

Memorandum

March 17, 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 School counselor () in the state of Massachusetts 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	Massachusetts
Professional Licensure/Certification Title	School counselor
Professional Licensure/Certification Short Title/Acronym	
PLC Agency	Office of Educator Licensure
PLC Agency Address (Address)	75 Pleasant Street
PLC Agency Address (Address2)	
PLC Agency Address (City), (State, Zip Code)	Malden MA 02148-4906
PLC Agency Contact Name	
PLC Agency Point of Contact Title	
PLC Agency Contact Phone	(781) 338-6600
PLC Agency Contact Email	
PLC Agency Website URL	http://www.doe.mass.edu/licensure/
Link to Rules/Regulations/Statutes	http://www.doe.mass.edu/lawsregs/603cmr7.html?section=11
Link to Agency Regulations	http://www.doe.mass.edu/licensure/become-educator.html
Parent Agency Name	Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
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 credits
Specific Education Undergraduate Requirements	
Specific Education Graduate Requirements	<p>(1)School Counselor (Levels: PreK-8; 5-12) (a)Initial License. Master's degree with a major in counseling. Subject Matter Knowledge as outlined in the Subject Matter Knowledge Guidelines. A practicum of 450 hours in an educational setting. Passing score on the Communication and Literacy Skills test.</p> <p>(b)Professional License. Possession of an Initial license. Three years of employment as a school counselor. Completion of one of the following: A total of 60 credits of graduate coursework that may include credits earned in a master's degree program for the Initial license in a discipline appropriate to the license sought, including but are not limited to school counseling, mental health counseling, school psychology, or clinical psychology.</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	A practicum of 450 hours in an educational setting.
PIFWC Requirement Details	A practicum of 450 hours in an educational setting.
Does the PLC Agency or State require prior notification for PIFWC	No
Do Clinical instructors need to be licensed to supervise PIFWC?	
PIFWC hours	450 hours
PIFWC setting	Not specified
PIFWC period	Not specified
PIFWC Supervisor requirements/qualifications	Not specified
Examinations Required	Yes
1. Examination Title	Massachusetts Communications and Literacy Skill MTEL test
2. Examination Title	National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC) or National Board of School Counseling
3. Examination Title	
4. Examination Title	
5. Examination Title	
6. 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 Massachusetts School counselor () PLC pre-education requirements.
- DOES NOT meet Massachusetts School counselor () PLC pre-education requirements.
- Additional information is needed to make determination:

Massachusetts School 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 03/27/20

Website disclosure pages updated.

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