

## Counseling Licensure Requirements: North Carolina

<b>Licensed Professional Counseling</b>	<b>Marriage and Family Therapy</b>
<p><b>Educational Requirement:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For applicants after 03/01/16, a master's degree in counseling or related field from an institution of higher education that is either regionally accredited or accredited by an organization both recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and accredited by CACREP.</li> <li>• Applicant must meet one of the following criteria:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. If the applicant enrolled in the master's program before July 1, 2009, a minimum of 48 semester hours or a minimum of 72 quarter credit hours.</li> <li>b. If the applicant enrolled in the master's program before July 1, 2013, but after June 30, 2009, a minimum of 54 semester hours or 81 quarter credit hours.</li> <li>c. If the applicant enrolled in the master's program after June 30, 2013, a minimum of 60 semester hours or 90 quarter credit hours.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• *Applicants after 7/1/2022 must hold a master's degree from a CACREP-accredited program.</li> </ul> <p><b>Experiential Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3,000 hours of supervised professional practice; 2,000 hours must be direct counseling.</li> <li>• No hours can be applied from the practicum/internship.</li> <li>• Experience shall be gained at a rate of no more than 40 hours per week.</li> <li>• 100 hours of clinical supervision required. 75 hours must be individual supervision.</li> <li>• Must have a minimum of 1 hour of individual or 2 hours of group clinical supervision for every 40 hours of professional practice.</li> <li>• Supervision shall be based on live observation, co-therapy, audio and video recordings, and live supervision.</li> <li>• Supervisor must be approved by the board.</li> </ul> <p><b>Exam Required:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>LPC/LPCA NCE, NCMHCE, or CRCE and NC jurisprudence exam</b></li> <li>• <b>LPCA NCE, NCMHCE, or CRCE</b></li> </ul> <p><b>WEBSITE:</b> <a href="http://www.ncblpc.org">www.ncblpc.org</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Earn a graduate degree</li> <li>• Complete 1500 hours of supervised clinical work experience</li> <li>• Sit for the National Marital and Family Therapy Examination</li> <li>• Register through the North Carolina Board</li> <li>• <a href="http://www.ncmft.org/licensing">http://www.ncmft.org/licensing</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>NC Board of Licensed Professional Counselors</b>            P.O. Box 77819, Greensboro, NC 27417            336/217-6007            336/217-9450  <b>Board Administrator:</b> Katrina Brent  <b>CONTACT:</b> <a href="mailto:LPCinfo@ncblpc.org">LPCinfo@ncblpc.org</a>            Application fee: \$200.00            Criminal Background Check fee: \$38.00</p>	<p><b>North Carolina Marriage and Family Therapy Licensure Board</b>            P.O. Box 5549 Cary, NC 27512  <b>Phone:</b> (919) 654-6914  <b>Fax:</b> (919) 336-5156  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:ncmftlb@nc.rr.com">ncmftlb@nc.rr.com</a>  <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.ncmft.org">www.ncmft.org</a>  <b>License Categories:</b> Licensed Marital and Family Therapist</p>