

PROGRAM CREDENTIAL:

Licensed (Professional) Counselor

STATE	Licensure Required?		IU Program Meets Licensure Requirements?		Licensure/ Certification Information	Notes
	YES	NO	YES	NO		
Alabama AL	X		X*		State Application Requirements	Effective 2024, licensure applicants must graduate from a 60-credit CACREP (or CORE) approved Master's program.
Alaska AK	X		X		State Application Requirements	May apply initially for Counselor Associate License; for LPC, must also complete 3,000 hours of postgraduate experience under professional supervision.
Arizona AZ	X		X		State Application Requirements	
Arkansas AR	X		X*		State Application Requirements	*May apply initially for associate license; must document 3,000 client contact hours of AK Board-acceptable supervised experience in professional counseling to apply for LPC. NOTE: applicants who have a license in good standing in another state and become new AK residents have automatic licensure.

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California CA	X		X*		State Application Requirements	<p>May apply initially for associate license; two years or 3,000 hours of work experience, which includes at least 1,750 hours of direct client experience in a clinical mental health setting required to apply for LPC.</p> <p>*Once application is approved, candidates must complete LPCC California Law and Ethics Exam.</p>
Colorado CO	X		X*		State Application Requirements	<p>May apply initially for a provisional licensed counselor candidate (LPCC) permit; two years or 2,000 hours of professional psychotherapy experience after the Master's under board-approved clinical supervision to achieve LPC. *Applicants must also complete CO Jurisprudence exam.</p>
Connecticut CT	X		X		State Application Requirements	<p>May apply initially for Counselor Associate License; for LPC, must also complete 3,000 hours of postgraduate experience under professional supervision.</p>
Delaware DE	X		X		State Application Requirements	
District of Columbia DC	X		X		District Application Requirements	

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Florida FL	X		X		State Application Requirements	Effective July 1, 2025, licensure applicants must graduate from a 60-credit CACREP (or CORE) approved Master's program.
Georgia GA	X		X		State Application Requirements	See APC Licensure by Examination for first time licensure.
Hawaii HI	X		X*		State Application Requirements	*Applicants must first complete 3,000 hours of post-graduate experience in supervised mental health counseling. Credential allows licensee to practice as a "Mental Health Counselor"
Idaho ID	X		X*		State Application Requirements	*Applicants for Licensed Professional Counselor licensure must complete 1,000 hours of supervised experience in the field.
Illinois IL	X		X		State Application Requirements	Licensure applicants must graduate from a 60-credit CACREP (or CORE) approved Master's program.
Indiana IN	X			X	State Application Requirements	
Iowa IA	X		X		State Application Requirements	Temporary licensure as a Mental Health Counselor; full licensure requires 3,000 hours of supervised clinical practice.
Kansas KS	X		X		State Application Requirements	

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Kentucky KY	X		X		State Application Requirements	May apply initially for Professional Counselor Associate license; LPCC credential requires completion of 4,000 hours of counseling experience post-master's.
Louisiana LA	X		X		State Application Requirements	May apply initially for a Provisional Licensed Professional Counselor (PLPC) credential. LPC credential requires 3,000 of post-master's supervised experience in mental health counseling.
Maine ME	X		X		State Application Requirements	May apply for a Conditional Professional Counselor license
Maryland MD	X		X*		State Application Requirements	May apply initially for a Licensed Graduate Professional Counselor (LGPC). *Also must pass the Maryland Law Assessment as part of the application process.
Massachusetts MA	X		X		State Application Requirements	May apply initially as a Supervised Mental Health Counselor
Michigan MI	X		X		State Application Requirements	May apply initially for a Limited Counselor license
Minnesota MN	X		X		State Application Requirements	Reciprocity for those with PA LPC license; state requires 2,000 hours of supervised post-degree professional practice.

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Mississippi MS	X		X		State Application Requirements	May apply initially for Provisional Licensed Professional Counselor (P-LPC) credential - must also pass Mississippi Jurisprudence Exam. LPC requires completion of 3,000 hours of supervised counseling in a clinical setting.
Missouri MO	X			X	State Application Requirements	CMHC degree not accepted for licensure.
Montana MT	X		X		State Application Requirements	May apply initial for Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC) Candidate credential; must complete 3,000 hours of supervised counseling experience to apply for full LCPC,
Nebraska NE	X		X		State Application Requirements	May apply initially for Provisionally Licensed Mental Health Practitioner (PLMHP) credential; must complete 3,000 hours of supervised experience to be a Licensed Independent Mental Health Counselor.
Nevada NV	X		X		State Application Requirements	May apply for Clinical Professional Counselor (CPC) licensure.

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New Hampshire NH	X		X		State Application Requirements	May apply first for a Candidacy license; must also submit at the same time a Supervision agreement and application for initial license.
New Jersey NJ	X		X		State Application Requirements	May apply initial for a Licensed Associate Counselor (LAC) credential; must complete 4,500 supervised clinical experience hours to apply for LPC.
New Mexico NM	X		X		State Application Requirements	
New York NY	X		X		State Application Requirements	May apply initially for a limited permit to practice under supervision of a qualified supervisor in an authorized setting while meeting the examination & experience requirements. Must document at least 3,000 hours of supervised practice in order to seek professional license.

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North Carolina NC	X		X*		State Application Requirements	May apply initially for a Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor Associate (LCMHCA) credential. *Jurisprudence exam also required. Must complete 3,000 hours of supervised professional practice to apply for LCMHC license.
North Dakota ND	X		X		State Application Requirements	May apply for a Licensed Associate Professional Counselor (LAPC); once applicant has completed 100 hours of supervised practice in compliance with ND regulations, applicant is eligible to apply for LPC.
Ohio OH	X		X		State Application Requirements	May apply initially for a provisional license through securing Counselor Trainee (CT) status.
Oklahoma OK	X		X		State Application Requirements	
Oregon OR	X		X		State Application Requirements	May apply initially for "Registered Associate" designation; must accrue a minimum of 3 years and 1,900 hours of supervised clinical practice per OR statutes to seek LPC.

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Pennsylvania PA	X		X*		State Application Requirements	To secure full licensure, applicants must complete 3,000 hours of Supervised Clinical Experience completed in no less than 2 years . *Graduates from the Master of Music Therapy and Counseling (MMTC) program are also eligible to apply for this licensure.
Rhode Island RI	X		X		State Application Requirements	May apply initially for a Mental Health Counselor Associate license; must complete at least 2,000 hours of direct client clinical/ counseling therapy.
South Carolina SC	X		X		State Application Requirements	May apply initially for Professional Counselor Associate credential - application and supervision plan. Eligible to apply for LPC upon completing 1,500 hours of post-master's' clinical experience and supervision in practice as per SC law.

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South Dakota SD	X		X		State Application Requirements	May apply for LPC by including proposing a board-certified supervisor to oversee required supervision and direct client contact hours required for full licensure (2,000 hours).
Tennessee TN					State Application Requirements	To secure licensure as an LPC, must complete at least two years of practice/1,000 hours of face-to-face professional counseling work.
Texas TX	X		X*		State Application Requirements	May apply initially for LPC Associate licensure. *Must also complete LPC Jurisprudence Exam. To apply for LPC, applicant must complete 3,000 hours of supervised experience under supervision of approved LPC supervisor.
Utah UT	X		X		State Application Requirements	May apply initially for an Associate Clinical Mental Health Counselor license. To apply for CMHC license, applicants must have 3,000 hours documented supervision for post-graduate mental health practice hours.

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Vermont VT	X			X	State Application Requirements	Initial licensure requires 700 hours of internship; applicants may supplement up to 100 hours to meet the 700 hours. Applicants must also complete 4,000 of post-graduate supervised practice.
Virginia VA	X		X		State Application Requirements	May apply initially to secure a Resident in Counseling license. To achieve LPC, applicants must complete 3,400 hours of supervised residency in counseling with various populations (see VA requirements).
Washington WA	X		X		State Application Requirements	May apply initially for Mental Health Counselor Associate license. To apply for Mental Health Counselor credential, applicant must complete 3,000 hours of postgraduate mental health counseling under supervision.
West Virginia WV	X		X		State Application Requirements	May apply initially for provisional LPC licensure. To apply for LPC, applicants must complete 3,000 hours of postgraduate supervised experience.

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Wisconsin WI	X		X		State Application Requirements	May apply initially for Licensed Professional Counselor Training License - submit Professional Counselor post-grad supervisor approval form. For LPC license, applicant must complete 3,000 hours of professional counseling practice.
Wyoming WY	X		X		State Application Requirements	May apply initially for Provisional Professional Counselor licensure. For LPC, applicants must complete 3,000 hours of professional counseling practice.