

Memorandum

March 3, 2020

From: Director of Online & Continuing Education
To: Academic Department Chair
Academic Dean
Associate VPAA

Subj: PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE/CERTIFICATION DISCLOSURE

Please review the Professional Licensure/Certification requirements for Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC) in the state of Minnesota below. At the end of the document, please indicate if NSU Counseling: Clinical Mental Health Counseling (MSEd) and School Counseling (MSEd) degree/certificate program(s) meets or do not meet these pre-education requirements.

State	Minnesota
Professional Licensure/Certification Title	Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor
Professional Licensure/Certification Short Title/Acronym	LPCC
PLC Agency	Minnesota Board of Behavioral Health and Therapy
PLC Agency Address (Address)	2829 University Avenue SE, Ste 210
PLC Agency Address (Address2)	
PLC Agency Address (City), (State, Zip Code)	Minneapolis MN 55414-3239
PLC Agency Contact Name	
PLC Agency Point of Contact Title	
PLC Agency Contact Phone	(651) 201-2756
PLC Agency Contact Email	bbht.board@state.mn.us
PLC Agency Website URL	mn.gov./boards/behavioral-health
Link to Rules/Regulations/Statutes	https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/148B.5301
Link to Agency Regulations	https://mn.gov/boards/behavioral-health/lpc-and-lpcc/requirements-application.jsp
Parent Agency Name	Minnesota Department of Health
Reciprocity Agreement?	Other
Is the PLC Agency a member of a Reciprocity or Regional/National Compact	Individual application
Does the PLC Agency require educational institutions be approved in the state where the individual will apply for PLC?	No
URL for approval process information	

Accreditation required for Degree-Granting Institutions	Yes - Regional (HLC, SACS, MSCHE, etc.) Yes - Professional/Program Accreditation (ABA, AACSB, ACBSP, CAHME, etc.)
Degree Requirements to be eligible for Professional Licensure/Certification	Master Degree
The PLC Agency requires specific type of Education Hours to be eligible for PLC	Semester Credit Hours
Total Credit Hours above/Post Education Hours Required to be eligible for PLC	48 semester credit hours
Specific Education Undergraduate Requirements	
Specific Education Graduate Requirements	1. General Licensure Application Method: 148B.5301 LICENSED PROFESSIONAL CLINICAL COUNSELOR. Subdivision 1. General requirements. (a) To be licensed as a licensed professional clinical counselor (LPCC), an applicant must provide satisfactory evidence to the board that the applicant: (1) is at least 18 years of age; (2) is of good moral character; (3) has completed a master's or doctoral degree program in counseling or a related field, as determined by the board based on the criteria in items (i) to (x), that includes a minimum of 48 semester hours or 72 quarter hours and a supervised field experience in counseling that is not fewer than 700 hours. The degree must be from a counseling program recognized by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Education Programs (CACREP) or from an institution of higher education that is accredited by a regional accrediting

organization recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). Specific academic course content and training must include coursework in each of the following subject areas: (i) helping relationship, including counseling theory and practice; (ii) human growth and development; (iii) lifestyle and career development; (iv) group dynamics, processes, counseling, and consulting; (v) assessment and appraisal; (vi) social and cultural foundations, including multicultural issues; (vii) principles of etiology, treatment planning, and prevention of mental and emotional disorders and dysfunctional behavior; (viii) family counseling and therapy; (ix) research and evaluation; and (x) professional counseling orientation and ethics; (4) has demonstrated competence in professional counseling by passing the National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE), administered by the National Board for Certified Counselors, Inc. (NBCC) and ethical, oral, and situational examinations as prescribed by the board; (5) has earned graduate-level semester credits or quarter-credit equivalents in the following clinical content areas as follows: (i) six credits in diagnostic assessment for child or adult mental disorders; normative development; and psychopathology, including developmental psychopathology; (ii) three credits in clinical treatment planning, with measurable goals; (iii) six credits in clinical intervention methods informed by research evidence and community standards of practice; (iv) three credits in evaluation methodologies regarding the effectiveness of interventions; (v) three credits in professional ethics applied to clinical practice; and (vi) three credits in cultural diversity; and (6) has demonstrated successful completion of 4,000 hours of supervised, post-master's degree professional practice in the delivery of clinical services in the diagnosis and treatment of child and adult mental illnesses and disorders, conducted according to subdivision 2. (b) If coursework in paragraph (a) was not completed as part of the degree program required by paragraph (a), clause (3), the coursework must be taken and passed for credit, and must be earned from a counseling program or institution that meets the requirements of paragraph (a), clause (3). 2.

	<p>Conversion Application Method - conversion from active LPC (a) After August 1, 2014, an individual currently licensed in the state of Minnesota as a licensed professional counselor may convert to a LPCC by providing evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant has met the following requirements:underline end (1) is at least 18 years of age;underline end (2) is of good moral character;underline end (3) has a license that is active and in good standing;underline end (4) has no complaints pending, uncompleted disciplinary order, or corrective action agreements;underline end (5) has completed a master's or doctoral degree program in counseling or a related field, as determined by the board, and whose degree was from a counseling program recognized by CACREP or from an institution of higher education that is accredited by a regional accrediting organization recognized by CHEA;underline end (6) has earned 24 graduate-level semester credits or quarter-credit equivalents in clinical coursework which includes content in the following clinical areas:underline end (i) diagnostic assessment for child or adult mental disorders; normative development; and psychopathology, including developmental psychopathology;underline end (ii) clinical treatment planning with measurable goals;underline end (iii) clinical intervention methods informed by research evidence and community standards of practice;underline end (iv) evaluation methodologies regarding the effectiveness of interventions;underline end (v) professional ethics applied to clinical practice; andunderline end (vi) cultural diversity;underline end</p>
Does the PLC Agency regulate Post-Licensure/Certification programs?	
Advanced Degree PLC Information	
URL to agency responsible for approving Post Education Licensure degree programs	
Does PLC Agency approval of a program for an advanced degree indicate eligibility to practice in that capacity	Yes
Agency Name and URL responsible for determining eligibility to practice	

What additional PLC Agency/State requirements must be met in order to practice in that capacity	
PLC Agency requires faculty/instructors to be licensed in the Licensing/Certification state to teach	
Does PLC Agency require Practicum/Internships/Field Work/Clinicals (PIFWC)?	Yes
PIFWC Required to be eligible for PLC	supervised field experience of not fewer than 700 hours that is counseling in nature
PIFWC Requirement Details	supervised field experience of not fewer than 700 hours that is counseling in nature
Does the PLC Agency or State require prior notification for PIFWC	No
Do Clinical instructors need to be licensed to supervise PIFWC?	Yes
PIFWC hours	700 hours
PIFWC setting	Not specified
PIFWC period	Not specified
PIFWC Supervisor requirements/qualifications	Not specified
Examinations Required	Yes
1. Examination Title	National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE)
2. Examination Title	
3. Examination Title	
4. Examination Title	
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PLC Agency Requires:	Fingerprints

The NSU Counseling: Clinical Mental Health Counseling (MSEd) and School Counseling (MSEd) program(s).

Meets Minnesota Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC) PLC pre-education requirements.

DOES NOT meet Minnesota Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC) PLC pre-education requirements.

Additional information is needed to make determination:

Minnesota Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC) PLC pre-education requirements reviewed by Northern State University Academics .

Department Chair Review: **APPROVAL CHAIR 03/24/20**

Dean Review: **APPROVAL DEAN 03/06/20**

Associate VPAA Review: **APPROVAL GRAD/VPAA 03/27/20**

Website disclosure pages updated.

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