

# ROADMAP TO LICENSURE (LPC)

## Clinical Mental Health

Licensure is the granting or regulating of a license for professionals and is issued by the state that you live in.

[State Board Directory](#)

There are 50 different processes to gain licensure; however, the [Counseling Compact](#) is making changes for those with LPC Licensure.

[Check if Liberty's Counseling programs meet your state's licensure requirements](#)

Some states give priority to students that attend CACREP accredited schools, and Liberty University is CACREP accredited!

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\*Make sure to choose a licensure path when selecting a degree plan.



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Based on Virginia Regulations  
(Hours will vary by state)

## EDUCATION

- Bachelor's in behavioral science field (preferred)
- Master's that is a licensure path
- [100 hour Practicum](#) (typically unpaid)
- [600 hour Internship](#) (can be paid or unpaid)
- [Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Examination \(CPCE\) & the Integration Exam](#)
- [National Counselor Examination & National Certified Counselor Credential \(NCE/NCMHCE\)](#)
- For more information visit the [National Board of Certified Counselors \(NBCC\)](#)

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## FIND A SUPERVISOR

(Post-Graduation)

- Find a registered supervisor under the [Board of Counseling](#)
- Apply for a [temporary license as a resident](#)

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## GAIN EXPERIENCE

- Complete 3,400 clinical hours as a resident
- Supervision can range from (\$50 - \$250+ per hour) or it can be free
- You will be paid during residency (This is not the same as practicum or internship)

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## RENEW RESIDENT LICENSE

- Annually required to renew your resident in counseling license
- This temporary license is renewed annually up to 5 years
- Keep up with [continuing education \(CEU's\)](#)

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## NCMHCE

- Pass the [National Clinical Mental health Counselors Examination \(NCMHCE\)](#)
- This test is taken after completing at least 3,400 hours of post-graduate counseling experience
- Must pass within 6 years from the date of initial issuance of the resident license

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## APPLY FOR/RECEIVE LICENSURE

- [Collect/submit documentation](#) (Verification of hours, final evaluation form, etc.)
- Receive LPC Licensure & keep up with CEU's
- [Renew LPC license](#) annually on June 30th each year

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[Virginia's LPC Licensure Process](#)  
Licensure processes are subject to change and vary by state.

