

## Counseling Licensure Requirements: Alabama

<b>Licensed Professional Counseling</b>	<b>Marriage and Family Therapy</b>
<p><b>Educational Requirement:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Master's degree or higher in counseling from a CACREP or CORE accredited program, or the "content equivalent," with a minimum of 48 graduate semester hours (or 72 graduate quarter hours) from a regionally accredited academic institution.</li> </ul> <p><b>Experiential Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3,000 hours of supervised experience in professional counseling with board approved supervision. 2,250 of the 3000 must be direct counseling services.</li> <li>• An applicant may subtract 1,000 hours of the required professional experience for every 15 graduate semester hours (or 22.5 quarter hours) obtained beyond the master's degree from a regionally accredited academic institution provided that the coursework is clearly related to the field of professional counseling. This formula may be used for up to 2,000 hours. 1500 of the 2000 must be direct counseling services.</li> <li>• Apply for certification as an associate licensed counselor.</li> </ul> <p><b>Exam Required:</b> Pass the National Counselor Exam  <b>WEBSITE:</b> <a href="http://abec.alabama.gov/">http://abec.alabama.gov/</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Earn a master's degree</li> <li>• Become an MFT Associate</li> <li>• Submit an application with the Alabama Board of Examiners</li> <li>• Accumulate 1000 hours of supervised professional experience</li> <li>• Earn a passing score on the National Examination in Marital and Family Therapy</li> <li>• <a href="http://www.mft.state.al.us/">http://www.mft.state.al.us/</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>AL Board of Examiners in Counseling</b>            950 22nd Street North, Suite 765            Birmingham, AL 35203            800/822-3307            205/458-8716            205/458-8718 (fax)  <b>Executive Officer:</b> Walter H. Cox  <a href="mailto:Walter.Cox@abec.alabama.gov">Walter.Cox@abec.alabama.gov</a>  <b>Executive Assistant:</b> Florence J. Hemphill  <a href="mailto:Florence.Hemphill@abec.alabama.gov">Florence.Hemphill@abec.alabama.gov</a></p> <p>Application packet (if mailed): \$25            Application fee: \$200            LPC License fee: \$300            ALC License fee: \$150</p>	<p>P.O. Box 240216            Montgomery, AL 36124</p> <p><b>Phone:</b> (334) 395-7455  <b>Email:</b> paula@leadership-alliance.org</p> <p><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.mft.state.al.us">www.mft.state.al.us</a></p> <p><b>License Categories:</b> Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist</p>