# Counseling Licensure Requirements: New Jersey

#### **Licensed Professional Counseling**

#### **Educational Requirement:**

- Minimum of 60 graduate semester hours which includes a master's degree in counseling from a regionally accredited institution of higher education (45 of the 60 graduate semester hours must be distributed in 8 of the 9 defined course content areas).
- As of April 20, 2006, an acceptable graduate degree means that the word "counseling" or the word "counselor" appears in the title of the graduate degree awarded and that the institution offering the degree states in the catalog or in another format acceptable to the committee that the purpose of the graduate degree is to prepare students for the professional practice of counseling.

### **Experiential Requirements: LCMHC**

- Already holds an LPC Certification by the Academy of Certified Clinic a Mental Health Counselors, or any successor thereto; passage of a comprehensive qualifying examination prepared by the Academy; evidence satisfactory to the committee that the clinical mental health counselor has satisfied the continuing education requirements of the committee; and, evidence satisfactory to the committee that certification of the clinical mental health counselor has been renewed by the Academy
- 2 years/3,000 of post-master's degree supervised field experience, 100 hours of face-to- face supervision.

## LPC

- 3 years of full-time supervised Counseling experience in a Professional counseling setting, 1 year of which may be obtained prior to the granting of the master's degree.
- 1 year/1,500 hours of experience may be eliminated by substituting 30 graduate semester hours beyond the master's degree. In no case may an applicant have less than 1 year of postmaster's supervised work experience.

**Exam Required: NCE** 

WEBSITE:

http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/pc/Pages/default.aspx

#### **Marriage and Family Therapy**

- Earn a graduate degree
- Apply for the three year temporary MFT permit
- Acquire five years of full-time counseling and therapy experience, two of which must be supervised
- <a href="http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/mft">http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/mft</a>

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Application fee: \$75

LPC Initial License fee: \$250 if applying during 1<sup>st</sup> year of biennial

renewal

\$125 if applying during 2<sup>nd</sup> year of biennial renewal

LAC Initial License fee: \$180 if applying during 1<sup>st</sup> year of biennial

renewal

\$90 if applying during 2<sup>nd</sup> year of biennial renewal

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