

Licensure in Psychology

NMHU Psychology Department

The student successfully completing the Clinical/Counseling Psychology track will have met the educational and training requirements (including the clinical practicum hours) to qualify for licensure as a counselor in the state of New Mexico (LMHC) and other states.

There are state-by-state differences in licensure requirements, and the requirements for licensure described in some states have some ambiguity. In many states, the Board that licenses master's-level counselors has been influenced by CACREP accreditation language. Our M.S. in Clinical/Counseling Psychology is accredited by MPCAC, which itself is CHEA-accredited. Our MPCAC-accredited program meets the 8 core educational requirements of CACREP.

However, there is a level of uncertainty that is introduced depending on the extent to which state licensing Boards require applicants graduate only from CACREP-accredited programs, or because of the way the Boards interpret CACREP standards or impose additional educational requirements on applicants.

States typically require that applicants for licensure also pass the NCE (National Counselor Examination), and, for licensure as an independent (unsupervised) clinician, require additional hours of supervised work experience following completion of a master's degree. Because the NCE and post-degree supervised clinical work are beyond the scope of what a master's degree can provide, this information only covers whether our program meets the educational criteria needed for state-level licensure.

The table below shows the likelihood that the M.S. program in Clinical/Counseling Psychology fully meets each state's licensure requirements. The M.S. program in Clinical/Counseling Psychology meets the licensure requirements for 24 states, does not meet requirements for 21 states, and we are unable to determine whether our program meets requirements for 5 states.

<u>State</u>	<u>Meets educational requirements for licensing?</u>	<u>Licensing Agency</u>
Alabama	Meets	Alabama Board of Examiners in Counseling
Alaska	Does Not Meet	Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development
Arizona	Does Not Meet	Arizona State Board of Behavioral Health Examiners
Arkansas	Does Not Meet	Arkansas Board of Examiners in Counseling and Marriage & Family Therapy
California	Does Not Meet	Board of Behavioral Sciences
Colorado	Meets	Colorado Licensed Professional Counselor Board
Connecticut	Does Not Meet	Department of Public Health
Delaware	Meets	Board of Mental Health and Chemical Dependency Professionals
Florida	Meets	Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy, and Mental Health Counseling
Georgia	Meets	Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage & Family Therapists
Hawaii	Meets	Hawaii Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs Professional & Vocational Licensing Division
Idaho	Meets	Idaho Licensing Board of Professional Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists
Illinois	Does Not Meet	Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation
Indiana	Unable to Determine	Indiana Professional Licensing Agency
Iowa	Unable to Determine	Iowa Dept. of Public Health-Board of Behavioral science
Kansas	Unable to Determine	Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board
Kentucky	Does Not Meet	Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services
Louisiana	Meets	Louisiana State Board of Licensed Professional Counselors
Maine	Does Not Meet	Board of Counseling Professionals Licensure
Maryland	Does Not Meet	Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists
Massachusetts	Meets	Board of Registration of Allied Mental Health and Human Services Professions
Michigan	Unable to Determine	Dept. Of Licensing And Regulatory Affairs
Minnesota	Does Not Meet	Minnesota Board of Behavioral Health and Therapy
Mississippi	Does Not Meet	Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors
Missouri	Meets	Missouri Division of Professional Registration
Montana	Meets	Montana Board of Behavioral Health
Nebraska	Meets	Nebraska Dpt. Of Health and Human Services - Mental Health and Social Work Practice
Nevada	Does Not Meet	State of Nevada Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists & Clinical Professional Counselors
New Hampshire	Does Not Meet	NH Office of Professional Licensure and Certification
New Jersey	Meets	NJ Division of Consumer Affairs

New Mexico	Meets	New Mexico Licensing & Regulation Dept.
New York	Unable to Determine	NYSED - Office of the Professions
North Carolina	Does Not Meet	North Carolina Board of Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselors (NCBLCMHC)
North Dakota	Meets	North Dakota Board of Counselor Examiners
Ohio	Does Not Meet	Ohio Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapist Board
Oklahoma	Meets	State Board of Behavioral Health
Oregon	Meets	Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists
Pennsylvania	Meets	PA DOS - State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors
Rhode Island	Meets	RI Department of Health
South Carolina	Meets	South Carolina Board of Examiners for Licensure of Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, Addiction Counselors and Psycho-Educational Specialists
South Dakota	Meets	South Dakota Department of Social Services
Tennessee	Meets	Dept. Of Health - Board for Licensed Professional Counselors, Licensed Marital and Family Therapists, and Licensed Clinical Pastoral Therapists
Texas	Does Not Meet	Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors/Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council
Utah	Does Not Meet	Utah Department of Commerce Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing
Vermont	Does Not Meet	Vermont Board of Allied Mental Health Professionals
Virginia	Does Not Meet	Virginia Board of Counseling
Washington	Meets	Washington State Department of Health
West Virginia	Does Not Meet	West Virginia Board of Examiners in Counseling
Wisconsin	Does Not Meet	State of Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services
Wyoming	Meets	Wyoming Mental Health Professions Licensing Board

Explanation of determinations for whether M.S. in Clinical/Counseling Psychology program meets educational requirements for state licensure as master's-level counselor.

Meets: Indicates our program *appears to fully meet* the state's described educational criteria (including pre-master's clinical practicum/internship requirements).

Does Not Meet: Indicates that there is evidence our program does not meet the state's educational criteria. The two common reasons for our program not meeting a state's educational criteria include: 1) the state will only license applicants from CACREP-accredited programs, or 2) our program lacks a specific course requirement for licensure (most commonly: Addictions Counseling and/or Marriage and Family Counseling).

Unable to Determine: Insufficient information about whether the coursework required by the state is met by our program's coursework, or applicants from non-CACREP-accredited master's programs need to undergo an evaluation by the Board or an outside agency, and that evaluation alone will determine whether the applicant's graduate program meets licensing standards for that state.