

**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 Certified Counselor ( ) in the state of Washington 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	Washington
Professional Licensure/Certification Title	Certified Counselor
Professional Licensure/Certification Short Title/Acronym	
PLC Agency	Washington State Department of Health
PLC Agency Address (Address)	P.O. Box 1099
PLC Agency Address (Address2)	
PLC Agency Address (City), (State), Zip Code	Olympia WA 98507-1099
PLC Agency Contact Name	
PLC Agency Point of Contact Title	
PLC Agency Contact Phone	(360) 236-4700
PLC Agency Contact Email	hsqa.csc@doh.wa.gov
PLC Agency Website URL	<a href="https://www.doh.wa.gov">https://www.doh.wa.gov</a>
Link to Rules/Regulations/Statutes	<a href="https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=246-810-0221">https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=246-810-0221</a>
Link to Agency Regulations	<a href="https://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworUpdate/CertifiedCounselor">https://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworUpdate/CertifiedCounselor</a>
Parent Agency Name	
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	No

the state where the individual will apply for PLC?	
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	Bachelor Degree
The PLC Agency requires specific type of Education Hours to be eligible for PLC	
Total Credit Hours above/Post Education Hours Required to be eligible for PLC	
Specific Education Undergraduate Requirements	Same as below
Specific Education Graduate Requirements	Counseling-related degrees that meet the requirements for certified counselor and certified adviser. (1) A counseling-related bachelor's degree must be from a recognized educational program or institution. The degree must have required the equivalent of at least four years of full-time study and at least one third of the courses must have included one or more of subjects listed in subsection (4) of this section. (2) A counseling-related associate degree must be from a recognized educational program or institution. The degree must have the equivalent of at least two years of full-time study and a supervised internship. At least one fourth of the required courses must have included one or more of the subjects listed in subsection (4) of this section. (3) An advanced or graduate degree from a recognized educational

	<p>program or institution in any of the subject areas listed in subsection (4) of this section will meet the education requirements for certified counselor or certified adviser. (4) Counseling-related subjects: (a) Addiction counseling; (b) Adolescent and child counseling; (c) Anger management counseling; (d) Applied behavioral science; (e) Behavior management or behavior modification; (f) Biofeedback; (g) Child development; (h) Clinical social work; (i) Community mental health; (j) Counseling persons with developmental or intellectual disabilities; (k) Counseling ethics; (l) Developmental psychology; (m) Domestic violence counseling; (n) Elder counseling; (o) Grief counseling; (p) Human development; (q) Human services counseling; (r) Learning disabilities counseling; (s) Marriage and family counseling; (t) Mental health counseling; (u) Ministerial or pastoral counseling; (v) Multicultural counseling; (w) Organizational psychology; (x) Personality theory; (y) Physiological psychology; (z) Psychiatry and psychiatric nursing; (aa) Psychological measurement and research; (bb) Psychology; (cc) Psychopathology and abnormal psychology; (dd) Sexual disorder counseling; (ee) Social work; (ff) Special education; (gg) Stress disorder counseling; (hh) Substance and chemical abuse counseling; and (ii) Transpersonal psychology. (5) The secretary may accept other equivalent counseling-related education or training programs in the subjects listed in subsection (4) of this section.</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)?	
PIFWC Required to be eligible for PLC	
PIFWC Requirement Details	
Does the PLC Agency or State require prior notification for PIFWC	
Do Clinical instructors need to be licensed to supervise PIFWC?	
PIFWC hours	
PIFWC setting	
PIFWC period	
PIFWC Supervisor requirements/qualifications	
Examinations Required	Yes
1. Examination Title	Pass an examination in risk assessment, ethics, and appropriate screening using the global assessment of functioning scale, client referral, and Washington state law;
2. Examination Title	
3. Examination Title	
4. Examination Title	
5. Examination Title	
6. Examination Title	
7. Examination Title	
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9. Examination Title	
10. Examination Title	
PLC Agency Requires:	

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

- Meets Washington Certified Counselor ( ) PLC pre-education requirements.
- DOES NOT meet Washington Certified Counselor ( ) PLC pre-education requirements.
- Additional information is needed to make determination:

Washington Certified 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**

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