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## LICENSED CLINICAL THERAPISTS IN THE STATE

### LICENSED ADDICTION COUNSELORS

All persons practicing addiction counseling in the state must be licensed by the Board of Addiction Counseling Examiners. Requirements for licensure are as follows:

- Bachelor's degree in addiction studies or a closely related social science or health care field (i.e., psychology, social work, criminal justice, mental health counseling, nursing, and occupational therapy), including 32 credit-hours in addiction studies.
- Completion of a 1,400-hour board-approved clinical training program.
- Written examination.

In addition, those currently licensed or certified in another jurisdiction who wish to apply for a license by reciprocity must submit the following:

- Verification from the licensing authority in another jurisdiction that the applicant is currently licensed and in good standing.
- Application for licensure.
- Licensure fee.
- A copy of the law and rules from the jurisdiction in which the applicant is licensed which establishes the requirements for obtaining and maintaining a license in that jurisdiction.

A list of the 334 licensed addiction counselors as of January 2010 is attached as [Appendix A](#).

### LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

The Board of Counselor Examiners offers three counseling licenses--licensed associate professional counselor (LAPC), licensed professional counselor (LPC), and licensed professional clinical counselor (LPCC). The board sets the requirements for these licenses, administers the examinations needed to qualify for licensure, develops and monitors continuing education for counselors, and manages the complaint procedure relative to professional counseling. Counseling licenses are as follows:

- Licensed associate professional counselor is a two-year license which allows for the supervised experience required to become an LPC. While the LAPC has the rights and privileges granted the LPC, the LAPC works under continual supervision and must satisfy all the criteria for the LPC within the two-year period. Requirements for an LAPC are as follows:

Master's degree (48 graduate semester credits) in counseling or other closely related field from an accredited college or university.

Specific core counseling coursework within the master's degree.

Three letters of reference from master's degree professors, advisors, and supervisors.

A two-year plan of supervision, including a supervisor and "intent to practice" statement.

A passing score on the National Counselor Examination.

- Licensed professional counselor is the full professional license which is awarded after all the LAPC criteria are met and the following professional supervision requirements have been satisfied:

One hundred hours of direct supervision during the two-year LAPC supervisory period. Sixty of those hours must be individual, face-to-face supervision by a qualified supervisor.

Four hundred hours of client counseling contact for the two-year LAPC supervisory period.

A signed recommendation for LPC licensure by the supervising professional.

- Licensed professional clinical counselor is the specialty license in "clinical mental health counseling" which is awarded to LPCs who have completed advanced clinical requirements. Applicants for the LPCC must hold a valid LPC license and meet the following requirements:

A total of 60 graduate semester credits, 12 of which may be obtained in documented training, clinical experiences, or courses consistent with National Board for Certified Counselors clinical education guidelines.

Must have completed 800 hours of clinical training in supervised practica and internships relevant to the practice of clinical counseling.

Graduate clinical coursework must include abnormal psychology and psychopathology, appraisal and diagnostic evaluation (DSM-IV), and clinical counseling skills.

Two years (3,000 hours) of post-master's supervised clinical experience in a clinical setting. The supervisor must be a psychiatrist, clinical or counseling psychologist, professional clinical counselor, or other qualified clinical professional approved by the board.

Three letters of reference from the clinical supervisor and other clinical professionals.

A passing score on the National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination.

A videotaped clinical counseling session of at least 30 minutes' duration (individual or group clinical counseling setting).

A list of the 359 LAPCs, LPCs, and LPCCs as of January 2010 is attached as [Appendix B](#).

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