduate semester hours (or 90 quarter hours) and a practicum and internship with a minimum of three semester hours in 14 course content areas.</p> <p>Additional required elective coursework should be in:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Human sexuality 2. Psychopharmacology 3. Crisis intervention 4. Biological basis of behavior 5. Counseling special populations 6. Rehabilitation counseling 7. Counseling interventions <p>Licensing Exam Required: National Counselor Examination (NCE), National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination (NCMHCE), or Certified Rehabilitation Counselor Examination</p>	<p>Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 23rd, 2023.</p>

- <https://wvbec.org/wvbec-board-rules/>

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<p>WISCONSIN</p> <p><u>MPSW Examining Board</u></p> <p><u>DSPS</u></p>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p>	<p>Master’s degree or higher in professional counseling from a CACREP or CORE accredited institution that includes a minimum of 60 semester hours (or 90 quarter hours) of academic credit in counseling related courses.</p> <p>3 semester hours of Counseling Theories and 3 semester hours of a supervised counseling practicum are required.</p> <p>Courses in 16 core content areas required.</p> <p>Licensing Exam Required: National Counselor Examination (NCE), National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination (NCMHCE), or Certified Rehabilitation Counselor Examination</p>	<p>Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 23rd, 2023.</p>

- <https://dsps.wi.gov/Pages/RulesStatutes/MPSW.aspx>

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<p>WYOMING</p> <p><u>Wyoming Mental Health Profession Licensing Board</u></p>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher in counseling, with a minimum of 60 semester hours (or 90 quarter hours) from a CACREP or CORE accredited program, or a regionally accredited college or university which meets the CACREP criteria for coursework, instructor qualification and supervision.</p> <p>Licensing Exam Required: National Counselor Examination (NCE), National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination (NCMHCE), or Certified Rehabilitation Counselor Examination</p>	<p>Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 23rd, 2023.</p>

- <https://mentalhealth.wyo.gov/rules-and-regulations>