

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 Medical Health Counselor () in the state of Hawaii 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	Hawaii
Professional Licensure/Certification Title	Medical Health Counselor
Professional Licensure/Certification Short Title/Acronym	
PLC Agency	Professional & Vocational Licensing Division
PLC Agency Address (Address)	DCCA-PVL
PLC Agency Address (Address2)	P.O. Box 3469
PLC Agency Address (City), (State, Zip Code)	Honolulu HI 96801
PLC Agency Contact Name	
PLC Agency Point of Contact Title	
PLC Agency Contact Phone	(808) 586-3000
PLC Agency Contact Email	pvl@dcca.hawaii.gov
PLC Agency Website URL	http://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/
Link to Rules/Regulations/Statutes	https://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/files/2013/08/hrs_453D_Mental_Health_Counselors-0718.pdf
Link to Agency Regulations	http://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/programs/mental/application_publication/
Parent Agency Name	Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
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	Master Degree
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	48 semester credit hours
Specific Education Undergraduate Requirements	
Specific Education Graduate Requirements	(1) A master's degree or doctoral degree from an accredited educational institution in counseling or in an allied field related to the practice of mental health counseling that includes or is supplemented by graduate level course work in counseling comprising a minimum of forty-eight semester hours or seventy-two quarter hours in the following course areas, with a minimum of three semester hours or five quarter hours in each course area as indicated below: (A) Human growth and development, including but not limited to the study of life span development, strategies to facilitate that development and transitions, theories of learning and personality development, and human behavior to include crisis, disabilities, addictive behavior, and environmental factors; (B) Social and cultural foundations, including but not limited to the study of issues and trends in a multicultural and diverse society, including

characteristics of diverse groups that may include but are not limited to age, race, religious or sexual preference, physical disability, ethnicity and culture, gender, socioeconomic, intellectual ability, and individual, family, and group strategies with diverse populations; (C) Counseling theories and applications, including but not limited to counseling and consultation, including both individual and systems perspectives, interviewing, assessment, and counseling skills, as well as applying principles, methods, and theories of counseling, treatment and counseling of mental and emotional disorders, and educational techniques aimed at preventing such disorders with individuals and families; (D) Group theory and practice, including but not limited to principles of group dynamics, group process, group leadership styles, theories and methods of group counseling, and the application of theory to the group processes; (E) Career and lifestyle development, including but not limited to the study of vocational development theories and decisionmaking models, assessment instruments, and techniques, types, sources, and uses of occupational and educational information systems, career development applications, and career counseling processes, techniques, and resources; (F) Appraisal of human behavior, including but not limited to assessment and diagnosis of disorders with an emphasis on DSM-IV categories, and an understanding of these disorders relative to the counseling context; (G) Tests and measurements, including but not limited to theoretical and historical bases for assessment techniques, assessment methods, including analysis of various types of tests in order to select, administer, interpret, and use assessment and evaluation instruments and techniques in counseling; (H) Research and program evaluation, including but not limited to research design and methods, statistical analysis, principles, practices, and application of needs assessment, and program evaluation; and (I) Professional orientation and ethics, including but not limited to the history of the helping profession, professional roles and functions, ethical standards, confidentiality, professional organizations, and the public policy process, including advocacy on behalf of the profession and its clientele; (2) At least two

	academic terms of supervised mental health practicum intern experience for graduate credit of at least six semester hours or ten quarter hours in a mental health counseling setting with three hundred hours of supervised client contact; the practicum experience shall be completed under the clinical supervision of a person who is licensed as a mental health counselor, psychologist, clinical social worker, advanced practice registered nurse with a specialty in mental health, marriage and family therapist, or physician with a specialty in psychiatry
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	(2) At least two academic terms of supervised mental health practicum intern experience for graduate credit of at least six semester hours or ten quarter hours in a mental health counseling setting with three hundred hours of supervised client contact; the practicum experience shall be completed under the clinical supervision of a person who is licensed as a mental health counselor, psychologist, clinical social worker, advanced practice registered nurse with a specialty in mental health, marriage and family therapist, or physician with a specialty in psychiatry;
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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?	Yes
PIFWC hours	6 semester hours of practicum, plus 300 supervised contact hours
PIFWC setting	Not specified
PIFWC period	Not specified
PIFWC Supervisor requirements/qualifications	Not specified
Examinations Required	Yes
1. Examination Title	National Counselor Examination for Licensure and Certification.
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PLC Agency Requires:	

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

Meets Hawaii Medical Health Counselor () PLC pre-education requirements.

DOES NOT meet Hawaii Medical Health Counselor () PLC pre-education requirements.

Additional information is needed to make determination:

Hawaii Medical Health Counselor () PLC pre-education requirements reviewed by Northern State University Academics .

Department Chair Review:

APPROVAL CHAIR 03/24/20

Dean Review:

APPROVAL DEAN 03/25/20

Associate VPAA Review:

APPROVAL GRAD/VPAA 03/26/20

Website disclosure pages updated.

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