

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/Mental Health Service Provider (LPC/MHSP) in the state of Tennessee 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	Tennessee
Professional Licensure/Certification Title	Licensed Professional Counselor/Mental Health Service Provider
Professional Licensure/Certification Short Title/Acronym	LPC/MHSP
PLC Agency	Board for Licensed Professional Counselors, Licensed Marital and Family Therapists and Licensed Clinical Pastoral Therapists
PLC Agency Address (Address)	665 Mainstream Drive
PLC Agency Address (Address2)	
PLC Agency Address (City), (State, Zip Code)	Nashville TN 37243
PLC Agency Contact Name	
PLC Agency Point of Contact Title	
PLC Agency Contact Phone	(615) 741-5735
PLC Agency Contact Email	Unit1HRB.Health@tn.gov
PLC Agency Website URL	https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/pcmft-board.html
Link to Rules/Regulations/Statutes	https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/rules/0450/0450-01.20190812.pdf
Link to Agency Regulations	https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/pcmft-board/pcmft-board/licensure.html
Parent Agency Name	Tennessee Department of Health
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.) Yes - Professional/Program Accreditation (ABA, AACSB, ACBSP, CAHME, 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	60 semester hours
Specific Education Undergraduate Requirements	
Specific Education Graduate Requirements	<p>QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE. Professional Counselor by Examination. To be eligible to submit an application, a candidate must show completion of the following qualifications: (a) Be at least 18 years of age. (b) Must provide evidence that he is highly regarded in moral character and professional ethics (rule 0450-01-.05). (c) Education. The educational requirements must be completed prior to the date of application. 1. Sixty (60) graduate semester hours, based upon a program of studies with a major in counseling, completed from an institution accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the Counsel for Accreditation of</p>

	Counseling and Related Educational Programs, or a comparable accrediting body. 2. The graduate coursework should include, but is not limited to, core areas of (one course may satisfy study in more than one of the study areas): (i) Theories of human behavior, learning and personality; (ii) Abnormal behavior; (iii) Theories of counseling and psychotherapy; (iv) Evaluation and appraisal procedures; (v) Group dynamics, theories and techniques; (vi) Counseling techniques; (vii) Multicultural counseling; (viii) Ethics; (ix) Research; (x) Clinical practicum or internship (pursuant to T.C.A. § 63-22-104)
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	Has completed a supervised field experience as either a practicum or internship that includes a minimum of five hundred (500) clock hours of training, at least three hundred (300) of which must be completed in a mental health or community agency setting. This field experience must be supervised by an individual with at least a master's degree in counseling, social work, psychology or psychiatry;
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	mental health or community agency setting. This field experience must be supervised by an individual with at least a master's degree in counseling, social work, psychology or psychiatry;
Does the PLC Agency or State require prior notification for PIFWC	No
Do Clinical instructors need to be licensed to supervise PIFWC?	
PIFWC hours	500 hours, of which 300 must be completed in a mental health or community agency setting
PIFWC setting	See above
PIFWC period	Not specified
PIFWC Supervisor requirements/qualifications	Not specified
Examinations Required	Yes
1. Examination Title	National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE)
2. Examination Title	
3. Examination Title	
4. Examination Title	
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PLC Agency Requires:	

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

Meets Tennessee Licensed Professional Counselor/Mental Health Service Provider (LPC/MHSP) PLC pre-education requirements.

DOES NOT meet Tennessee Licensed Professional Counselor/Mental Health Service Provider (LPC/MHSP) PLC pre-education requirements.

Additional information is needed to make determination:

Tennessee Licensed Professional Counselor/Mental Health Service Provider (LPC/MHSP) 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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