

2023 Counseling Licensure Requirements (Clinical Mental Health Counseling)

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- It is important to note that requirements are subject to change, and it is recommended that every student checks with the Board of Licensure the state in which they intend to be licensed for the most up-to-date information. The licensing board information for each state is provided below.

State
<p>Alabama:</p> <p>Alabama Board of Examiners in Counseling Website: https://www.abec.alabama.gov/ Phone: (205) 458-8716 Email: abec@abec.alabama.gov</p>
<p>Alaska:</p> <p>Alaska Board of Professional Counselors Website: https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardofProfessionalCounselors.aspx Phone: (907) 465-2551 Email: BoardofProfessionalCounselors@Alaska.Gov</p>
<p>Arizona:</p> <p>Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners Website: https://azbbhe.us/ Phone: (602) 542-1882</p>

Email: azbbhe@az.gov

Arkansas:

Arkansas Board of Examiners in Counseling
Website: [https:// https://abec.statesolutions.us/](https://abec.statesolutions.us/)
Phone: (501) 683-5800
Email: info@arcounselingboard.org

California:

Board of Behavioral Sciences
Website: <https://www.bbs.ca.gov/>
Phone: (916) 574-7830
Email: bbs.dca@dca.ca.gov

Colorado:

**State Board of Licensed Professional
Counselor Examiners**
Website: <https://dpo.colorado.gov/ProfessionalCounselor>
Phone: (303) 894-7800
Email: dora_dpo_licensing@state.co.us

Connecticut:

**Connecticut Department of Public Health –
Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors**
**Website: [https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/
Practitioner-Licensing--Investigations/
Professional-Counselor/Professional-Counselor-Licensing](https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Practitioner-Licensing--Investigations/Professional-Counselor/Professional-Counselor-Licensing)**
Phone: (860) 509-7603
Email: dph.counselorsteam@ct.gov

Delaware:

Delaware Board of Mental Health and Chemical Dependency Professionals
**Website: [https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/
profcounselor/](https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/profcounselor/)**

Phone: (302) 744-4500

Email: customerservice.dpr@delaware.gov

District of Columbia:

**District of Columbia Board of Professional
Counseling**

Website: <https://dchealth.dc.gov/service/professional-counseling-licensing>

Phone: (877) 672-2174

Email: dpcboard@dc.gov

Florida:

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

**Website: [https://floridasmentalhealth
professions.gov/](https://floridasmentalhealthprofessions.gov/)**

Phone: (850) 245-4474

Email: MQA.Counseling@flhealth.gov

Georgia:

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

Website: <https://sos.ga.gov/how-to-guide/how-guide-professional-counselor>

Phone: (478) 207-2440

Email: verification@sos.ga.gov

Hawaii:

**Hawaii Department of Commerce and
Consumer Affairs - Professional and
Vocational Licensing Division**

**Website: [http://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/
mental/](http://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/mental/)**

Phone: (808) 586-3000

Email: dcca.pvl@hawaii.gov

Idaho:

**Idaho Licensing Board of Professional
Counselors and Marriage & Family Therapists**

Website: [https://ibol.idaho.gov/IBOL/](https://ibol.idaho.gov/IBOL/BoardAdditional.aspx?Bureau=COU&BureauLinkID=130)

BoardAdditional.aspx?Bureau=

COU&BureauLinkID=130

Phone: (208) 334-3233

Email: cou@ibol.idaho.gov

Illinois:

**Illinois Department of Financial and
Professional Regulation, Division of
Professional Regulation**

Website: <https://idfpr.illinois.gov/profs/profcounselor.html>

Phone: (312) 814-4500

Email: FPR.Counselor@illinois.gov

Indiana:

**Indiana Behavioral Health and Human
Services Licensing Board**

**Website: [https://www.in.gov/pla/](https://www.in.gov/pla/behavioral.htm)
[behavioral.htm](https://www.in.gov/pla/behavioral.htm)**

Phone: (317) 234-2064

Email: pla12@pla.in.gov

Iowa:

Iowa Board of Behavioral Science

**Website: [https://idph.iowa.gov/Licensure](https://idph.iowa.gov/Licensure/Iowa-Board-of-Behavioral-Science)
[/Iowa-Board-of-Behavioral-Science](https://idph.iowa.gov/Licensure/Iowa-Board-of-Behavioral-Science)**

Phone: (515) 281-0254

Email: ibbs@idph.iowa.gov

Kansas:

Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board

Website: <https://ksbsrb.ks.gov/>

Phone: (785) 296-3240

Email: ksbhaadmin@ks.gov

Kentucky:

Kentucky Board of Licensed Professional Counselors

Website: <https://lpc.ky.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

Phone: (502) 564-3296

Email: Lisa.McCann@ky.gov

Louisiana:

Louisiana Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners

Website: <https://www.lpcboard.org/>

Phone: (225) 765-2515

Email: lpcboard@lpcboard.org

Maine:

Maine Board of Counseling Professionals Licensure

Website: <https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/counseling/index.html>

Phone: (207) 624-8603

Email: maine.counseling@maine.gov

Maryland:

Maryland Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists

Website: <https://health.maryland.gov/bopc/Pages/default.aspx>
Phone: (410) 764-4732
Email: mhcc.health@maryland.gov

Massachusetts:

Board of Registration of Allied Mental Health and Human Services Professionals
Website: <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/board-of-registration-of-allied-mental-health-and-human-services-professions>
Phone: (617) 727-3080
Email: allied.mentalhealth@state.ma.us

Michigan:

Michigan Board of Counseling
Website: <https://www.michigan.gov/lara/bureau-list/bpl/health/hp-lic-health-prof/counseling>
Phone: (517) 335-0918
Email: BPL-BoardSupport@michigan.gov

Minnesota:

Minnesota Board of Behavioral Health and Therapy
Website: <https://mn.gov/boards/behavioral-health/>
Phone: (612) 548-2177
Email: bbht.board@state.mn.us

Mississippi:

Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors
Website: <https://www.lpc.ms.gov/>
Phone: (601) 359-1010
Email: lpc@lpc.ms.gov

Missouri:

Missouri Committee for Professional Counselors

Website: <https://pr.mo.gov/counselors.asp>
Phone: (573) 751-0018
Email: counseling@pr.mo.gov

Montana:

Montana Board of Behavioral Health
Website: <https://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/bbh>
Phone: (406) 841-2360
Email: dlibsdhhelp@mt.gov

Nebraska:

Nebraska Board of Mental Health Practice
Website: <https://www.nebraska.gov/LISSearch/search.cgi?action=license&choice=person&board=72&profession=counselor>
Phone: (402) 471-2118
Email: dhhs.crl@nebraska.gov

Nevada:

Nevada Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors
Website: <http://marriage.nv.gov/>
Phone: (775) 688-1268
Email: mehtp@med.unr.edu

New Hampshire:

New Hampshire Board of Mental Health Practice
Website: <https://www.oplc.nh.gov/board-mental-health-practice>
Phone: (603) 271-6762
Email: mentalhealthpractice@oplc.nh.gov

New Jersey:

New Jersey State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners

Website: <https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/mft/>

Phone: (973) 504-6425

Email: askconsumeraffairs@dca.lps.state.nj.us

New Mexico:

New Mexico Counseling and Therapy Practice Board

Website: http://www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/Counseling_and_Therapy_Practice.aspx

Phone: (505) 476-4622

Email: Counselingboard@state.nm.us

New York:

New York State Education Department, Office of the Professions, Mental Health Practitioners

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

Phone: (518) 474-3817 ext. 250

Email: opunit1@nysed.gov

North Carolina:

North Carolina Board of Licensed Professional Counselors

Website: <https://www.ncblpc.org/>

Phone: (844) 622-3572

Email: information@ncblpc.org

North Dakota:

North Dakota Board of Counselor Examiners

Website: <https://www.ndbce.org/>

Phone: (701) 214-3622

Email: ndbce@aptnd.com

Ohio:

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

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

Phone: (614) 466-0912

Email: cswmft.info@cswb.ohio.gov

Oklahoma:

Oklahoma State Board of Behavioral Health Licensure

Website: [https://www.ok.gov/behavioral
health/](https://www.ok.gov/behavioralhealth/)

Phone: (405) 522-3696

Email: behavioral.health@ok.gov

Oregon:

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

Website: [https://www.oregon.gov/oblptct/
Pages/index.aspx](https://www.oregon.gov/oblptct/Pages/index.aspx)

Phone: (503) 378-5499

Email: lpct.board@oregon.gov

Pennsylvania:

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

Website: [https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing
/Pages/default.aspx](https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/Pages/default.aspx)

Phone: (717) 783-1389

Email: ST-SOCIALWORK@pa.gov

Rhode Island:

Rhode Island Board of Mental Health

**Counselors and Marriage and Family
Therapists**

Website: [https://health.ri.gov/licenses/
detail.php?id=228](https://health.ri.gov/licenses/detail.php?id=228)

Phone: (401) 222-2828

Email: doh.license@health.ri.gov

South Carolina:

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

Website: <https://www.llr.sc.gov/cou/>

Phone: (803) 896-4658

Email: boardcontact@llr.sc.gov

South Dakota:

**South Dakota Board of Examiners in
Counseling and Marriage & Family Therapy**

Website: [https://dss.sd.gov/licensingboards/counselors
/counselors.aspx](https://dss.sd.gov/licensingboards/counselors/counselors.aspx)

Phone: (605) 773-3361

Email: socialservices@state.sd.us

Tennessee:

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

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

Phone: (615) 741-5735

Email: Health.Professional-Boards@tn.gov

Texas:

**Texas State Board of Examiners of
Professional Counselors**

Website: <https://www.bhec.texas.gov/texas-state-board-of-examiners-of-professional-counselors/index.html>

Phone: (512) 834-6658

Email: LPC@dshs.texas.gov

Utah:

**Utah Department of Commerce, Division
of Occupational and Professional Licensing,
Professional Counselor Licensing Board**

Website: <https://dopl.utah.gov/clinical-mental-health-counseling/>

Phone: (801) 530-6628

Email: doplweb@utah.gov

Vermont:

**Vermont Board of Allied Mental Health
Practitioners**

Website: <https://sos.vermont.gov/allied-mental-health/>

Phone: (802) 828-1134

Email: kathy.walsh@vermont.gov

Virginia:

Virginia Board of Counseling

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

Phone: (804) 367-4610

Email: counseling@dhp.virginia.gov

Washington:

**Washington State Department of Health,
Counseling Program**

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

Phone: (360) 236-4700

Email: hsqa.csc@doh.wa.gov

West Virginia:

West Virginia Board of Examiners in Counseling

Website: <https://www.wvbec.org/>

Phone: (304) 558-5494

Email: wvbec@wvbec.org

Wisconsin:

**Wisconsin Department of Safety and
Professional Services, Marriage and
Family Therapy, Professional Counseling,
and Social Work Examining Board**

**Website: [https://dsps.wi.gov/Pages/Professions/
LPC/Default.aspx](https://dsps.wi.gov/Pages/Professions/LPC/Default.aspx)**

Phone: (608) 266-2112

Email: dsps@wisconsin.gov

Wyoming:

**Wyoming Mental Health Professions Licensing
Board**

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

Phone: (307) 777-3628

Email: wyoingmentalhealth@wyo.gov