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Alabama	Associate Licensed Counselor (ALC) Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	Alabama accepts completion of a CACREP accredited master's degree in counseling from a regionally accredited university.	3000 hours of supervised experience NCE exam
Alaska	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	Alaska accepts a 90 quarter credit master's degree in counseling from a regionally accredited university.	3000 hours, no less than 2 years NCE or NCMHCE exam
American Samoa	N/A	Capella University has not yet determined whether this program meets the educational requirements for licensure in American Samoa.	N/A
Arizona	Licensed Associate Counselor (LAC) Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	Arizona accepts completion of a CACREP-accredited master's degree in counseling.	3200 hours, no less than 2 years NCE, NCMHCE, or CRC exam
Arkansas	Licensed Associate Counselor (LAC) Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	Arkansas accepts completion of a CACREP accredited master's degree in professional counseling from a regionally accredited university. Applicants must align their coursework to meet specific content areas. Please see course alignment document. Arkansas requires a "B" grade or better in each course.	3,000 hours or 3 years supervised full-time experience NCE exam
California	Associate Professional Clinical Counselor (APCC) Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC)	California accepts a 90 quarter credit master's degree in counseling from a regionally accredited university. Applicants must align their coursework to meet specific content areas. Please see the course alignment document. Additional course/training specific to California law and ethics is required and must be completed outside of Capella.	3,000 hours over 2 years CA Law & Ethics Exam and the NCMHCE
Colorado	Licensed Professional Counselor Candidate (LPCC) Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	Colorado accepts completion of a 90 quarter credit master's degree that is CACREP-accredited.	2 years, at least 2000 hours NCE and CO Jurisprudence exam

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Connecticut	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	Connecticut accepts completion of a CACREP accredited graduate degree in clinical mental health counseling.	3,000 hours, not less than one year NCE or NCMHCE exam
Delaware	Licensed Associate Counselor of Mental Health (LACMH) Licensed Professional Counselor of Mental Health (LPCMH)	Delaware accepts completion of a 90 quarter credit master's degree in clinical mental health counseling from a regionally accredited university.	3,200 hours between 2 and 4 years NCE or NCMHCE exam
District of Columbia	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	The District of Columbia accepts completion of a 90 quarter credit master's degree in counseling from a regionally accredited university.	3,500 hours of supervised work experience NCE exam
Florida	Registered Mental Health Counselor Intern Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC)	<p>Florida accepts completion of a CACREP accredited master's degree in mental health counseling.</p> <p>Learners must ensure their program contains 4 quarter hours of graduate-level coursework in human sexuality and substance abuse. Please see the course alignment.</p> <p>Florida requires specific hours in specific content areas from a Florida Board approved provider. Capella's program is not Florida Board approved. Learners will need to complete this coursework outside of Capella.</p> <p>Laws and rules course: 8 hours HIV/AIDS course: 3 hours, must complete the HIV/AIDS Affidavit Domestic violence course: 2 hours, must complete <u>within six months of licensure</u>. The certificate of completion is retained with your records. Do not submit to the Board Office with your application.</p> <p>Please contact the Florida board for more information on approved providers.</p>	2 years, at least 1500 hours providing psychotherapy NCMHCE exam

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Georgia	Associate Professional Counselor (ALPC) Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	Georgia accepts completion of a CACREP accredited master's degree in counseling from a regionally accredited university.	4 years in a work setting acceptable to the Board or 3 years in a work setting acceptable to the Board and a supervised counseling practicum or internship of at least 600 hours which was part of the graduate degree program NCE or NCMHCE exam
Guam	N/A	Capella University has not yet determined whether this program meets the educational requirements for licensure in Guam. Learners who are interested in pursuing a Guam professional license should contact the relevant state board. Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners 194 Hernan Cortez Avenue, Terlaje Professional Building, Suite 213, Hagatna, Guam, 96910 (+1 671) 735-7407 Email: rosemary.carman@dphss.guam.gov	N/A
Hawaii	Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC)	Hawaii accepts completion of a 72 quarter credit master's degree in counseling from a regionally accredited university. Applicants must align their coursework to meet specific content areas. Please see the course alignment document. Hawaii requires 300 hours of client contact during internship/practicum. Learners will need to add an additional 20 hours of direct client contact. <u>Note</u> Hawaii requires two 5 quarter credit internship courses. If learners are in a previous iteration of the MHC program and scheduled to take the 4 quarter credit series please discuss changing the academic plan to take the 5 quarter credit series if they are planning to pursue licensure in Hawaii.	3,000 hours between 2 and 4 years NCE exam

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Idaho	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC)	Idaho accepts completion of a CACREP accredited graduate degree in counseling from a regionally accredited university.	1000 hours direct clinical experience. Can be completed in-degree. Learners can add an additional internship course to their program to fulfill the 1,000 hours LPC: NCE exam LCPC: NCMHCE exam
Illinois	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC)	Illinois accepts completion of a CACREP accredited master's degree in counseling from a regionally accredited university.	3,360 hours and 2 years full-time experience LPC: NCE exam LCPC: NCE & NCMHCE exams
Indiana	Licensed Mental Health Counselor Associate (LMHCA) Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC)	Indiana accepts completion of a CACREP accredited master's degree in mental health counseling. Indiana requires 66 hours of supervision during the fieldwork experience. Learners are encouraged to add 12 additional hours of supervision with their on-site supervisor during their Internship.	3,000 hours over 2 years NCMHCE exam
Iowa	Temporary Licensed Mental Health Counselor (T-LMHC) Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC)	Iowa accepts completion of a CACREP accredited master's degree in mental health counseling.	2 years and 3,000 hours NCE or NCMHCE exam
Kansas	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	Kansas accepts completion of a CACREP-accredited master's degree in counseling. The Kansas Board has verified that the "in-residence" requirement does not apply to programs that are CACREP accredited.	4,000 hours NCE or NCMHCE exam

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Kentucky	Licensed Professional Counselor Associate (LPCA) Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC)	Kentucky accepts completion of a CACREP accredited master's degree in counseling from a regionally accredited university.	4,000 hours NCE or NCMHCE exam
Louisiana	Provisional Licensed Professional Counselor (P-LPC) Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	Louisiana accepts completion of a CACREP accredited graduate degree in professional mental health counseling from a regionally accredited university.	3,000 hours and 2 years, no more than 6 years NCE or NCMHCE exam
Maine	Licensed Professional Counselor - Conditional Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	Maine accepts completion of a CACREP accredited master's degree from a regionally accredited university.	2000 hours over 2 years NCE or NCMHCE exam
Maryland	Licensed Graduate Professional Counselor (LGPC) Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	Maryland accepts completion of a 90 quarter credit master's degree in professional counseling from a regionally accredited university. Applicants must align their coursework to meet specific content areas. Maryland learners will need to add 7 additional 1-credit courses to meet the content area requirements. Please see the course alignment document. <u>Note</u> No Credit for Residency Courses: Learners seeking a Maryland LPC license need to add 9 one-quarter credit courses to our program. Taken Track 1 not for credit and Track 2 for credit: Learners seeking a Maryland LPC license need to add 8 one-quarter credit courses to our program. They do NOT need to take COUN5614. Taken Credit for Residency Courses and 4-credit Internships Learners seeking a Maryland LPC license need to add 6 one-quarter credit courses to our program.	3 years, 3000 hours, at least 2 years. 2000 hours after master's degree. NCE or NCMHCE exam and MD Law Test
Massachusetts	Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC)	Massachusetts accepts completion of a 80 quarter credit master's degree in mental health counseling.	3,360 hours between 2 and 8 years NCMHCE exam

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Michigan	Limited Licensed Professional Counselor (LLPC) Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	Michigan accepts completion of a CACREP accredited master's degree in counseling.	3,000 hours and at least 2 years NCE or CRCC exam
Minnesota	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC)	Minnesota accepts completion of a CACREP accredited master's degree in counseling.	LPC: 2,000 hours LPCC: 4,000 hours LPC: NCE exam LPCC: NCMHCE exam
Mississippi	Provisional Licensed Professional Counselor (P-LPC) Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	Mississippi accepts completion of a CACREP accredited master's degree in counseling from a regionally accredited university. Applicants must align their coursework to meet specific content areas. Mississippi learners will need to add courses to their academic plan to fulfill the lifestyle, the testing and appraisal, and the marriage and/or family counseling content areas. Please see the course alignment document.	3,500 hours (approx. 2 years). Up to 1,750 hours may be obtained in-degree. Provisional LPC: NCE exam LPC: NCMHCE exam
Missouri	Counselor-in-Training Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	Missouri accepts completion of a CACREP accredited master's degree in counseling from a regionally accredited university.	3,000 hours and 24 months NCE and Jurisprudence exams
Montana	Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor - Candidate (LPCC-Candidate) Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC)	Montana accepts completion of a 90 quarter credit graduate degree in counseling from a regionally accredited university. Learners will need to add courses to their academic plan to fulfill the advanced counseling practicum content area. Please see the course alignment document. Learners need to add 45 additional hours of small group supervisory consultation with their on-site supervisor during their Internship.	3,000 hours, at least 1,500 post-degree NCE or NCMHCE exam

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Nebraska	Provisionally Licensed Mental Health Practitioner (PLMHP) Licensed Mental Health Practitioner (LMHP) Certified Professional Counselor (CPC)	Nebraska accepts completion of a CACREP accredited master's degree in therapeutic mental health counseling. Nebraska requires applicants to complete 300 direct client contact hours during practicum and internship. Learners will need to add 20 hours of direct client contact.	3,000 hours NCE or NMHCE exam
Nevada	Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor Intern Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor	Nevada accepts completion of a CACREP accredited graduate degree in mental health counseling from a regionally accredited university.	2 year and 3,000 hours NCMHCE exam
New Hampshire	Clinical Mental Health Counselor (CMHC)	New Hampshire accepts completion of a CACREP accredited master's degree in clinical mental health counseling from a regionally accredited university.	2 years with 1 year at least 1500 hours NCMHCE exam
New Jersey	Licensed Associate Counselor (LAC) Licensed Professional Counselor with a Clinical Mental Health Specialty Designation	New Jersey accepts completion of a CACREP accredited master's degree in counseling from a regionally accredited university.	4,500 hours, 3 years NCE exam
New Mexico	Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC) Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC)	New Mexico accepts completion of a 72 quarter credit master's degree in counseling from a regionally accredited university.	2 years and 3,000 hours LMHC: NCE exam LPCC: NCE & NCMHCE exams
New York	Limited Permit Mental Health Counselor	New York accepts completion of a CACREP accredited master's degree in counseling.	3,000 hours NCMHCE exam

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North Carolina	Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor Associate (LCMHCA) Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor (LCMHC)	North Carolina accepts completion of a CACREP accredited master's degree in counseling from a regionally accredited university. North Carolina learners will need to add a course to their academic plan to fulfill the career counseling and lifestyle development content areas. Please see the course alignment document. Learners enrolled before July 1st, 2015 need a 4-credit practicum. Learners enrolled on or after July 1st, 2015 need a 5-credit practicum.	3,000 hours NCE, NCMHCE, or CRC exam and the NC Jurisprudence exam
North Dakota	Licensed Associate Professional Counselor (LAPC) Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC)	North Dakota accepts completion of a 90 quarter credit master's degree in counseling from a regionally accredited university.	LPC: 2 years LPCC: 2 years, 3000 hours LPC: NCE exam LPCC: NCMHCE exam
Northern Mariana Islands	N/A	Capella University has not yet determined whether this program meets the educational requirements for licensure in Northern Mariana Islands.	N/A
Ohio	Registered Counselor Trainee (RCT) Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC)	Ohio accepts completion of a CACREP accredited master's degree in clinical mental health counseling.	2 years to move from LPC to LPCC with 1,500 hours per year. LPC: NCE exam and OH Jurisprudence exam LPCC: NCMHCE exam
Oklahoma	Licensed Professional Counselor Candidate Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	Oklahoma accepts completion of a 90 quarter credit master's degree in counseling from a regionally accredited university.	3 years or 3,000 hours NCE exam and the OK Legal & Ethical Responsibilities exam

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Oregon	Registered Intern Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	Oregon accepts completion of a CACREP accredited graduate degree in counseling.	3 year, 2400 direct client hours NCE, CCMHCE, or CRCE exam and the OR Law and Rules exam
Pennsylvania	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	Pennsylvania accepts completion of a 90 quarter credit master's degree in professional counseling from a regionally accredited university.	3000 hours NCE, CRC, ATCB, or other exam
Puerto Rico	N/A	Capella University has not yet determined whether this program meets the educational requirements for licensure in Puerto Rico.	N/A
Rhode Island	Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor (LCMHC)	Rhode Island accepts completion of a CACREP accredited master's degree in counseling from a regionally accredited university.	2 years, 2000 hours NCMHCE exam
South Carolina	Licensed Professional Counselor Associate (LPCA) Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	South Carolina accepts completion of a 72 quarter hour master's degree in counseling from a regionally accredited university. South Carolina learners must add courses to fulfill the lifestyle and career development and the psychopathology content areas. Please see the course alignment document.	2 years, 1500 hours of supervised clinical experience NCE or NCMHCE exam
South Dakota	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	South Dakota accepts completion of a CACREP accredited master's degree in counseling from a regionally accredited university.	2000 hours, 2 years NCE exam
Tennessee	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) Licensed Professional Counselor with Mental Health Service Provider Designation (LPC-MHSP)	Tennessee accepts completion of a CACREP accredited master's degree in counseling.	LPC: 2 years LPC-MHSP: 2 years, at least 3000 hours LPC: NCE exam & TN Jurisprudence exam LPC-MHSP: NCMHCE exam & TN Jurisprudence exam

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Texas	Licensed Professional Counselor Intern Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	<u>Learners enrolled before August 1, 2017</u> Texas accepts completion of a 72 quarter credit master's degree in counseling from a regionally accredited university. <u>Learners enrolled on or after August 1, 2017</u> Texas accepts completion of a 90 quarter credit master's degree in counseling from a regionally accredited university.	3000 hours, 18 months NCE or NCHMCE exam and the TX Jurisprudence exam
US Virgin Islands	N/A	Capella University has not yet determined whether this program meets the educational requirements for licensure in US Virgin Islands. Learners who are interested in pursuing a US Virgin Islands professional license should contact the relevant state board. V.I. Board of Licensed Counselors & Examiners Property & Procurement Building 8201 Subbase, Suite 1 St. Thomas, VI 00802-5826 OR V.I. Board of Licensed Counselors & Examiners Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs Golden Rock Shopping Center, Suite #9 Christiansted, VI 00820-4311	N/A
Utah	Associate Clinical Mental Health Counselor (ACMHC) Clinical Mental Health Counselor (CMHC)	Utah accepts completion of a CACREP accredited master's degree in counseling from a regionally accredited university.	4000 hours, 2 years NCMHCE exam
Vermont	Clinical Mental Health Counselor (CMHC)	Vermont accepts completion of a CACREP accredited master's degree in clinical mental health counseling from a regionally accredited university.	3000 hours, 2 years NCE and NCMHCE exams

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Virginia	Licensed Professional Counselor - Resident Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) Qualified Mental Health Practitioner (QMHP)	<u>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)</u> Virginia accepts completion of a CACREP accredited graduate degree in counseling from a regionally accredited university. <u>Qualified Mental Health Practitioner (QMHP)</u> Virginia accepts completion of a master's degree in counseling from a regionally accredited university. Virginia also requires a 500 hour practicum or internship with persons who have a mental illness.	LPC: 3,400 hours and at least 21 months QMHP: No additional post-graduate hours required LPC & QMHP: NCMHCE exam
Washington	Licensed Mental Health Counselor Associate (LMHCA) Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC)	Washington accepts completion of a CACREP accredited master's degree in mental health counseling from a regionally accredited university. Effective July 15th, 2020 Washington no longer requires completion of 4 hours of AIDS education.	36 months or 3,000 hours NCE or NCMHCE exam
West Virginia	Provisional Licensed Professional Counselor (PLPC) Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	West Virginia accepts completion of a CACREP accredited master's degree in clinical mental health counseling.	3,000 hours and 2 years NCE, CRCE, or NCMHCE exam Applicants need to file a completed "LPC Licensure Packet" with the Board prior to taking the NCE exam and/or receiving a provisional licensure certificate. If applicants have already taken and passed the NCE exam as part of their graduate studies, please request NBCC forward your exam scores.
Wisconsin	Licensed Professional Counselor Trainee (LPC-Trainee) Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	Wisconsin accepts completion of a CACREP accredited graduate degree in professional counseling.	3,000 hours NCE, NCMHCE or CRCE exam

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Wyoming	Provisional Professional Counselor (PPC) Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	Wyoming accepts completion of a CACREP accredited master's degree in professional counseling from a regionally accredited university.	3,000 hours NCE, NCMHE, or CRCC exam