Counseling Licensure Requirements: Maryland

Licensed Professional Counseling

Educational Requirement:

 Master's degree or higher in professional counseling or related field from an accredited educational institution, with a minimum of 60 graduate semester hours in specific coursework, including completion of an alcohol and drug counseling course and supervised field experience.

OR

 Doctoral degree with a minimum of 90 graduate semester hours in counseling training approved by the board.

Experiential Requirements:

- 3 years/3,000 hours of supervised clinical experience in professional counseling (2 years/2,000 hours must be post-masters).
- 1,500 hours must be face-to-face client contact and 100 hours minimum of face-to-face clinical supervision.
- Supervision must be under a board approved supervisor.
 At least half of hours need to be accumulated under the supervision of an LCPC approved by the board. If obtained a doctoral degree: 2 years/2,000 hours of supervised clinical experience in professional counseling (1 year/1,000 hours must be post doctorate).
- 1,000 hours must be face-to-face client contact and 50 hours minimum of face-to-face clinical supervision.
- Supervision must be under a board approved supervisor.

Exam Required: NCE and Maryland Professional Counselors And Therapists Act Exam

WEBSITE: www.dhmh.maryland.gov/bopc

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Application Processing: \$75
Credentials Evaluation fee: \$25
Certification and Licensure fee: \$100

Marriage and Family Therapy

- Earn a graduate degree
- Complete not less than 2000 hours of supervised clinical experience
- Sit for the Examination in Marital and Family Therapy provided by the Association of Marital and family Therapy Regulatory Boards
- http://dhmh.maryland.gov/bopc/Pages/Index.aspx

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License Categories: Licensed Clinical Marriage and Family Therapist and Licensed Graduate Marriage and

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