Professional Counseling State Licensure Disclosure

We provide this information comparing the counseling program’s curricular requirements to professional counseling licensure requirements in each state as a reference for prospective and current Wake Forest University counseling students and graduates. Please use this information as a guide for understanding our program’s curricular requirements in reference to the licensure requirements in the state in which you want to obtain a license directly. We review state licensure requirements periodically and, as we become aware of changes, we update this information accordingly. However, because state licensure requirements can change at any time, we encourage individuals to review their state’s licensure requirements regularly. We have organized this information using the following categories: “Meets state licensure requirements (both Clinical Mental Health Counseling [CMHC] and School Counseling [SC] tracks)”; “Meets state licensure requirements (CMHC track only)”; “Meets state licensure requirements with minor accommodations;” “Unsure if it meets state licensure requirements;” and “Does not meet state licensure requirements.” Please note that this form only references professional counseling credentials; it does not provide information about school counseling licensure. We have a separate disclosure form for that information.

Meets State Licensure Requirements (CMHC and SC Tracks)

Alabama
Alaska
Arizona
Colorado
Delaware
Hawaii
Idaho
Iowa
Kansas
Montana
Nebraska
New Jersey
North Carolina (for individuals who apply for licensure before 07/01/25)
North Dakota (LAPC requirements)
Pennsylvania
Puerto Rico
Rhode Island
South Dakota
Vermont
Washington
Wyoming

Meets State Licensure Requirements (CMHC Track Only)*

Connecticut (Treatment and diagnosis of emotional and mental disorders and mental health counseling professional orientation course requirements)
Georgia (psychopathology course requirement)
Illinois (maladaptive behavior and psychopathology requirements)
Kentucky (etiology, diagnosis, treatment planning, and prevention requirement)
Louisiana (classification of emotional and mental disorders requirement)
Maine (LCPC; training in diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders)
Maryland (diagnosis and psychopathology; psychotherapy and treatment of mental and emotional disorders)
Michigan (diagnosis, treatment of mental and emotional disorders)
Minnesota (principles of etiology, treatment planning, and prevention of mental and emotional disorders and dysfunctional behavior)
Mississippi (abnormal psychology and psychopathology)
Missouri (diagnosis requirement)
Nevada (classification of mental and emotional disorders)
New Hampshire (abnormal psychology/psychopathology requirement)
New Mexico (CMHC core curriculum requirement)
New York (psychopathology requirement)
North Carolina (diagnosis requirement; CMHC intro course; CMHC internship [proposed requirements beginning 07/25])
North Dakota (LPCC educational requirements)
Ohio (clinical mental health track required)
Oklahoma (classification of mental and emotional disorders requirement)
Oregon (diagnosis of mental disorders requirement)
South Carolina (psychopathology OR diagnostics of psychopathology requirement)
Tennessee (LPC requirements; abnormal behavior)
Texas (psychopathology)
Utah (CMHC education requirements)
Vermont (diagnosis, assessment, and treatment requirements)
Virginia (abnormal behavior and psychopathology)
Washington, D.C. (Principles of etiology, diagnosis, treatment planning, and prevention of mental and emotional disorders and dysfunctional behavior)
West Virginia (principles of etiology, assessment, diagnosis, treatment planning, and prevention of mental and emotional disorders and dysfunctional behavior)

* The information in the parentheses highlights courses/content that are not fulfilled by our school counseling track requirements.

Meets State Licensure Requirements with Minor Accommodations

Massachusetts
- CMHC track only (psychopathology requirement; knowledge and skills in mental health counseling)
- Individual supervision required during practicum (does not count triadic supervision).
- Group supervision may not exceed 10 internship supervisees in a group.
- Teaching of AMHCA code of ethics.

Unclear if Program Requirements Meet State Licensure Requirements

Tennessee (LPC-MH – question about 9-hour DSM coursework)
- CNS 762, CNS 770, and CNS 771 may fulfill the psychotherapy and treatment of mental and emotional disorders 9-hour requirement, but that has not been confirmed
- Please visit the [Tennessee Board for Licensed Professional Counselors](#)’ website for additional information.

Wisconsin (CMHC track only; question about diagnosis and treatment planning requirement and psychopathology requirement)
- CNS 762 and CNS 771 may fulfill diagnosis and treatment planning requirements while CNS 770 fulfills the psychopathology requirement, but that has not been confirmed.
- CNS 739 may meet the trauma/crisis counseling course requirement, but that has not been confirmed.
- Please visit [Wisconsin’s Department of Safety and Professional Services](#)’ website for additional information.

Does Not Meet State Licensure Requirements

Arkansas (1-credit hour technology in counseling course)

California (psychopharmacology and crisis and trauma counseling; 6 hours in suicide risk, assessment and intervention; 12 hours in California law and ethics; 10 hours in human sexuality; 15 hours in spousal or partner abuse; 7 hours in child abuse; 10 hours in aging and long-term care; a 3-credit hour course in mental health recovery-oriented care; 18 hours on various cultures in California)
- We provide elective summer courses in psychopharmacology and crisis prevention and response, but these courses are not required for graduation.
- The 6-hours of continuing education for suicide risk, assessment, and intervention is covered in CNS 739. However, written certification of this from the chair or program director is needed.
- The California law and ethics course can be completed at an accredited university or through an approved continuing education provider.
- We provide an elective course in human sexuality that would fulfill the 10-hour human sexuality requirement, but this course is not required for graduation.
- We do not have courses or curriculum that cover aging and long-term care, mental health recovery-oriented care, or cultures in California, though CNS 747 may cover the cultures requirement.
**Florida (human sexuality)**
- We provide an elective summer course in human sexuality, but this course is not required for graduation.

**Indiana**
- Must complete a minimum of 1,000 clock hours consisting of one practicum (100 hours), one internship (600 hours), and one advanced internship (300 hours) with at least 100 hours of face to face supervision.