

Memorandum

March 3, 2020

From: Director of Online & Continuing Education
To: Academic Department Chair
Academic Dean
Associate VPAA

Subj: PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE/CERTIFICATION DISCLOSURE

Please review the Professional Licensure/Certification requirements for Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) in the state of Pennsylvania below. At the end of the document, please indicate if NSU Counseling: Clinical Mental Health Counseling (MSEd) and School Counseling (MSEd) degree/certificate program(s) meets or do not meet these pre-education requirements.

State	Pennsylvania
Professional Licensure/Certification Title	Licensed Professional Counselor
Professional Licensure/Certification Short Title/Acronym	LPC
PLC Agency	Pennsylvania State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors
PLC Agency Address (Address)	P.O. Box 2649
PLC Agency Address (Address2)	
PLC Agency Address (City), (State), Zip Code	Harrisburg PA 17105-2649
PLC Agency Contact Name	
PLC Agency Point of Contact Title	
PLC Agency Contact Phone	(717) 783-1389
PLC Agency Contact Email	ST-SOCIALWORK@PA.GOV
PLC Agency Website URL	https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardCommissions/SocialWorkersMarriageandFamilyTherapistsandProfessionalCounselors/Pages/default.aspx
Link to Rules/Regulations/Statutes	http://www.pacodeandbulletin.gov/Display/pacode?file=/secure/pacode/data/049/chapter49/chap49toc.html&d=reduce
Link to Agency Regulations	
Parent Agency Name	Pennsylvania Department of State
Reciprocity Agreement?	Other
Is the PLC Agency a member of a Reciprocity or Regional/National Compact	Individual application

Does the PLC Agency require educational institutions be approved in the state where the individual will apply for PLC?	No
URL for approval process information	
Accreditation required for Degree-Granting Institutions	Yes - Regional (HLC, SACS, MSCHE, etc.)
Degree Requirements to be eligible for Professional Licensure/Certification	
The PLC Agency requires specific type of Education Hours to be eligible for PLC	Semester Credit Hours
Total Credit Hours above/Post Education Hours Required to be eligible for PLC	60 semester hours
Specific Education Undergraduate Requirements	
Specific Education Graduate Requirements	Educational requirements are as follows: (1) Human growth and development-(2 semester or 3 quarter hours) studies that provide an understanding of the nature and needs of individuals at all developmental stages. (2) Social and cultural foundations-(2 semester or 3 quarter hours) studies that provide an understanding of issues and trends in a multicultural and diverse society. (3) Helping relationships-(2 semester or 3 quarter hours) studies that provide an understanding of counseling and consultation processes. (4) Group work-(2 semester or 3 quarter hours) studies that provide an understanding of group development, dynamics, counseling theories, group counseling methods and

	<p>skills and other group approaches. (5) Career and lifestyle development-(2 semester or 3 quarter hours) studies that provide an understanding of career development and related life factors. (6) Appraisal-(2 semester or 3 quarter hours) studies that provide an understanding of individual and group approaches to assessment and evaluation. (7) Research and program evaluation-(2 semester or 3 quarter hours) studies that provide an understanding of types of research methods, basic statistics, and ethical and legal considerations in research. (8) Professional orientation-(2 semester or 3 quarter hours) studies that provide an understanding of all aspects of professional functioning, including history, roles, organizational structures, ethics, standards and credentialing. (9) Clinical instruction-(Includes 100 clock hours of supervised practicum experience and 600 clock hours of supervised internship experience). The supervised internship experience shall begin after completion of the supervised practicum experience. Until March 2, 2007, this requirement may be satisfied by completion of a total of 6 semester hours or 9 quarter hours of practicum/internship experience.</p>
Does the PLC Agency regulate Post-Licensure/Certification programs?	
Advanced Degree PLC Information	
URL to agency responsible for approving Post Education Licensure degree programs	
Does PLC Agency approval of a program for an advanced degree indicate eligibility to practice in that capacity	Yes
Agency Name and URL responsible for determining eligibility to practice	
What additional PLC Agency/State requirements must be met in order to practice in that capacity	
PLC Agency requires faculty/instructors to be licensed in the Licensing/Certification state to teach	
Does PLC Agency require Practicum/Internships/Field Work/Clinicals (PIFWC)?	Yes

PIFWC Required to be eligible for PLC	(9) Clinical instruction-(Includes 100 clock hours of supervised practicum experience and 600 clock hours of supervised internship experience). The supervised internship experience shall begin after completion of the supervised practicum experience.
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Does the PLC Agency or State require prior notification for PIFWC	No
Do Clinical instructors need to be licensed to supervise PIFWC?	
PIFWC hours	100 clock hours of supervised practicum experience and 600 clock hours of supervised internship experience
PIFWC setting	Not specified
PIFWC period	Not specified
PIFWC Supervisor requirements/qualifications	Not specified
Examinations Required	Yes
1. Examination Title	National Counselor Examination (NCE)
2. Examination Title	
3. Examination Title	
4. Examination Title	
5. Examination Title	
6. Examination Title	
7. Examination Title	
8. Examination Title	
9. Examination Title	
10. Examination Title	
PLC Agency Requires:	

The NSU Counseling: Clinical Mental Health Counseling (MSEd) and School Counseling (MSEd) program(s).



Meets Pennsylvania Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) PLC pre-education requirements.

DOES NOT meet Pennsylvania Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) PLC pre-education requirements.

Additional information is needed to make determination:

Pennsylvania Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) PLC pre-education requirements reviewed by Northern State University Academics .

Department Chair Review:

APPROVAL CHAIR 03/24/20

Dean Review:

APPROVAL DEAN 03/05/20

Associate VPAA Review:

APPROVAL GRAD/VPAA 03/27/20

Website disclosure pages updated.

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