

**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 Arkansas 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	Arkansas
Professional Licensure/Certification Title	Licensed Professional Counselor
Professional Licensure/Certification Short Title/Acronym	LPC
PLC Agency	Arkansas Board of Examiners in Counseling and Marriage & Family Therapy
PLC Agency Address (Address)	101 East Capitol, Suite 202
PLC Agency Address (Address2)	
PLC Agency Address (City), (State, Zip Code)	Little Rock AR 72201
PLC Agency Contact Name	
PLC Agency Point of Contact Title	
PLC Agency Contact Phone	(501) 683-5800
PLC Agency Contact Email	lenora.erickson@arkansas.gov
PLC Agency Website URL	<a href="https://abec.statesolutions.us">https://abec.statesolutions.us</a>
Link to Rules/Regulations/Statutes	<a href="https://abec.statesolutions.us/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/ABEC-Rules-Reg-current.pdf">https://abec.statesolutions.us/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/ABEC-Rules-Reg-current.pdf</a>
Link to Agency Regulations	<a href="https://abec.statesolutions.us/applicants/">https://abec.statesolutions.us/applicants/</a>
Parent Agency Name	Arkansas 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	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.) 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><b>**NOTE: Only courses with grades of B or above will be accepted as counting towards licensure**</b></p> <p>Documentation from the institution issuing the credit may be required in addition to the Core Curriculum section of the application to verify that all course standards are met if the institution has Not specified previously filed and gained approval for courses with the Arkansas Board.</p> <p><a href="https://abec.statesolutions.us/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/2018-LAC-LPC-Core-Course-Requirements-Updated-June-2018.pdf">https://abec.statesolutions.us/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/2018-LAC-LPC-Core-Course-Requirements-Updated-June-2018.pdf</a></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	<p>he practicum total a minimum of 100 clock hours including 40 hours of direct service with clients, including experience in individual counseling and group work; weekly interaction with an average of one hour per week of individual and/or triadic supervision which occurs regularly over a minimum of one academic term by a program faculty member or a supervisor working under the supervision of a program, faculty member; an average of 1 1/2 hours per week of group supervision that is provided on a regular schedule over the course of the student's practicum by a program faculty member or a supervisor under the supervision of a program faculty member, and evaluation of the student's performance throughout the practicum including a formal evaluation after the student completes the practicum. The Internship/internships requires the minimum of supervised 600 clock hours that is begun after the completion of the practicum (Standard III.G) The internship includes 240 hours of direct service with clients appropriate to the program of study; weekly interaction with an average of one hour per week of individual an/or triadic supervision, throughout the internship, (usually performed by the on-site supervisor); an average of 1 1/2 hours per week of group supervision provided on a regular schedule throughout the internship, usually performed by a program faculty member; the opportunity for the</p>

	<p>student to become familiar with a variety of professional activities in addition to direct service ( record keeping, supervision, information and referral, in-service and staff meetings); the student develops program-appropriate audio and/or videotapes of student's interactions with clients for use in supervision; the opportunity to gain supervised experience in the use of a variety of professional resources such as assessment instruments, technologies, print and non print media, professional literature, and research, and a formal evaluation of the student's performance during the internship be a program faculty member in consultation with the site supervisor. Condensed Pages 66-68, CACREP STANDARD, 2001</p>
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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	Listed in Requirement Details field above
PIFWC setting	Listed in Requirement Details field above
PIFWC period	Listed in Requirement Details field above
PIFWC Supervisor requirements/qualifications	Listed in Requirement Details field above
Examinations Required	Yes
1. Examination Title	National Counselor Exam (NCE)
2. Examination Title	
3. Examination Title	
4. Examination Title	
5. Examination Title	
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7. Examination Title	
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9. Examination Title	
10. Examination Title	
PLC Agency Requires:	Fingerprints

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

- Meets Arkansas Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) PLC pre-education requirements.
- DOES NOT meet Arkansas Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) PLC pre-education requirements.
- Additional information is needed to make determination:



Arkansas 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 03/25/20**

Associate VPAA Review:

**APPROVAL GRAD/VPAA 03/26/20**

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