After earning a master's degree in clinical mental health counseling, individuals must obtain a state license to legally practice counseling. The requirements for obtaining a clinical counseling license vary by state.

Upon completion of the master's in clinical mental health counseling degree program at The University of Olivet (UO), graduates are prepared with the necessary skills and knowledge to sit for the required clinical counseling licensing examination in numerous states. Individuals interested in pursuing a state license to practice as a clinical counselor or in counseling are encouraged to review the requirements specific to the state in which they seek licensure. Licensure requirements and appropriate pathways are subject to change; students are encouraged to work closely with their academic advisor to determine the appropriate pathway and licensure requirements.

Information pertaining to each state's licensing requirements for clinical counselors is included below. The list provides information and links to licensing information for each state (as available), in relation to eligibility for licensure based on UO's Clinical Mental Health Counseling degree program.

The University of Olivet Clinical Mental Health Counseling degree program is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and is seeking specialized accreditation through the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). While Olivet seeks CACREP accreditation, students may be required to complete a program evaluation by the Center for Credentialing and Education, Inc. (CCE), to ensure the program is aligned with and satisfies the CACREP accreditation standards. Students located in a state that accepts equivalent CACREP accreditation are encouraged to work with their program advisor for detailed information regarding the CCE evaluation process.

Alabama

Licensure Issued:

1. Associate Licensed Counselor (ALC) - while obtaining post-grad field experience
2. Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) – once post-graduate field experience has been completed

Examination: National Counselor Exam (NCE) or National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE)

Curriculum Requirements:

1. Counseling Theory
2. Human Growth & Development
3. Social & Multicultural Foundations
4. The Helping Relationship
5. Group Dynamics
6. Lifestyle& Career Development
7. Appraisal of Individuals
8. Research & Evaluation
9. Professional Orientation
10. Practicum
11. Internship

CACREP Program Accreditation Required: Program evaluation completed by the Center for Credentialing and Education, Inc. (CCE) required to ensure program alignment with CACREP accreditation standards.

Field Experience Requirements: 100 hours of practicum (40 direct), 600 hours of internship (240 direct), 2.5 hours of supervision per week of individual supervision.

State Entities and Information:

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Federal Disclosure: Meets state requirements

Alaska

Licensure Issued: Professional Counselor License

Additional State Information: An initial license is not required to begin accruing postgraduate supervision hours.

Examination: National Counselor Exam (NCE) or National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE)

Curriculum Requirements:

1. The Helping Relationship, including Counseling Theory and Practice
2. Human Growth and Development
3. Lifestyle and Career Development
4. Group Dynamics, Processes, Counseling, and Consulting
5. Assessment, Appraisal, and Testing of Individuals
6. Social and Cultural Foundation, including Multicultural Issues
7. Principles of Etiology, Diagnosis, Treatment Planning, and Prevention of Mental and Emotional Disorders and Dysfunctional Behavior
8. Marriage and Family Counseling and Therapy
9. Research and Evaluation
10. Professional Counseling Orientation; and Ethics.

CACREP Program Accreditation Required: No

Field Experience Requirements: 100 hours of face-to-face supervision experience

State Entities and Information:

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Federal Disclosure: Meets state requirements

Arizona

Licensure Issued:

1. Licensed Associate Counselor – while obtaining post-graduate field experience
2. Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) - once post-graduate field experience has been completed

Examination: National Counselor Exam (NCE) or National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE)

Curriculum Requirements:

1. Professional Orientation and Ethical Practice
2. Social and Cultural Diversity
3. Human Growth and development
4. Career Development
5. Relationships
6. Group Work
7. Assessment
8. Research and Program Evaluation

CACREP Program Accreditation Required: Program evaluation completed by the Center for Credentialing and Education, Inc. (CCE) required to ensure program alignment with CACREP accreditation standards.

Field Experience Requirements: 700 hours of field experience

State Entities and Information:

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Federal Disclosure: Meets state requirements

Arkansas

Licensure Issued:

1. Licensed Associate Counselor – while obtaining post-graduate field experience
2. Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) - once post-graduate field experience has been completed

Examination: National Counselor Exam (NCE) or National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE) and The Arkansas Board of Examiners in Counseling Jurisprudence Exam

Curriculum Requirements:

1. Professional Identity
2. Social and Cultural Diversity
3. Human Growth and Development
4. Career Development
5. Helping Relationships

6. Lifestyle and Career Development
7. Assessment
8. Research and Program Evaluation
9. Practicum and/or Internship (9 credits)
10. Psychopathology, including Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM) and International Classification of Diseases (ICD) training
11. Family and Relationship
12. Psychopharmacology

CACREP Program Accreditation Required: Program evaluation completed by the Center for Credentialing and Education, Inc. (CCE) required to ensure program alignment with CACREP accreditation standards.

Field Experience Requirements: 100 hours Practicum (40 direct), 600 hours Internship (240 direct), 2.5 hours of supervision per week to include 1 hour per week of individual supervision

State Entities and Information:

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Federal Disclosure: Meets state requirements

California

Licensure Issued:

1. Associate Professional Clinical Counselor (APCC) – while obtaining post-graduate field experience
2. Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC) - once post-graduate field experience has been completed

Additional State Information:

Additional coursework within the 13 content areas should include:

1. Suicide Risk Assessment and Intervention
2. Human Sexuality
3. Spousal/Partner Abuse Assessment, Detection, and Intervention
4. Child Abuse Assessment and Reporting in California
5. Aging, Long-Term Care and Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse
6. Mental Health Recovery Oriented Care and Methods of Service Delivery
7. California Cultures and Social and Psychological Implications of Socioeconomic Position

8. 3 credits course on California Law & Ethics

Examination: California Law and Ethics Exam and National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE)

Curriculum Requirements:

1. California Law and Ethics Exam
2. Human Growth and Development Across the Lifespan
3. Career Development Theories and Techniques
4. Group Counseling Theories and Techniques
5. Assessment, Appraisal, and Testing of Individuals
6. Multicultural Counseling Theories and Techniques
7. Principles of the Diagnostic Process
8. Official curriculum comparison required

CACREP Program Accreditation Required: No

Field Experience Requirements: 6 semester hours of practicum and 280 hours of face-to-face counseling

State Entities and Information:

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Federal Disclosure: Meets state requirements with additional coursework.

Federal Disclosure Reason: UO works closely with students to help them meet state specific requirements for initial licensure.

Colorado

Licensure Issued:

1. Licensed Associate Counselor – while obtaining post-graduate field experience
2. Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) - once post-graduate field experience has been completed

Examination: State Jurisprudence Examination and Counselor Certification Examination administered by the National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC) [NCE or NCMHCE)

Curriculum Requirements:

1. Human Growth and Development
2. Social and Cultural Foundations
3. Helping Relationships
4. Groups
5. Lifestyles and Career Development
6. Appraisal
7. Research and Evaluation
8. Professional Orientation

CACREP Program Accreditation Required: Program evaluation completed by the Center for Credentialing and Education, Inc. (CCE) required to ensure program alignment with CACREP accreditation standards.

Field Experience Requirements: 700 hours of supervised professional practice

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Federal Disclosure: Meets state requirements

Connecticut

Licensure Issued: Licensed Professional Counselor

Additional State Information: An initial license is not required to begin accruing postgraduate supervision hours. 3000 hours of postgraduate-degree-supervised experience in professional counseling that included at least one hundred hours of direct supervision must be completed before license can be obtained.

Examination: National Counselor Exam (NCE) or National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE)

Curriculum Requirements:

1. Human Growth and Development
2. Social and Cultural Foundations
3. Counseling Theories Techniques
4. Counseling Techniques
5. Group Dynamics
6. Career Counseling
7. Appraisals or Tests and Measurements for Individuals and Groups

8. Research and Evaluation
9. Professional Orientation to Mental Health Counseling
10. Addiction and Substance Abuse Counseling
11. Trauma and Crisis Counseling
12. Diagnosis and Treatment of Mental and Emotional Disorders

CACREP Program Accreditation Required: No

Field Experience Requirements: 100 hour supervised Practicum and 600 hour supervised Internship

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Federal Disclosure: Meets state requirements

Delaware

Licensure Issued:

1. Licensed Associate Counselor of Mental Health (LACMH) – while obtaining post-graduate field experience
2. Licensed Professional Counselor of Mental Health (LPCMH) - once post-graduate field experience has been completed

Additional State Information: Applicants must provide documentation of completion of 3,200 hours of mental health counseling services over a period of no less than 2 but no more than 4 consecutive years.

Examination: National Counselor Exam (NCE) or National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE)

Curriculum Requirements:

1. Professional Counseling Orientation and Ethical Practice
2. Social and Cultural Diversity
3. Human Growth and Development
4. Career Development
5. Counseling and Helping Relationships
6. Group Counseling and Group Work
7. Assessment and Testing

8. Research and Program Evaluation

CACREP Program Accreditation Required: No

Field Experience Requirements: 300 hours minimum, of which 150 must be with couples and families

State Entities and Information:

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Federal Disclosure: Meets state requirements

District of Columbia

Licensure Issued:

1. Licensed Graduate Professional Counselor – while obtaining post-graduate field experience
2. Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) - once post-graduate field experience has been completed

Examination: National Counselor Exam (NCE) or National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE)

Curriculum Requirements:

1. Counseling Theory and Practice
2. Human growth and Development
3. Lifestyle and Career Development
4. Group Counseling
5. Appraisal, Assessment, and Testing on 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
11. Counseling Practicum or Internship

CACREP Program Accreditation Required: Program evaluation completed by the Center for Credentialing and Education, Inc. (CCE) required to ensure program alignment with CACREP accreditation standards.

Field Experience Requirements: 100 hours of Practicum (40 direct) and 600 hours of Internship (240 direct)

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Federal Disclosure: Meets state requirements

Florida

Licensure Issued:

1. Registered Mental Health Counselor Intern – while obtaining post-graduate field experience
2. Licensed Mental Health Counselor - once post-graduate field experience has been completed

Additional State Information: Applicants must also complete an 8-hour Florida laws and rules course, 3-hour HIV/AIDS course, and 2-hour domestic violence course.

Examination: National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE)

Curriculum Requirements:

1. Counseling Theories and Practice
2. Human Growth and Development
3. Diagnosis and Treatment of Psychopathology
4. Human Sexuality
5. Group Theories and Practice
6. Individual Evaluation and Assessment
7. Career and Lifestyle Assessment
8. Research and Program Evaluation
9. Social and Cultural Foundations
10. Substance Abuse
11. Legal, Ethical, and Professional Standards Issues
12. Official curriculum comparison required

CACREP Program Accreditation Required: Program evaluation completed by the Center for Credentialing and Education, Inc. (CCE) required to ensure program alignment with CACREP accreditation standards.

Field Experience Requirements: 100 hours of Practicum (40 direct) and 600 hours of Internship (240 direct)

State Entities and Information:

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Federal Disclosure: Meets state requirements with additional coursework.

Federal Disclosure Reason: UO works closely with students to help them meet state specific requirements for initial licensure.

Georgia

Licensure Issued:

1. Associate Professional Counselor – while obtaining post-graduate field experience
2. Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) - once post-graduate field experience has been completed

Examination: California Law and Ethics Exam and National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE)

Curriculum Requirements:

1. Human Growth and Development
2. Multicultural Counseling or Diversity Training
3. Techniques and Skills or Advance Psychotherapy/Intervention Theory
4. Dynamics and Group Counseling/Psychotherapy
5. Lifestyle and Career Development
6. Appraisal/Assessment of Individuals
7. Research Methods of Evaluation
8. Professional Orientation and Ethics
9. Psychopathology

CACREP Program Accreditation Required: No

Field Experience Requirements: 600 hours of practicum or internship

State Entities and Information:

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Federal Disclosure: Meets state requirements

Hawaii

Licensure Issued: Licensed Mental Health Counselor

Additional State Information: Applicants must complete 3000 hours of post-graduate experience in the practice of mental health counseling with one hundred hours of face-to-face clinical supervision that shall be completed in no less than two years and in no more than four years. An initial license is not required to begin accruing postgraduate supervision hours. If an applicant needs to use a title to obtain post-graduate hours, they should use “Mental Health Counselor Intern.”

Examination: National Counselor Exam (NCE)

Curriculum Requirements:

1. Human Growth and Development
2. Social and Cultural Foundations
3. Counseling Theories and Applications
4. Group Theory and Practice
5. Career and Lifestyle Development
6. Appraisal of Human Behavior
7. Tests and Measurements
8. Research and Program Evaluation
9. Professional Orientation and Ethics

CACREP Program Accreditation Required: No

Field Experience Requirements: 600 hours of practicum or internship

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Federal Disclosure: Meets state requirements

Idaho

Licensure Issued:

1. Registered Counselor Intern – while obtaining post-graduate field experience
2. Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) - once post-graduate field experience has been completed

Additional State Information: Applicants must complete 1,000 clock hours of experience working in a counseling setting and 400 hours of which must be direct client contact.

Examination: National Counselor Exam (NCE)

Curriculum Requirements:

1. Human Growth and Development
2. Social and Cultural Foundations
3. The Helping Relationship
4. Groups
5. Life-style and Career Development
6. Appraisal of the Individual
7. Research and Evaluation
8. Professional Orientation
9. Advanced Counseling Practicum (6 credits)

CACREP Program Accreditation Required: Program evaluation completed by the Center for Credentialing and Education, Inc. (CCE) required to ensure program alignment with CACREP accreditation standards.

Field Experience Requirements: 280 hours of direct client contact that is supervised at the ratio of at least 1 hour of one-to-one supervision for every 10 hours of experience in the setting

State Entities and Information:

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Federal Disclosure: Meets state requirements

Illinois

Licensure Issued:

1. Licensed Professional Counselor
2. Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor

Examination: National Counselor Exam (NCE)

Curriculum Requirements:

1. Human Growth and Development
2. Counseling Theory
3. Counseling Techniques
4. Group Dynamics, Processing and Counseling
5. Appraisal of Individuals
6. Research and Evaluation
7. Professional, Legal and Ethical Responsibilities Relating to Professional Counseling, Including Illinois Law
8. Social and Cultural Foundations
9. Lifestyle and Career Development
10. Practicum/Internship
11. Psychopathology and Maladaptive Behavior
12. Substance Abuse
13. Family Dynamics

CACREP Program Accreditation Required: No

Field Experience Requirements: 100 hours of Practicum (40 direct) and 600 hours of Internship (240 direct)

State Entities and Information:

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Federal Disclosure: Meets state requirements

Indiana

Licensure Issued:

1. Licensed Mental Health Counselor Associate – while obtaining post-graduate field experience

2. Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LPC) - once post-graduate field experience has been completed

Additional State Information: Applicants must complete 3,000 hours of post-graduate clinical experience over a 2-year period. The clinical experience must consist of 100 hours of face-to-face supervision.

Examination: National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE)

Curriculum Requirements:

1. Human Growth and Development
2. Social and Cultural Foundations of Counseling
3. Helping Relationship, Including Counseling Theory and Practice
4. Dynamics, Processes, Counseling, and Consultation
5. Lifestyle and Career Development
6. Assessment and Appraisal of Individuals
7. Research and Program Evaluation
8. Professional Orientation and Ethics
9. Foundations of Mental Health Counseling
10. Contextual Dimensions of Mental Health Counseling
11. Knowledge and Skills for the Practice of Mental Health Counseling and Psychotherapy
12. Instruction

CACREP Program Accreditation Required: No

Field Experience Requirements: Not less than 1 supervised clinical practicum or internship in a counseling setting, including a minimum of 1,000 clock hours consisting of 1 practicum of 100 hours, 1 internship of 600 hours, and 1 advanced internship of 300 hours with at least 100 hours of face-to-face supervision.

State Entities and Information:

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Federal Disclosure: Meets state requirements

Iowa

Licensure Issued:

1. Temporary Licensed– while obtaining post-graduate field experience

2. Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC) - once post-graduate field experience has been completed

Examination: National Counselor Exam (NCE) or National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE)

Curriculum Requirements:

1. Professional Orientation and Ethical Practices
2. Social and Cultural Diversity
3. Human Growth and Development
4. Career Development
5. Helping Relationships
6. Group Work
7. Assessment
8. Research and Program Evaluation
9. Diagnosis and Treatment Planning
10. Psychopathology
11. Practicum
12. Internship

CACREP Program Accreditation Required: Program evaluation completed by the Center for Credentialing and Education, Inc. (CCE) required to ensure program alignment with CACREP accreditation standards.

Field Experience Requirements: 100 hours of Practicum (40 direct) and 600 hours of Internship (240 direct)

State Entities and Information:

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Federal Disclosure: Meets state requirements

Kansas

Licensure Issued:

1. Licensed Associate Counselor by Temporary License – while obtaining post-graduate field experience
2. Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) - once post-graduate field experience has been completed

Additional State Information: After applying for the Professional Counselor License to begin post graduate hours, the board will determine if an applicant is eligible for a temporary license. There are other licensure options available to applicants. Contact the Kansas state board for additional information.

Examination: National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE)

Curriculum Requirements:

1. Counseling Theory and Practice
2. The Helping Relationship
3. Group Dynamics, Processing and Counseling
4. Human Growth and Development
5. Lifestyle and Career Development
6. Appraisal of Individuals
7. Social and Cultural Foundations
8. Research and Evaluation
9. Professional Orientation
10. Supervised Practicum and Internship

CACREP Program Accreditation Required: No

Field Experience Requirements: 280 hours of direct client contact that is supervised

State Entities and Information:

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Federal Disclosure: Meets state requirements

Kentucky

Licensure Issued:

1. Licensed Professional Counselor Associate (LPCA) – while obtaining post-graduate field experience
2. Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC) - once post-graduate field experience has been completed

Examination: National Counselor Exam (NCE) or National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE)

Curriculum Requirements:

1. The Helping Relationship, including Counseling Theory and Practice
2. Human Growth and Development
3. Lifestyle and Career Development
4. Group Dynamics, Processes, Counseling, and Consulting
5. Assessment, Appraisal, and Testing of Individuals
6. Social and Cultural Foundations
7. Principles of Etiology, Diagnosis, Treatment Planning, and Prevention of Mental and Emotional Disorders
8. Research and Evaluation
9. Professional Orientation

CACREP Program Accreditation Required: Yes

Field Experience Requirements: 600 hours of practicum and internship with 240 hours of direct service

State Entities and Information:

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Federal Disclosure: Does not meet state requirements

Federal Disclosure Reason: State requires CACREP accredited programs. UO is seeking CACREP accreditation.

Louisiana

Licensure Issued:

1. Provisional Licensed Professional Counselor – while obtaining post-graduate field experience
2. Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) - once post-graduate field experience has been completed

Additional State Information: All field experience courses must be completed with a grade of A, B, or P.

Examination: National Counselor Exam (NCE) or National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE)

Curriculum Requirements:

1. Counseling/Psychotherapy Theories of Personality
2. Human Growth and Development
3. Abnormal Behavior
4. Techniques of Counseling/ Psychotherapy
5. Group Dynamics, Processes, and Counseling/Psychotherapy
6. Lifestyle and Career Development
7. Appraisal of Individuals
8. Ethics and Professional Orientation
9. Mental Health Counseling Practicum
10. Mental Health Counseling Internship

CACREP Program Accreditation Required: Yes

Field Experience Requirements: 100 hours of Practicum (40 direct) and 600 hours of Internship (240 direct)

State Entities and Information:

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Federal Disclosure: Does not meet state requirements

Federal Disclosure Reason: State requires CACREP accredited programs. UO is seeking CACREP accreditation.

Maine

Licensure Issued:

1. Conditional License – while obtaining post-graduate field experience
2. Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) - once post-graduate field experience has been completed

Additional State Information: Applicants must complete 2 years of experience after obtainment of a master's degree or a doctoral degree with a minimum of 2,000 hours of supervised experience

Examination: National Counselor Exam (NCE)

Curriculum Requirements:

1. Human Growth and Development
2. Social and Cultural Foundations
3. Helping Relationships
4. Groups
5. Lifestyle and Career Development
6. Measurement
7. and Evaluation
8. Professional Orientation
9. Practicum
10. Internship

CACREP Program Accreditation Required: Program evaluation completed by the Center for Credentialing and Education, Inc. (CCE) required to ensure program alignment with CACREP accreditation standards.

Field Experience Requirements: 100 hours of Practicum (40 direct) and 600 hours of Internship (240 direct)

State Entities and Information:

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Federal Disclosure: Meets state requirements

Maryland

Licensure Issued:

1. Licensed Graduate Professional Counselor – while obtaining post-graduate field experience
2. Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) - once post-graduate field experience has been completed

Additional State Information: Applicants complete 3 years with at least 3,000 hours of supervised clinical experience in professional counseling under an approved supervisor. Of the 3 years, 2 years shall be post-graduate clinical supervision hours. One year may be acquired before the awarding of the master's degree.

Examination: National Counselor Exam (NCE) and Maryland State Law Test

Curriculum Requirements:

1. Human Growth and Development
2. Social and Cultural Foundations
3. Counseling Theory
4. Counseling Techniques
5. Group Dynamics, Processes, 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 Clinical Experience
13. Diagnosis and Psychopathology
14. Psychotherapy and Treatment of Mental and Emotional Disorders

CACREP Program Accreditation Required: No

Field Experience Requirements: Direct client contact in counseling experience with a minimum of 125 hours of face-to-face client counseling

State Entities and Information:

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Federal Disclosure: Meets state requirements

Massachusetts

Licensure Issued: Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC)

Additional State Information: Applicants must complete a minimum of two years of full-time or equivalent part-time, post-master's degree supervised clinical field experience of either 3,360 total hours, or 960 direct client contact hours, of which a minimum of 610 direct client contact hours are in individual, couples, or family counseling and a maximum of 350 direct client contact hours may be in group counseling

Examination: National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE)

Curriculum Requirements:

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
11. Elective Areas

CACREP Program Accreditation Required: No

Field Experience Requirements: 100 hours of Practicum (40 direct) and 600 hours of Internship (240 direct)

State Entities and Information:

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Federal Disclosure: Meets state requirements

Michigan

Licensure Issued:

1. Limited License – while obtaining post-graduate field experience
2. Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) - once post-graduate field experience has been completed

Additional State Information: Applicants must complete training in identifying victims of human trafficking and 3,000 hours of post-graduate field experience in not less than 2-years, with 100 hours of regularly scheduled supervision.

Examination: National Counselor Exam (NCE) or National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE)

Curriculum Requirements:

1. Career Development
2. Consulting
3. Counseling Techniques
4. Counseling Theories

5. Counseling Philosophy
6. Group Techniques
7. Professional Ethics
8. Research Methodology
9. Multicultural Counseling
10. Testing Procedures and Assessment
11. Practicum
12. Internship

CACREP Program Accreditation Required: Program evaluation completed by the Center for Credentialing and Education, Inc. (CCE) required to ensure program alignment with CACREP accreditation standards.

Field Experience Requirements: 100 hours of Practicum (40 direct) and 600 hours of Internship (240 direct)

State Entities and Information:

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Federal Disclosure: Meets state requirements

Minnesota

Licensure Issued: Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)

Additional State Information: Applicants must complete 2,000 hours of supervised post-degree professional practice. Supervision must be obtained at a rate of 2 hours per 40 hours of professional practice, for a total of 100 hours of supervision. At least 50% must be individual, 1:1, supervision.

Examination: National Counselor Exam (NCE) or National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE)

Curriculum Requirements:

1. The Helping Relationship
2. Growth and Development
3. Lifestyle and Career Development
4. Group Dynamics, Processes, Counseling, and Consulting
5. Assessment and Appraisal
6. Social and Cultural Foundations

7. Principles of Etiology, Treatment Planning, and Prevention of Mental and Emotional Disorders
8. Family Counseling and Therapy
9. Research and Evaluation
10. Professional Counseling Orientation and Ethics.

CACREP Program Accreditation Required: Program evaluation completed by the Center for Credentialing and Education, Inc. (CCE) required to ensure program alignment with CACREP accreditation standards.

Field Experience Requirements: 100 hours of Practicum (40 direct) and 600 hours of Internship (240 direct)

State Entities and Information:

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Federal Disclosure: Meets state requirements

Mississippi

Licensure Issued:

1. Provisional Licensed Professional Counselor (P-LPC) – while obtaining post-graduate field experience
2. Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) - once post-graduate field experience has been completed

Additional State Information: Applicants must complete a total of 3,000 supervised hours in not less than 18 months of counseling in a clinical setting post master's degree

Examination: National Counselor Exam (NCE)

Curriculum Requirements:

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 Therapy
11. Abnormal Psychology and Psychopathology
12. Internship

CACREP Program Accreditation Required: Program evaluation completed by the Center for Credentialing and Education, Inc. (CCE) required to ensure program alignment with CACREP accreditation standards.

Field Experience Requirements: 100 hours of Practicum (40 direct) and 600 hours of Internship (240 direct)

State Entities and Information:

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Federal Disclosure: Meets state requirements

Missouri

Licensure Issued:

1. Provisional License – while obtaining post-graduate field experience
2. Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) - once post-graduate field experience has been completed

Additional State Information: Applicants must complete 3,000 hours and 24 months of supervised experience. Plus, 1,200 hours of direct client contact individual and/or group therapy is required.

Examination: National Counselor Exam (NCE)

Curriculum Requirements:

1. Counseling Theory
2. Human Growth and Development
3. Helping Relationship
4. Social and Cultural Diversity
5. Career Development
6. Appraisal of Individuals
7. Group Work

8. Research Methods
9. Professional Orientation
10. Practicum/Internship (6 credits)

CACREP Program Accreditation Required: Program evaluation completed by the Center for Credentialing and Education, Inc. (CCE) required to ensure program alignment with CACREP accreditation standards.

Field Experience Requirements: 100 hours of Practicum (40 direct) and 600 hours of Internship (240 direct)

State Entities and Information:

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Federal Disclosure: Meets state requirements

Montana

Licensure Issued:

1. Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor Candidate (LCPCC) – while obtaining post-graduate field experience
2. Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LPC) - once post-graduate field experience has been completed

Examination: National Counselor Exam (NCE) or National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE)

Curriculum Requirements:

1. Counseling Theory
2. Counseling Techniques
3. Human Growth and Development
4. Social and Cultural Foundations
5. The Helping Relationship
6. Groups
7. Lifestyle and Career Development
8. Appraisal
9. Research and Evaluation
10. Professional Orientation
11. Supervised Experience

CACREP Program Accreditation Required: Program evaluation completed by the Center for Credentialing and Education, Inc. (CCE) required to ensure program alignment with CACREP accreditation standards.

Field Experience Requirements: A minimum of 200 clock hours of service to clients including a minimum of 80 hours direct service

State Entities and Information:

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Federal Disclosure: Meets state requirements

Nebraska

Licensure Issued:

1. Provisional Mental Health Practitioner License – while obtaining post-graduate field experience
2. Mental Health Practitioner License - once post-graduate field experience has been completed

Additional State Information: Applicants must complete 3,000 hours of post-graduate work.

Examination: National Counselor Exam (NCE) or National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE)

Curriculum Requirements:

1. Theories and Techniques
2. Professional Ethics
3. Assessment Techniques
4. Human Growth and Development
5. Research and Evaluation
6. Social and Cultural Foundations

CACREP Program Accreditation Required: Program evaluation completed by the Center for Credentialing and Education, Inc. (CCE) required to ensure program alignment with CACREP accreditation standards.

Field Experience Requirements: 300 clock hours of direct client contact, of which 150 clock hours must be face-to-face

State Entities and Information:

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Federal Disclosure: Meets state requirements

Nevada

Licensure Issued:

1. Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor Intern – while obtaining post-graduate field experience
2. Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor - once post-graduate field experience has been completed

Examination: National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE)

Curriculum Requirements:

1. 2 courses in Human Development, Including, Without Limitation, Issues of Sexuality
2. 1 course in Individual Counseling Theories
3. 1 course in Individual Counseling Techniques and Practice
4. 1 course in Group Dynamics, Counseling and Consulting
5. 1 course in Ethics and Professional Studies
6. 3 courses in the Supervised Practice of Clinical Professional Counseling
7. 1 course in Diagnosis and Assessment, Including, Without Limitation, the Use of the DSM
8. 1 course in Social and Cultural Foundations
9. 1 course in Research and Evaluation
10. 1 course in Abuse of Alcohol or Controlled Substances
11. 1 course in Couples Counseling
12. 1 course in Family Systems
13. 1 course in Crisis or Trauma
14. 1 course in Grief or Loss

CACREP Program Accreditation Required: Program evaluation completed by the Center for Credentialing and Education, Inc. (CCE) required to ensure program alignment with CACREP accreditation standards.

Field Experience Requirements: The courses in the supervised practice of clinical professional counseling must include clinical experience working with individuals, couples, and families and be equivalent to three courses taken during three semesters or four courses taken during four quarters which provide a minimum of 40 weeks of supervised practice.

State Entities and Information:

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Federal Disclosure: Meets state requirements

New Hampshire

Licensure Issued: Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor

Additional State Information: An initial license is not required to begin accruing postgraduate supervision hours. Applicants must submit a supervision plan and have it approved by the board before counting supervision hours toward full licensure.

Examination: National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE)

Curriculum Requirements:

1. Human Growth and Development
2. Abnormal Psychopathology
3. Clinical Counseling Theories
4. Clinical Counseling Techniques
5. Social and Cultural Foundations
6. Group Work
7. Professional Orientation and Ethics of Mental Health Counseling
8. Career and Lifestyle Development
9. Testing and Assessment
10. Research and Program Evaluation
11. Addictive Behaviors

CACREP Program Accreditation Required: Program evaluation completed by the Center for Credentialing and Education, Inc. (CCE) required to ensure program alignment with CACREP accreditation standards.

Field Experience Requirements: 700 hours of supervised practicum and/or internship

State Entities and Information:

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Federal Disclosure: Meets state requirements

New Jersey

Licensure Issued:

1. Licensed Associate Counselor – while obtaining post-graduate field experience
2. Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) - once post-graduate field experience has been completed

Examination: National Counselor Exam (NCE)

Curriculum Requirements:

1. Counseling Theory and Practice
2. The Helping Relationship
3. Human Growth and Development
4. Lifestyle and Career Development
5. Group Dynamics
6. Appraisal of Individuals
7. Social and Cultural Foundations
8. Research and Evaluation
9. The Counseling Profession

CACREP Program Accreditation Required: Program evaluation completed by the Center for Credentialing and Education, Inc. (CCE) required to ensure program alignment with CACREP accreditation standards.

Field Experience Requirements: 100 hours of Practicum (40 direct) and 600 hours of Internship (240 direct)

State Entities and Information:

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Federal Disclosure: Meets state requirements

New Mexico

Licensure Issued:

1. Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC) – while obtaining post-graduate field experience
2. Licensed Professional Clinical Mental Health Counselor (LPCC) - once post-graduate field experience has been completed

Examination: National Counselor Exam (NCE) or National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE)

Curriculum Requirements:

1. Human Growth and Development
2. Social and Cultural Foundations
3. Helping Relationships
4. Group Work
5. Career and Lifestyle Development
6. Appraisal
7. Research Methods
8. Professional Orientation
9. Specialized Clinical Studies
10. Supervised Practicum
11. Supervised Internship

CACREP Program Accreditation Required: Program evaluation completed by the Center for Credentialing and Education, Inc. (CCE) required to ensure program alignment with CACREP accreditation standards.

Field Experience Requirements: 100 hours of Practicum (40 direct) and 600 hours of Internship (240 direct)

State Entities and Information:

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Federal Disclosure: Meets state requirements

New York

Licensure Issued:

1. Limited Permit in Mental Health Counseling – while obtaining post-graduate field experience
2. Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC) - once post-graduate field experience has been completed

Examination: National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE)

Curriculum Requirements:

1. Human Growth and Development
2. Social and Cultural Foundations of Counseling
3. Counseling Theory and Practice
4. Psychopathology
5. Group Dynamics
6. Lifestyle and Career Development
7. Assessment and Appraisal of Individuals, Couples, Families and Groups
8. Research and Program Evaluation
9. Professional Orientation and Ethics
10. Foundations of Mental Health
11. Counseling and Consultation
12. Clinical Instruction

CACREP Program Accreditation Required: Program evaluation completed by the Center for Credentialing and Education, Inc. (CCE) required to ensure program alignment with CACREP accreditation standards.

Field Experience Requirements: 600 hours of practicum or internship; 1 year in length

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Federal Disclosure: Meets state requirements

North Carolina

Licensure Issued:

1. Licensed Professional Counselor Associate (LPCA) – while obtaining post-graduate field experience

2. Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) - once post-graduate field experience has been completed

Examination: National Counselor Exam (NCE) or National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE)

Curriculum Requirements:

1. Helping Relationships
2. Professional Orientation
3. Human Growth and Development Theories
4. Social and Cultural Foundations
5. Group Counseling Theories and Processes
6. Career Counseling and Lifestyle Development
7. Assessment in Counseling
8. Research and Program Evaluation

CACREP Program Accreditation Required: Yes

Field Experience Requirements: 300 hours of graduate counseling experience at a rate of not less than one hour of clinical supervision per 40 hours of graduate counseling experience

State Entities and Information:

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Federal Disclosure: Does not meet state requirements

Federal Disclosure Reason: State requires CACREP accredited programs. UO is seeking CACREP accreditation.

North Dakota

Licensure Issued:

1. Licensed Associate Professional Counselor – while obtaining post-graduate field experience
2. Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) - once post-graduate field experience has been completed

Examination: National Counselor Exam (NCE)

Curriculum Requirements:

1. Counseling Theories
2. Counseling Methods
3. Group Counseling
4. Individual Appraisal, Assessment, or Testing
5. Counseling-related Research Methods
6. Human Growth and Development
7. Multicultural Counseling
8. Career and Lifestyle Development
9. Professional Orientation and Ethics

CACREP Program Accreditation Required: No

Field Experience Requirements: 100 hours of Practicum (40 direct) and 600 hours of Internship (240 direct)

State Entities and Information:

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Federal Disclosure: Meets state requirements

Ohio

Licensure Issued:

1. Licensed Professional Counselor – while obtaining post-graduate field experience
2. Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC) - once post-graduate field experience has been completed

Examination: National Counselor Exam (NCE)

Curriculum Requirements:

1. Human Growth and Development
2. Counseling Theory
3. Counseling Techniques
4. Group Dynamics, Processing, and Counseling
5. Appraisal of Individuals
6. Research and Evaluation
7. Professional, Legal, and Ethical Responsibilities

8. Social and Cultural Foundations
9. Lifestyle and Career Development

CACREP Program Accreditation Required: Program evaluation completed by the Center for Credentialing and Education, Inc. (CCE) required to ensure program alignment with CACREP accreditation standards.

Field Experience Requirements: 100 hours of Practicum (40 direct) and 600 hours of Internship (240 direct)

State Entities and Information:

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Federal Disclosure: Meets state requirements

Oklahoma

Licensure Issued:

1. Licensed Professional Counselor Candidate (LPCC) – while obtaining post-graduate field experience
2. Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) - once post-graduate field experience has been completed

Examination: National Counselor Exam (NCE)

Curriculum Requirements:

1. Human Growth and Development
2. Abnormal Human Behavior
3. Appraisal/Assessment Techniques (2 courses)
4. Professional Orientation/Ethics
5. Practicum/Internship

At Least 5 of the following:

1. Group Counseling
2. Lifestyle and Career Development
3. Social and Cultural Foundations
4. Personality Theories
5. Crisis intervention

6. Marriage/Family Counseling
7. Addictions Counseling
8. Rehabilitation Counseling
9. Gerontology
10. Human Sexuality
11. Counseling with Children/Adolescents
12. Clinical Supervision
13. Psychopharmacology
14. Physical and Emotional Health
15. Grief Counseling

CACREP Program Accreditation Required: No

Field Experience Requirements: 300 clock hours in counseling with planned experiences

State Entities and Information:

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Federal Disclosure: Meets state requirements

Oregon

Licensure Issued:

1. Registered Intern – while obtaining post-graduate field experience
2. Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) - once post-graduate field experience has been completed

Examination: National Counselor Exam (NCE) or National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE)

Curriculum Requirements:

1. Counseling Theory
2. Human Growth and Development
3. Social and Cultural Foundations
4. The Helping Relationship
5. Group Dynamics Processing and Counseling
6. Lifestyle and Career Development
7. Diagnosis of Mental Disorders
8. Research and Evaluation

9. Professional Orientation (Ethics)
10. At least 16 semester hours of supporting coursework for specialty areas
11. Supervised Clinical Practicum or Internship

CACREP Program Accreditation Required: Program evaluation completed by the Center for Credentialing and Education, Inc. (CCE) required to ensure program alignment with CACREP accreditation standards.

Field Experience Requirements: 100 hours of Practicum (40 direct) and 600 hours of Internship (240 direct)

State Entities and Information:

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Federal Disclosure: Meets state requirements

Pennsylvania

Licensure Issued: Licensed Professional Counselor

Additional State Information: An initial license is not required to begin accruing postgraduate supervision hours.

Examination: National Counselor Exam (NCE)

Curriculum Requirements:

1. Human Growth and Development
2. Social and Cultural Foundations
3. Helping Relationships
4. Group Work
5. Career and Lifestyle Development
6. Appraisal
7. Research and Program Evaluation
8. Professional Orientation

CACREP Program Accreditation Required: No

Field Experience Requirements: 100 hours of Practicum (40 direct) and 600 hours of Internship (240 direct)

State Entities and Information:

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Federal Disclosure: Meets state requirements

Rhode Island

Licensure Issued: Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC)

Additional State Information: An initial license is not required to begin accruing postgraduate supervision hours.

Examination: National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE)

Curriculum Requirements:

1. Helping Relationships and Counseling Theory - 9 credits
2. Human Growth and Development - 3 Credits
3. Social and Cultural foundations - 3 Credits
4. Groups - 3 Credits
5. Lifestyle and Career Development - 3 Credits
6. Appraisal - 3 Credits
7. Research and Program Evaluation - 3 Credits
8. Professional Orientation - 3 Credits

CACREP Program Accreditation Required: Program evaluation completed by the Center for Credentialing and Education, Inc. (CCE) required to ensure program alignment with CACREP accreditation standards.

Field Experience Requirements: CACREP expectations for internship and practicum, or 12 semester credit hours of supervised practicum and a minimum of 1 calendar year of supervised internship consisting of 20 hours per week deemed equivalent by the board.

State Entities and Information:

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Federal Disclosure: Meets state requirements

South Carolina

Licensure Issued:

1. Licensed Professional Counselor Intern (LPCI) – while obtaining post-graduate field experience
2. Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) - once post-graduate field experience has been completed

Examination: National Counselor Exam (NCE) or National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE)

Curriculum Requirements:

1. Human Growth and Development
2. Social and Cultural Foundations
3. Helping Relationships
4. Groups
5. Lifestyle and Career Development
6. Appraisal
7. Research and Evaluation
8. Professional Orientation
9. Psychopathology
10. Diagnostics of Psychopathology

CACREP Program Accreditation Required: Program evaluation completed by the Center for Credentialing and Education, Inc. (CCE) required to ensure program alignment with CACREP accreditation standards.

Field Experience Requirements: 100 hours of Practicum (40 direct) and 600 hours of Internship (240 direct)

State Entities and Information:

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Federal Disclosure: Meets state requirements

South Dakota

Licensure Issued: Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)

Additional State Information: An initial license is not required to begin accruing postgraduate supervision hours. a “Plan of Supervision” must be approved by the state board before counting supervision hours toward full licensure.

Examination: National Counselor Exam (NCE)

Curriculum Requirements:

1. Counseling Theory
2. Counseling Techniques
3. Practicum
4. Internship
5. Human Growth and Development
6. Social and Cultural Foundations
7. Group
8. Lifestyle and Career Development
9. Appraisal of the Individual.
10. Research and Evaluation
11. Professional, Legal, and Ethical Considerations

CACREP Program Accreditation Required: Program evaluation completed by the Center for Credentialing and Education, Inc. (CCE) required to ensure program alignment with CACREP accreditation standards.

Field Experience Requirements: 100 hours of Practicum (40 direct) and 600 hours of Internship (240 direct)

State Entities and Information:

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Federal Disclosure: Meets state requirements

Tennessee

Licensure Issued:

1. Temporary Licensed Professional Counselor – while obtaining post-graduate field experience
2. Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) or Licensed Professional Counselor with Mental Health Service Provider designation (LPC/MHSP) - once post-graduate field experience has been completed

Additional State Information: Applicants must complete at least 2 years of supervised post-master professional experience, at least 10 hours per week and 50 contact hours of supervision per year.

Examination: National Counselor Exam (NCE) and Tennessee Jurisprudence Exam

Curriculum Requirements:

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. Clinical Practicum or Internship

CACREP Program Accreditation Required: No

Field Experience Requirements: 500 clock hours of training, at least 300 must be completed in a mental health or community agency setting

State Entities and Information:

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Federal Disclosure: Meets state requirements

Texas

Licensure Issued:

1. Licensed Professional Counselor Intern (LPC Intern)– while obtaining post-graduate field experience

2. Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) - once post-graduate field experience has been completed

Examination: National Counselor Exam (NCE) or National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE) and Texas Jurisprudence Exam

Curriculum Requirements:

1. Normal Human Growth and Development
2. Abnormal Human Behavior
3. Appraisal or Assessment Techniques
4. Counseling Theories
5. Counseling Methods or Techniques
6. Research
7. Lifestyle and Career Development
8. Social, Cultural, and Family Issues
9. Professional Orientation
10. Addictions Counseling
11. Counselor Ethics
12. Couples, Marriage, or Family Counseling
13. Psychopathology
14. Official curriculum comparison required

CACREP Program Accreditation Required: No

Field Experience Requirements: 300 clock-hours of which 100 hours must be direct client counseling.

State Entities and Information:

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Federal Disclosure: Meets state requirements

Utah

Licensure Issued:

1. Associate Clinical Mental Health Counselor (ACMHC) – while obtaining post-graduate field experience
2. Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor (LCMHC) - once post-graduate field experience has been completed

Additional State Information: Applicants must complete a two-hour pre-licensure suicide prevention course.

Examination: No exam for Associate Clinical Mental Health Counselor

Curriculum Requirements:

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 and the Appraisal of Diagnostic and Statistical Manual Maladaptive and Psychopathological Behavior
9. Research and Program Evaluation
10. Professional Counseling Orientation and Ethical Practice
11. Practicum
12. Internship

CACREP Program Accreditation Required: Program evaluation completed by the Center for Credentialing and Education, Inc. (CCE) required to ensure program alignment with CACREP accreditation standards.

Field Experience Requirements: 1000 hours from combined Practicum and Internship (400 direct)

State Entities and Information:

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Federal Disclosure: Meets state requirements

Vermont

Licensure Issued: Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor (LCMHC)

Additional State Information: Applicants for licensure are advised to apply as soon as they have met their graduation requirements so that they may qualify for the licensing examination at the earliest time. No supervised practice may occur in Vermont until the prospective licensee is entered on the roster of non-licensed and non-certified psychotherapists. Applicants must

complete 3,000 hours of supervised work in clinical mental health counseling during a minimum of two years of post-master's experience, including at least 100 hours of face-to-face supervision during a minimum of two years of post-master's experience.

Examination: National Counselor Exam (NCE) or National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE)

Curriculum Requirements:

1. Diagnosis, Assessment, and Treatment
2. Multi-cultural studies
3. Research and Evaluation
4. Career and Lifestyle Appraisal.

Three credits in five of the following core content areas:

1. Human Growth and Development
2. Theories
3. Counseling Skills
4. Groups
5. Measurement
6. Professional Orientation and Ethics
7. Treatment modalities

Three credits in two of the following content areas:

1. Marriage, Couples, and Family Counseling
2. Human Sexuality for Counselors
3. Crisis Intervention
4. Addictive Disorders
5. Psychopharmacology

CACREP Program Accreditation Required: Program evaluation completed by the Center for Credentialing and Education, Inc. (CCE) required to ensure program alignment with CACREP accreditation standards.

Field Experience Requirements: 100 hours of Practicum (40 direct) and 600 hours of Internship (240 direct)

State Entities and Information:

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Federal Disclosure: Meets state requirements

Virginia

Licensure Issued:

1. Initial Supervised Residency – while obtaining post-graduate field experience
2. Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) - once post-graduate field experience has been completed

Additional State Information: Applicants seeking licensure through examination must provide a current report from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB).

Examination: National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE)

Curriculum Requirements:

1. Professional Counseling Identity, Function, and Ethics
2. Theories of Counseling and Psychotherapy
3. Counseling and Psychotherapy Techniques
4. Human Growth and Development
5. Group Counseling and Psychotherapy Theories and Techniques
6. Career Counseling and Development Theories and Techniques
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
14. Official curriculum comparison required

CACREP Program Accreditation Required: Program evaluation completed by the Center for Credentialing and Education, Inc. (CCE) required to ensure program alignment with CACREP accreditation standards.

Field Experience Requirements: 100 hours of Practicum (40 direct) and 600 hours of Internship (240 direct)

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Federal Disclosure: Meets state requirements

Washington

Licensure Issued:

1. Licensed Mental Health Counselor Associate (LMHCA) – while obtaining post-graduate field experience
2. Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC) - once post-graduate field experience has been completed

Additional State Information: Applicants must have at least 36 months of full-time counseling or 3,000 hours of postgraduate mental health counseling under the supervision of an approved licensed mental health counselor. At least 100 hours must be in immediate supervision with an approved licensed mental health counselor. At least 1,200 hours must be direct counseling with individuals, couples, groups, or families.

Examination: National Counselor Exam (NCE) or National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE)

Curriculum Requirements: This core of study must include seven of the content areas listed in 1 through 17. Five of the content areas must be from 1 through 8:

1. Assessment/Diagnosis
2. Ethics/Law
3. Counseling Individuals
4. Counseling Groups
5. Counseling Couples and Families
6. Developmental Psychology (may be child, adolescent, adult, or life span)
7. Psychopathology/Abnormal Psychology
8. Research and 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 Persons
16. Abusive Relationships
17. Chronically Mentally Ill

CACREP Program Accreditation Required: No

Field Experience Requirements: Either a counseling practicum or a counseling internship or both, must be included in the core of study.

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Federal Disclosure: Meets state requirements

West Virginia

Licensure Issued:

1. Provisionally Licensed Counselor – while obtaining post-graduate field experience
2. Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) - once post-graduate field experience has been completed

Additional State Information: Applicants must complete 3000 hours of supervised counseling experience after earning a master's degree in counseling. At least 50% of the supervised counseling experience shall be in the direct provision of counseling services to clients.

Examination: National Counselor Exam (NCE) or National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE)

Curriculum Requirements:

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, and Prevention of Mental and Emotional Disorders and Dysfunctional Behavior
8. Addictions Counseling
9. Group Dynamics, Processes, Counseling and Consulting
10. Lifestyle and Career Development
11. Marriage, Couples, and/or Family Counseling/Therapy
12. Research and Evaluation
13. Supervised Practicum
14. Supervised Internship

Sufficient Semester credit hour in any of the following counseling related elective subjects:

1. Human Sexuality
2. Psychopharmacology
3. Crisis Intervention

4. Biological Basis of Behavior
5. Counseling Special Populations
6. Rehabilitation Counseling
7. Counseling Interventions
8. Additional or Advanced Courses

CACREP Program Accreditation Required: Program evaluation completed by the Center for Credentialing and Education, Inc. (CCE) required to ensure program alignment with CACREP accreditation standards.

Field Experience Requirements: 100 hours of Practicum (40 direct) and 600 hours of Internship (240 direct)

State Entities and Information:

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Federal Disclosure: Meets state requirements

Wisconsin

Licensure Issued:

1. Professional Counselor Training License – while obtaining post-graduate field experience
2. Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) - once post-graduate field experience has been completed

Examination: National Counselor Exam (NCE) or National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE)

Curriculum Requirements:

1. Counseling Theories or Counseling Approaches
2. Human Growth and Development
3. Social and Cultural Foundations
4. Helping Relationships
5. Group Dynamics, Processing, and Counseling
6. Lifestyle and Career Development
7. Assessment and Testing
8. Research and Evaluation
9. Professional Counseling Orientation
10. Foundations of Clinical Mental Health Counseling

11. Clinical Mental Health Counseling Diagnosis & Treatment Planning
12. Crisis & Trauma Counseling
13. Abnormal Behavior and Psychopathology
14. Addictions Counseling
15. , Partnership, and Couples Counseling
16. Supervised Practicum Counseling Experience
17. Supervised Internship Counseling Experience

CACREP Program Accreditation Required: Program evaluation completed by the Center for Credentialing and Education, Inc. (CCE) required to ensure program alignment with CACREP accreditation standards.

Field Experience Requirements: 100 hours of Practicum (40 direct) and 600 hours of Internship (240 direct)

State Entities and Information:

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Federal Disclosure: Meets state requirements

Wyoming

Licensure Issued:

1. Provisional Professional Counselor (PPC) – while obtaining post-graduate field experience
2. Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) - once post-graduate field experience has been completed

Examination: National Counselor Exam (NCE) or National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE)

Curriculum Requirements:

1. Human Growth and Development
2. Social and Cultural Diversity
3. Helping Relationship
4. Group Work
5. Career Development
6. Assessment
7. Research and Program Evaluation

8. Professional Counseling Orientation

CACREP Program Accreditation Required: Program evaluation completed by the Center for Credentialing and Education, Inc. (CCE) required to ensure program alignment with CACREP accreditation standards.

Field Experience Requirements: 100 hours of Practicum (40 direct) and 600 hours of Internship (240 direct)

State Entities and Information:

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Federal Disclosure: Meets state requirements