# Counseling Licensure Requirements: Mississippi

# **Licensed Professional Counseling**

## **Educational Requirement:**

 Master's degree or educational specialist's degree in counselor education or a related program from a regionally or nationally accredited college/university program, subject to board approval, with 60 semester hours (or 90 quarter hours) and completion of coursework in 10 content areas.

#### OR

 Doctoral degree primarily in counseling, guidance, or related counseling field from a regionally or nationally accredited college/university program, subject to board approval, with 60 semester hours (or 90 quarter hours) and completion of coursework in 10 content areas.

# **Experiential Requirements:**

- 2 years/3,500 hours of supervised counseling experience in a clinical setting (1,750 hours must be postmaster's experience).
- 1,167 hours must be direct counseling service to clients to include counseling related activities.
- Minimum of 100 hours of supervision required (50 hours may be group supervision).
- Supervision must be under an LPC that has met the requirements to be a MS Board Qualified Supervisor.

**Exam Required:** NCE Will accept the NCMHCE but not

required.

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### **Marriage and Family Therapy**

- Complete a master's degree
- Complete two years of supervised clinical work experience
- Apply for post-graduate work experience
- Take the Examination in Marital and Family
  Therapy any time after earning a master's degree
- <a href="http://www.swmft.ms.gov/swmft/web.nsf/webp">http://www.swmft.ms.gov/swmft/web.nsf/webp</a> ages/FormsPage FormsPage?OpenDocument

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