Counseling Licensure Requirements: Iowa

Licensed Professional Counseling

Educational Requirement:

- Master's degree or higher in mental health counseling from a "CACREP equivalent" program, or the content equivalent, with at least 60 semester hours (or equivalent quarter hours).
- For applicants who entered program of study prior to July 1, 2010: 45 semester hours (or 60 quarter hours) are required.
- Degree must be from a nationally accredited college or university.

OR

- Hold a current Certified Clinical
 Mental Health Counselor (CCMHC) credential issued by
 NBCC (meets educational and experience
 requirements).
- For applicants who did not graduate from CACREP accredited mental health counseling program as of July 1, 2012, they will need to submit to an education review.

Experiential Requirements:

- 2 years/3,000 hours of full-time supervised postgraduate work experience in mental health counseling, including 1,500 hours of direct client contact and 200 hours of clinical supervision concurrent with the work experience.
- At least 100 of the 200 hours of clinical supervision must be individual supervision.
- For applicants who entered program of study prior to July 1, 2010: 2 years of full-time supervised postgraduate work experience in mental health counseling, including 200 hours of clinical supervision concurrent with 1,000 hours of mental health counseling conducted in person with individuals, couples, and families.
- At least 100 of the 200 hours of clinical supervision must be individual supervision or hold a current Certified Clinical Mental Health Counselor (CCMHC) credential issued by NBCC (meets experience requirements)

Exam Required: NCE, NCMHCE, or CRCE

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Marriage and Family Therapy

- Earn a graduate degree
- Complete two years of clinical supervision
- Sit for the Association of Marital and Family Therapy Regulatory Board Examination
- http://idph.iowa.gov/Licensure/lowa-Board-of-Behavioral-Science

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