

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. 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.

The required curricula of both the Clinical Mental Health Counseling track and School Counseling track meet professional counseling licensure requirements in the following states:

Alabama
Arizona
Colorado
Idaho (meets requirement to become a registered intern)
Montana
Nebraska
New Jersey
Oklahoma
Pennsylvania
Puerto Rico
Rhode Island
South Dakota
Wyoming

The required curriculum of the CMHC track* meets professional counseling licensure requirements in the following states:

Alaska (Diagnosis course)
Connecticut (Treatment and diagnosis of emotional and mental disorders and mental health counseling professional orientation course requirements)
Delaware (Degree must be in clinical mental health counseling)

Georgia (psychopathology course requirement)
Hawaii (clinical experience in a mental health setting)
Illinois (maladaptive behavior and psychopathology requirements)
Iowa (degree in mental health counseling)
Kansas (Diagnosis 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 [requirements beginning 07/25])
North Dakota (LPCC education requirements; Internship must be in clinical mental health counseling)
Ohio (clinical mental health track required; course on diagnosis of mental disorders is required)
Oregon (diagnosis of mental disorders requirement)
South Carolina (psychopathology OR diagnostics of psychopathology requirement)
Texas (psychopathology)
Utah (CMHC education requirements)
Vermont (diagnosis, assessment, and treatment requirements, and graduation from a mental health counseling program)
Virginia (abnormal behavior and psychopathology)
Washington (master's or doctoral degree in mental health counseling)
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)
Wisconsin (diagnosis and treatment planning requirement and psychopathology requirement)

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

The required curriculum of the CMHC track meets professional counseling licensure requirements with the following accommodations in these states:

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.
- Supervisor must be a mental health counselor with three years of full time experience.

Indiana

- Must be on the CMHC track (mental health counseling education requirement) and receive at least 66 hours of face to face supervision.

The required curriculum of the CMHC track does not meet all professional licensure requirements in the following states:

Arkansas (1-credit hour technology in counseling course and must have a B- or higher in all courses)

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, and CNS 765 may cover aspects of recovery-oriented care.

Florida (human sexuality course requirement)

- We provide an elective summer course in human sexuality, but this course is not required for graduation.

Tennessee (LPC with Mental Health Service Provider (MHSP) designation needed to diagnose and treat mental disorders. requirements; requires course in abnormal behavior and coursework related to diagnosis; diagnosis, assessment, and treatment course requirements needed for MHSP designation)

- CNS 736, CNS 762, CNS 770, and CNS 771 possibly fulfill the 9-hour course requirement on diagnosis, treatment, appraisal and assessment of mental disorders, but we cannot confirm that.