

## Counseling Licensure Requirements: Washington

Licensed Professional Counseling	Marriage and Family Therapy
<p><b>Educational Requirement:</b> <b>LMHC/LMHCA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Master's degree or higher in mental health counseling or related field from a regionally accredited college or university that includes a supervised counseling practicum or internship. Individuals who are certified as NCC or CCMHC are considered to meet educational requirements.</li> <li>• <b>ALL professionals must complete</b> 4 hours of HIV/AIDS education and training.</li> </ul> <p><b>Experiential Requirements:</b> <b>LMHC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 years of full-time counseling or 3,000 hours of postgraduate supervised mental health counseling in an approved setting.</li> <li>• To include 1,200 hours of direct counseling with individuals, couples, groups, or families and 100 hours of immediate supervision by a board approved supervisor.</li> <li>• Graduates from CACREP accredited programs can count up to 50 hours of supervision and 500 hours of experience from their practicum/internship.</li> </ul> <p><b>Exam Required:</b> <b>LMHC</b> NCE or NCMHCE <b>LMHCA</b> None</p> <p><b>WEBSITE:</b> <a href="http://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworUpdate/MentalHealthProfessions">http://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworUpdate/MentalHealthProfessions</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete a master's degree program</li> <li>• Earn 3000 hours of supervised work experience</li> <li>• Take the national Examination in Marital and Family Therapy</li> </ul> <p><a href="http://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworUpdate/MentalHealthProfessions">http://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworUpdate/MentalHealthProfessions</a></p>
<p><b>WA Licensed Mental Health Counselors, Marriage &amp; Family Therapists and Social Workers Advisory Committee</b> P.O. Box 47852 Olympia, WA 98504 360/236-4700 360/236-4818 (fax)</p> <p><b>Executive Director:</b> Nancy Tyson <a href="mailto:Nancy.tyson@doh.wa.gov">Nancy.tyson@doh.wa.gov</a></p> <p>LMHC Application fee: \$150 LMHC Initial License fee: \$125 LMHCA Application fee: \$50 Certified Counselor application and certification fee: \$110 Examination or re-examination fee: \$85 Certified Adviser application and certification fee: \$80 Examination or re-examination fee: \$85 Agency Affiliated Counselor application and registration fee: \$50</p>	<p><b>Washington State Department of Health</b> Health Systems Quality Assurance Division P.O. Box 47877 Olympia, WA 98504 <b>Phone:</b> (360) 236-4700 <b>Fax:</b> (360) 236-4818 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:hsqa.csc@doh.wa.gov">hsqa.csc@doh.wa.gov</a> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.aamft.org/walicboard.asp">www.aamft.org/walicboard.asp</a></p> <p><b>License Categories:</b> Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Send other documents not sent with initial application to: Marriage and Family Therapist Program PO Box 47877 Olympia, WA 98504-7877 Contact us: 360.236.4700</p>