

**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 Texas 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	Texas
Professional Licensure/Certification Title	Licensed Professional Counselor
Professional Licensure/Certification Short Title/Acronym	LPC
PLC Agency	Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors
PLC Agency Address (Address)	Mail Code 1982
PLC Agency Address (Address2)	P.O. Box 149347
PLC Agency Address (City), (State, Zip Code)	Austin TX 78714-9347
PLC Agency Contact Name	
PLC Agency Point of Contact Title	
PLC Agency Contact Phone	(512) 834-6658
PLC Agency Contact Email	lpc@hhsc.state.tx.us
PLC Agency Website URL	<a href="https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/counselor/default.shtm">https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/counselor/default.shtm</a>
Link to Rules/Regulations/Statutes	<a href="https://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\$ext.TacPage?sl=R&amp;app=9&amp;p_dir=&amp;p_rloc=&amp;p_tloc=&amp;p_ploc=&amp;pg=1&amp;p_tac=&amp;ti=22&amp;pt=30&amp;ch=681&amp;rl=83">https://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\$ext.TacPage?sl=R&amp;app=9&amp;p_dir=&amp;p_rloc=&amp;p_tloc=&amp;p_ploc=&amp;pg=1&amp;p_tac=&amp;ti=22&amp;pt=30&amp;ch=681&amp;rl=83</a>
Link to Agency Regulations	<a href="https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/counselor/lpc_apply.shtm">https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/counselor/lpc_apply.shtm</a>
Parent Agency Name	Texas Health and Human Services Commission
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	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 credit hours
Specific Education Undergraduate Requirements	
Specific Education Graduate Requirements	(a) An applicant who holds a graduate degree in counseling from an accredited school is presumed to have satisfied the academic course content requirements described in this section. (b) An applicant who holds a graduate degree in a counseling-related field must complete at least one course in each of the following areas: (1) normal human growth and development - the process and stages of human intellectual, physical, social, and emotional development from prenatal origins through adulthood; (2) abnormal human behavior - the principles of understanding dysfunction in human behavior or social disorganization; (3) appraisal or assessment techniques - the principles, concepts, and procedures of systematic appraisal or assessment of an individual's attitudes, aptitudes, achievements,

interests, and personal characteristics, which may include the use of both non-testing approaches and test instruments; (4) counseling theories - the major theories of professional counseling; (5) counseling methods or techniques - the methods or techniques used to provide counseling treatment intervention including: (A) counseling individuals; and (B) the theory and types of groups, including dynamics and the methods of practice with groups; (6) research - the methods of research which may include the study of statistics or a thesis project; (7) life style and career development - the theories of vocational choice, career choice and life style, sources of occupational and educational information, and career decision-making processes; (8) social, cultural, and family issues - the studies of change, ethnic groups, gender studies, family systems, urban and rural societies, population patterns, cultural patterns, and differing life styles; (9) professional orientation - the objectives of professional organizations, codes of ethics, legal aspects of practice, standards of preparation, and the role identity of persons providing direct counseling treatment intervention; and (10) practicum (internship) - supervised practicum experience primarily counseling in nature which includes: (A) At least 300 clock-hours, of which at least 100 hours must be direct client counseling. (B) Academic credit or other acknowledgment of the practicum/internship must appear on the applicant's official graduate transcript. (C) No practicum course intended primarily for practice in the administration and grading of appraisal or assessment instruments will count toward the 300 clock-hour requirement. (c) The remaining courses needed to meet the 48/60 graduate semester hour requirement must be counseling-related course work in areas directly supporting the development of an applicant's professional counseling skills and must be courses related primarily to professional counseling. (d) As of August 1, 2017, the following courses to meet the 60 semester hour requirement must include: (1) addictions counseling; to include, but not limited to, gambling, sexual, eating, alcohol, or drug; (2) an additional course in counselor ethics; to include records management, an overview of business/family

	<p>law and professional practice, and the study of current board rules in this chapter; (3) couples, marriage, or family counseling; and (4) a course in psychopathology to include such content as criteria of psychiatric diagnosis, use of the current Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders and the theories of psychopathology. The course should also include the basic knowledge of types of psychopharmacological medications. (e) Passing the National Counselor Exam or National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Exam does not guarantee Texas state licensure requirements have been satisfied. (f) An applicant may appeal to the board but does not have the right to a formal hearing before the State Office of Administrative Hearings if his or her application for licensure is denied based on the applicant's failure to meet academic requirements.</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>(10) practicum (internship) - supervised practicum experience primarily counseling in nature which includes: (A) At least 300 clock-hours, of which at least 100 hours must be direct client counseling. (B) Academic credit or other acknowledgment of the practicum/internship must appear on the applicant's official graduate transcript. (C) No practicum course intended primarily for practice in the administration</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	300 clock-hours
PIFWC setting	Not specified
PIFWC period	Not specified
PIFWC Supervisor requirements/qualifications	Not specified
Examinations Required	Yes
1. Examination Title	National Counselor Exam (NCE)
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 Texas Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) PLC pre-education requirements.

DOES NOT meet Texas Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) PLC pre-education requirements.

Additional information is needed to make determination:



Texas 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 03/05/20**

Associate VPAA Review:

**APPROVAL GRAD/VPAA 03/27/20**

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