Counseling Licensure Requirements: Texas

Licensed Professional Counseling

Educational Requirement:

- Master's degree or higher in professional counseling or related field from an accredited college/university consisting of 48 graduate semester hours.
- Completion of specific coursework and a 300 clock hour supervised practicum with at least 100 hours of direct client contact.
- Counseling related field: a mental health discipline utilizing human development, psychotherapeutic, and mental health principles including, but not limited to, psychology, psychiatry, social work, marriage and family therapy, and guidance and counseling.
- Non-counseling related fields include, but are not limited to, sociology, education, administration, dance therapy and theology.
- *60 semester hours will be required beginning in 2017.

Experiential Requirements:

- 3,000 hours of post-master's supervised experience, including 1,500 hours of direct client contact.
- Supervision must be under a board approved LPC.

Exam Required: NCE and Texas Jurisprudence Exam

WEBSITE: http://www.counselor-

license.com/states/texas-counselor-license.html

Marriage and Family Therapy

- Complete a master's degree
- Accumulate 3000 hours of supervised experience
- Sit for the national Examination in Marital and Family Therapy or the State of Texas Marriage and Family licensure examination

http://www.mft-license.com/states/texas-mft-license.html#context/api/listings/prefilter

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Associate