

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 Clinical Counselor (LPCC) in the state of California 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	California
Professional Licensure/Certification Title	Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor
Professional Licensure/Certification Short Title/Acronym	LPCC
PLC Agency	California Board of Behavioral Sciences
PLC Agency Address (Address)	1625 North Market Blvd., Suite S200
PLC Agency Address (Address2)	
PLC Agency Address (City), (State, Zip Code)	Sacramento CA 95834
PLC Agency Contact Name	
PLC Agency Point of Contact Title	
PLC Agency Contact Phone	(916) 574-7830
PLC Agency Contact Email	bbs@ca.gov
PLC Agency Website URL	www.bbs.ca.gov
Link to Rules/Regulations/Statutes	http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?sectionNum=4999.33.&lawCode=BPC
Link to Agency Regulations	https://www.bbs.ca.gov/applicants/lpcc.html
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 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	60 semester hours
Specific Education Undergraduate Requirements	
Specific Education Graduate Requirements	https://www.bbs.ca.gov/pdf/forms/lpc/lpc_app_oos_01012016.pdf
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	(3) Not less than six semester units or nine quarter units of supervised practicum or field study experience that involves direct client contact in a clinical setting that provides a range of professional clinical counseling experience, including the following: (A) Applied psychotherapeutic techniques. (B) Assessment. (C) Diagnosis. (D) Treatment planning. (E) Treatment. (F) Issues of development, adjustment, and maladjustment. (G) Health and wellness promotion. (H) Professional writing including documentation of services, treatment plans, and progress notes. (I) How to find and use resources. (J) Other recognized counseling interventions. (K) A minimum of 280 hours of face-to-face supervised clinical experience counseling individuals, families, or groups.
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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 units; 280 supervised clinical experience
PIFWC setting	Not specified
PIFWC period	Not specified

PIFWC Supervisor requirements/qualifications	Not specified
Examinations Required	Yes
1. Examination Title	California Law and Ethics Exam
2. Examination Title	National Clinical Mental Health Counselor (NCMHCE) Exam
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:	Fingerprints

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

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

California Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC) PLC pre-education requirements reviewed by Northern State University Academics .

Department Chair Review:

APPROVAL CHAIR 03/24/20

Dean Review:

APPROVAL DEAN 03/06/20

Associate VPAA Review:

APPROVAL GRAD/VPAA 03/26/20

Website disclosure pages updated.

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