

Educational Requirements for State & Territory Licensing Boards July 2024

****Please Note:** Licensing laws, rules, and regulations change regularly. Thus, individuals must 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. Beginning January 1, 2024, a master's degree in counseling is defined as a single conferred/awarded master's degree in counseling from a CACREP accredited program, consisting of a minimum of sixty (60) graduate semester hours, or ninety (90) graduate quarter hours at a regionally accredited college or university. The master's degree must contain and encompass the academic areas specified below in paragraph 2(b). No less than these hourly requirements and academic areas in a single program will be accepted.</p> <p>The degree must include coursework in at least 11 core areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Counseling Theory 2. Human Growth and Development 3. Social and Multicultural Foundations 4. The Helping Relationship 5. Group Dynamics, Processing and Counseling 6. Lifestyle and Career Development 7. Appraisal of Individuals 8. Research and Evaluation 	<p>Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 21, 2024.</p>

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		<p>9. Professional Orientation 10. Practicum 11. Internship</p> <p>Licensing Exam Required: LPC: National Counselor Examination (NCE). Once NCE is passed, counselors go from ALC to LPC</p>	
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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, 2024.</p>

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		<p>disorders & dysfunctional behavior</p> <p>8. Marriage & family counseling & therapy</p> <p>9. Research & evaluation</p> <p>10. Professional counseling orientation & ethics</p> <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, of which a minimum of 1,000 hours will be devoted to direct counseling with communities, couples, or individuals and at least 100 hours of in-person guidance of a supervisor approved by the Alaska Board of Professional Counselors.</p> <p>Licensing Exam Required: National Counselor Examination (NCE) & National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE)</p>	
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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 shall practice only under direct supervision as prescribed by the board and shall not engage in independent practice.</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>2 years/3,200 hours of full-time post-master's supervised work experience in psychotherapy, including assessment, diagnosis, and treatment. 100 hours of clinical supervision and 1,600 hours of direct client contact are required.</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, 2024.</p>

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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> </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>3 years or 3,000 hours of post-Master's supervised counseling experience (1 year = 1,000 hours).</p> <p>- One year of experience may be gained for each 30 semester hours earned beyond Master's degree (up to 2 years) provided the hours are clearly counseling in nature and acceptable to the board.</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, 2024.</p>

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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>2 years/3,000 hours of post- degree supervised experience by an approved supervisor, including not less than 1,750 hours of direct counseling with individuals or groups in a clinical mental health setting.</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>Please see the additional educational requirements needed for beyond the Wheaton CMHC degree required for CA.</p>

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		<p>Core Content Areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Counseling & psychotherapeutic theories & techniques3. Human growth & development across the lifespan 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:</p> <p><i>APCC</i>: California Law & Ethics Exam</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">2. <i>LPCC</i>: National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination (NCMHCE)	
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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>Include two or more graduate semester hours in each of the following content areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Human Growth & Development 2. Social & Cultural Foundations 3. Helping Relationships 4. Groups 5. Lifestyles & Career Development 6. Appraisal Research & Evaluation 7. Professional Orientation <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, 2024.</p>

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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>1 year/3,000 hours of post- Master's supervised experience in professional counseling. Aspiring LPCs must have completed a master's or doctoral program in social work, marriage and family therapy, or counseling from a regionally accredited higher education institution.</p> <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, 2024.</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>* Licensed Associate Counselor of Mental Health (LACMH) - An individual licensed for the purpose of gaining experience required for licensure as an LPCMH; must work under direct supervision of an LPCMH or other health professional approved by the board.</p>	<p>Master’s degree or higher, including a minimum of 48 semester hours in clinical mental health counseling from a regionally accredited institution of higher education or its equivalent.</p> <p>2 years/3,200 hours of full-time clinical professional counseling experience to be completed within a 4 year period.</p> <p>1,600 hours must be professional direct supervision acceptable to the board (100 hours must be face-to-face supervision).</p> <p>30 graduate semester hours or more beyond master's degree may be substituted for 1 year/1,600 hours of required experience, provided that hours are clearly related to the field of counseling and acceptable to the board.</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, 2024.</p>

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<p>DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA</p> <p><u>Board of Professional Counseling</u></p>	<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 60 graduate semester hours with a counseling practicum or internship.</p> <p>The content of an applicant’s degree program and courses shall include, at a minimum, the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Counseling theory and practice 2. Human growth and development 3. Lifestyle and career development 4. Group counseling 5. Appraisal, assessment, and testing of individuals 6. Principles of etiology, diagnosis, treatment planning, and prevention of mental and emotional disorders and dysfunctional behavior 7. Social and cultural foundations including multicultural counseling 8. Marriage and family counseling 9. Research and program evaluation 10. Professional orientation and ethics <p>2 years/3,500 hours of post- Master's supervised professional counseling experience</p> <p>200 hours of supervision must be under an LPC (100 hours must be immediate supervision)</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, 2024.</p>

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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>*RMHCI - a person who is completing the post-Master's supervised clinical experience requirement.</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>Master's degree or higher from a CACREP accredited mental health counseling program that includes 60 semester hours, a course in human sexuality, and a course in substance abuse. OR - Master's degree or higher from a program related to the practice of mental health counseling from an accredited institution that includes 60 semester hours, 12 specific course content areas, and 1,000 hours of a supervised practicum, internship, or field experience.</p> <p>For both options: Completion of an 8 hour laws and rules course and a 2 hour prevention of medical errors course from an approved provider.</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>Please see the additional educational requirements needed beyond the Wheaton CMHC degree required for FL.</p>

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2 years of supervised post- Master's clinical experience in mental health counseling that consists of at least 1,500 hours providing psychotherapy face-to-face with clients and at least 100 face-to-face hours of supervision (50 of which can be group supervision). - Supervision must be under an LMHC or equivalent.

Licensing Exam Required:

PMHC: National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE)

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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>- Applicant who has met the educational requirements and has registered with the board an acceptable contract for obtaining post-master's experience under direct supervision; valid for 5 years.</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: <i>LPC:</i> 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, 2024.</p>

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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>A minimum of ninety quarter hours or sixty semester hours of graduate studies (as recommended by the Counsel for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs [CACREP]) that includes course content in the following areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Foundations 2. Counseling, Prevention, and Intervention 3. Diversity and Advocacy 4. Assessment 5. Research & Evaluation 6. Diagnosis 7. Practicum & Internship <p>Licensing Exam Required: National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination (NCMHCE) 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, 2024.</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, 2024.</p>

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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>Registered Counselor Intern</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, 2024.</p>

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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, 2024.</p>

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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: LMHCA: National Counselor Examination (NCE) and Indiana Jurisprudence Exam. To become an LMHC, must pass the NCMHCE.</p>	<p>Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 22nd, 2024.</p>

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<p>IOWA</p> <p><u>Bureau of Professional Licensure</u></p>	<p>Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC)</p> <p>Temporary Mental Health Counselor</p> <p>Must complete 3,000 hours of supervised experience in at least 2 years</p>	<p>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).</p> <p>Degree must be from a nationally accredited college or university. Or hold a current Certified Clinical Mental Health Counselor (CCMHC) credential issued by NBCC (meets educational and experience requirements).</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, 2024.</p>

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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>*LCPC may diagnose and treat mental disorders independently.</p>	<p>Master’s Degree in counseling - 60 graduate semester hours, including a Master’s degree in counseling, from a university approved by the board that consists of 45 graduate semester hours distributed among 10 core categories (this includes a supervised practicum).</p> <p>As part of the graduate degree – completion of 15 credit hours supporting diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders with use of the American Psychiatric Association’s diagnostic and statistical manual, and a graduate level supervised clinical practicum of professional experience.</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, 2024.</p>

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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>Licensed Professional Counselor Associate</p> <p>*LPCA - Credential holder who has met all qualifications to engage in the practice of professional counseling under an approved clinical supervisor authorized by the board.</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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Counseling theory 2. Human growth and development 3. Lifestyle and career development 4. Groups 5. Assessment 6. Social and cultural foundations (multicultural issues) 7. Principles of etiology, diagnosis, treatment planning, and prevention of mental and emotional disorders and dysfunctional behavior 8. Research and evaluation 9. Professional orientation and ethics <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, 2024.</p>

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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 48 graduate hours in 8 content areas or completion of a CACREP accredited counseling program.</p> <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, 2024.</p>

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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 a regionally accredited institution that consists of 48 semester hours and is CACREP or CORE accredited or consists of coursework in 10 core areas and a 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, 2024.</p>

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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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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>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, 2024.</p>

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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>Master’s degree in Mental Health Counseling or related field with 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>Required Course Areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Counseling Theory 2. Human Growth and Development 3. Psychopathology 4. Social and Cultural Foundations 5. Clinical Skills 6. Group Work 7. Special Treatment Issues 8. Appraisal 9. Research and Evaluation 10. Professional Orientation <p>2 years/3,360 hours of full-time post-Master's supervised clinical experience in mental health counseling after obtaining 60 graduate semester 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, 2024.</p>

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State	Credential Title(s)	Educational Requirements	
<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>*LLPC – 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 program consisting of not less than 60 semester hours or 90 quarter hours in a graduate-level degree granting program.</p> <p>The program must include graduate coursework and training in the diagnosis and treatment of mental and emotional disorders and all other coursework requirements of CACREP, including a practicum and an internship.</p> <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, 2024.</p>

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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 or doctoral degree program in counseling or a related field that includes a minimum of 48 semester hours or 72 quarter hours and a supervised field experience of not fewer than 700 hours that is counseling in nature.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Counseling theory 2. Human growth and development 3. Lifestyle and career development 4. Assessment and appraisal 5. Social and cultural foundations (multicultural issues) 6. Principles of etiology, treatment planning, and prevention of mental and emotional disorders and dysfunctional behavior 7. Family counseling and therapy 8. Research and evaluation 9. Professional counseling orientation and ethics <p>Licensing Exam Required: National Counseling Exam (NCE) Or an equivalent national examination</p>	<p>Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 22, 2024.</p>

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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>CACREP degree programs or degree programs with the word counseling in its title and meet the structure of CACREP as it specifically pertains to the twelve (12) courses specified, as part of sixty (60) semester hours or ninety (90) quarter hours that are required for completion of the degree.</p> <p>Each Applicant must have completed a three (3) hour semester course or its equivalent in each of the following areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Human growth and development 2. Social and cultural foundations 3. Counseling and psychotherapy skills 4. Group counseling 5. Lifestyle and career development 6. Testing and Appraisal 7. Research and evaluation 8. Professional Orientation to Counseling or Ethics 9. Theories of Counseling Psychotherapy and Personality 10. Marriage and/or Family Counseling/Therapy 	<p>Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 22, 2024.</p>

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11. Abnormal Psychology and Psychopathology

Licensing Exam Required:

P-LCP: National Counselor Examination (NCE)

LPC: National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination (NCMHCE)

*Applicants must have a passing score on the Mississippi Jurisprudence Exam. Mississippi Board approval is not required. Individuals making initial application for provisional licensure must include in their application packet the certificate indicating a passing score on the Mississippi Jurisprudence Exam.

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<p>MISSOURI</p> <p><u>Missouri Division of Professional Registration</u></p>	<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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assessment 2. Career Counseling 3. Counseling Theory 4. Counseling Skills and interventions 5. Diagnosis 6. Human growth and development 7. Group Counseling 8. Social and cultural diversity 9. Research Methods <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, 2024.</p>

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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, 2024.</p>

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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 dynamics, process, & counseling 5. Lifestyle & career development 6. Appraisal of individuals 7. Research & evaluation 8. Professional orientation <p>Completion of a practicum or internship with a minimum of 300 clock hours of direct client contact under the supervision of a qualified supervisor.</p> <p>Licensing Exam Required: LMHP: 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, 20234</p>

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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>*LCPCI – Required before beginning supervised experience after obtaining Master's degree; valid for 3 years.</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher in mental health counseling or community counseling from a program approved by CACREP, or equivalent program of 48 semester hours and completion of required coursework, including a practicum and internship in mental health counseling under the supervision of a licensed mental health professional.</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, 2024.</p>

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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 counseling or psychology from a regionally accredited college/university, which consists of a minimum of 2 academic years of full-time graduate study related to mental health counseling, 60 graduate semester hours, and coursework in 9 content areas (program must meet the board's approval).</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, 2024.</p>

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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 and has obtained a master’s degree or a doctorate in counseling in a planned educational program designed to prepare students for the professional practice of counseling from a regionally accredited institution or higher.</p> <p>Minimum of 60 graduate semester hours of which 45 graduate semester hours shall be distributed in at least 8 of the following areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Counseling theory and practice 2. Helping relationship 3. Human growth and development 4. Lifestyle and career development 5. Groups 6. Appraisal of individuals 7. Social and cultural foundations 8. Research and evaluation 9. Counseling ethics <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, 2024.</p>

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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>LPCC</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>LMHC</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. Related field degree must meet the clinical core curriculum and the 9 practicum hours.</p> <p>Licensing Exam Required:</p> <p><i>LMHC:</i> National Counselor Examination (NCE)</p> <p><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, 2024.</p>

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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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Human growth and development 2. Social and cultural foundations of counseling 3. Counseling theory and practice 4. Psychopathology; group dynamics 5. Lifestyle and career development 6. Assessment and appraisal of individuals, couples, families and groups 7. Research and program evaluation 8. Professional orientation and ethics 9. Foundations of mental health counseling and consultation 10. Clinical instruction <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). Completion of coursework or training, approved by the Education Department, in the identification and reporting of child abuse.</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, 2024.</p>

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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>Applicants who apply on or after July 1, 2025, shall complete all internship experiences in a clinical mental health setting that provides substantial opportunities to assess, appraise, diagnose, and treat mental health disorders and shall consist of "direct counseling experience".</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, 2024.</p>

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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>Master's degree in counseling or closely related field from an accredited college or university, including 48 semester hours and specific core counseling coursework within the Master's degree.</p> <p>Also necessary:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Specific core counseling coursework 2. 3 letters of reference 3. 2 year plan of supervision 4. Intent to Practice statement 5. Passing score on the NCE 6. 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, 2024.</p>

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<p>OHIO</p> <p><u>Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage & Family Therapist Board</u></p>	<p>Professional Counselor/ Clinical Resident (CR)</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>Registered Counselor Trainee (RCT)</p> <p>*CR – Title used while completing the 3,000 hours of supervised experience required for the LPCC license.</p> <p>*RCT – Title used while enrolled in a practicum or internship in a counselor education program.</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher in counseling from an accredited program, with 60 semester hours (or 90 quarter hours) from an accredited institution. 20 hours (or 30 quarter hours) must be in clinical 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, 2024.</p>

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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. You must have at least one (1) or more courses of at least three (3) semester credit hours or four (4) quarter credit hours per course in each of the following core counseling areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Human growth and development 2. Abnormal human behavior 3. Appraisal/assessment techniques 4. Counseling theories/methods 5. Professional orientation/ethics 6. Research <p>Licensing Exam Required: National Counselor Examination (NCE), & the Oklahoma Legal & Ethical Responsibilities Exam</p>	<p>Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 22nd, 2024.</p>

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<p>OREGON</p> <p>Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists</p>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p> <p>Registered Associate An applicant registered to obtain post-degree supervised work experience toward licensure.</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher in counseling, with 48 semester hours (or 72 quarter hours) 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, 2024.</p>

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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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Human growth and development 2. Social and cultural foundations 3. Helping relationships 4. Groups 5. Career and lifestyle development 6. Appraisal 7. Research and program evaluation 8. Professional orientation 9. Clinical instruction (100 hours of supervised practicum experience and 600 hours of supervised internship experience) <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, 2024.</p>

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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, certificate in advanced graduate studies, or doctoral degree in mental health counseling or allied field from a recognized educational institution.</p> <p>Completion of 60 semester hours (or 90 quarter hours) within the graduate counseling/therapy program, coursework in 8 core areas, a supervised practicum (12 semester hours), and one calendar year of a supervised internship consisting of 20 hours per week in counseling.</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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<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 specializing in counseling/ therapy from a college/ university accredited by the New England Association of Schools & Colleges or an equivalent regional accrediting agency.</p> <p><u>OR</u></p> <p>Master's degree, certificate in advanced graduate studies, or doctoral degree in mental health counseling or allied field from a recognized educational institution.</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, 2024.</p>

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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, 2024.</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 or a doctoral degree, consisting of less than 60 credit hours but no less than 48 credit hours in counseling, from accredited counseling program recognized by the board.</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, 2024.</p>

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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 and a supervised 500 hour practicum or internship (300 hours of which must be completed in a clinical setting).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Theories of human behavior, learning and personality 2. Abnormal behavior 3. Theories of counseling and psychotherapy 4. Evaluation and appraisal procedures 5. Group dynamics, theories, and techniques 6. Counseling techniques 7. Multicultural counseling 8. Ethics 9. Research 10. Practicum/Internship <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, 2024.</p>

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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</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, 2024.</p>

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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>Contains 3 semester or 4 quarter credit hours of graduate-level courses in the following subjects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. social and cultural diversity 2. group counseling and group work 3. human growth and development 4. career development 5. counseling and helping relationships 6. substance-related and addictive disorders 7. assessment and testing 8. mental status examination & appraisal 9. Research and program evaluation 10. professional counseling orientation and ethical practice <p>Licensing Exam Required:</p> <p>National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE)</p> <p>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, 2024.</p>

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<p>VERMONT</p> <p><u>Vermont Secretary of State</u></p> <p><u>Board of Allied Mental Health</u></p>	<p>Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor (LCMHC)</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Licensing Exam Required: 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, 2024.</p>

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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 consisting of 60 semester hours or 90 quarter hours of graduate study in the following core coursework with a minimum of 3 semester hours or 4.0 quarter hours in each subdivisions 1 through 12 of this subsection:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Professional counseling identify, function, and ethics 2. Theories of counseling and psychotherapy 3. Counseling and psychotherapy techniques 4. Human growth and development 5. Group counseling 6. Career counseling 7. Appraisal, evaluation, and diagnostic procedures 8. Abnormal behavior and psychopathology 9. Multicultural counseling theories and techniques 10. Research 11. Diagnosis and treatment of addictive disorders 12. Marriage and family systems theory 13. Supervised internship of at least 600 hours to include 240 hours of face-to-face client 	<p>Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 23rd, 2024.</p>

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<p>WASHINGTON</p> <p><u>Washington State</u> <u>Department of Health</u></p>	<p>Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC)</p> <p>Licensed Mental Health Counselor Associate (LMHCA)</p> <p>*LMHCA – a prelicensure candidate who has a graduate degree in mental health counseling or related field and is working toward meeting the supervised experience requirements; valid for 1 year</p> <p>Certified Counselor (CC) – Certified health professional authorized to engage in private practice counseling</p> <p>Certified Advisor (CA) – Certified health professional authorized to engage in private practice counseling</p> <p>Agency Affiliated Counselor (AAC) – a registered health professional that engages in counseling and is employed by an agency or facility that operates under state regulations</p>	<p>Master's degree or higher in mental health counseling 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, 2024.</p>

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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>Acceptable graduate degrees include a specialization in community agency counseling, mental health counseling, pastoral counseling, rehabilitation counseling, school counseling, and substance abuse or addictions counseling.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Counseling theories 2. Counseling techniques 3. Human growth and development 4. Social and cultural foundations 5. Individual appraisal 6. Professional responsibilities 7. Principles of etiology, assessment, diagnosis, treatment planning 8. Addictions counseling 9. Groups 10. Lifestyle and career development 11. Marriage, couples, and/or family counseling/therapy 12. Research and evaluation 13. Practicum/internship 	<p>Students graduating from the Wheaton College CMHC CACREP accredited program meets the requirements in this state as of July 23rd, 2024.</p>

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		<p>Additional required elective coursework should be in:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Human sexuality2. Psychopharmacology3. Crisis intervention4. Biological basis of behavior5. Counseling special populations6. Rehabilitation counseling7. Counseling interventions <p>Licensing Exam Required: National Counselor Examination (NCE), National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination (NCMHCE), or Certified Rehabilitation Counselor Examination</p>	
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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>Licensed Professional Counselor Trainee – An applicant who has completed the degree requirements but not the supervised experience; valid for 48 months</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, 2024.</p>

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<p>WYOMING</p> <p><u>Wyoming Mental Health Profession Licensing Board</u></p>	<p>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</p> <p>Provisional Professional Counselor (PPC)</p> <p>*PPC – An applicant who has received a Master's degree, but has not passed the NCE exam or completed the supervised experience requirement; valid for 36 months.</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>Completed following coursework:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Human growth and development 2. Social and cultural diversity 3. Helping relationships 4. Group 5. Career Development 6. Assessment 7. Research and program evaluation 8. Professional Counseling Orientation and Ethical Practice <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, 2024.</p>

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