



TEXAS STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

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COURSE EVALUATION/LICENSING INFORMATION SHEET

LICENSING REQUIREMENTS. Applicants for licensure as a professional counselor must show evidence of the following:

1. A master's or doctorate degree in counseling or related field from a university, which meets the accreditation requirements of the board.
2. A planned graduate program of at least 48 graduate semester hours of courses which are counseling in nature, including a practicum or internship of at least 300 clock-hours which primarily involve the direct delivery of counseling services (testing practicum cannot be used toward the practicum requirements). Practicum must include at least 100 clock-hours of direct client counseling contact. An applicant must complete at least one three-semester hour course in each of the following areas:
 - (1) **Normal human growth and development** - the process and stages of human intellectual, physical, social, and emotional development from prenatal origins through old age;
Course Number: _____ Course Title: _____
 - (2) **Abnormal human behavior** - the principles of understanding dysfunction in human behavior or social disorganization;
Course Number: _____ Course Title: _____
 - (3) **Appraisal or assessment techniques** - the principles, concepts, and procedures of systematic appraisal or assessment of an individual's attitudes, aptitudes, achievements, interests, and personal characteristics, which may include the use of both non-testing approaches and test instruments;
Course Number: _____ Course Title: _____
 - (4) **Counseling theories** - the major theories of professional counseling;
Course Number: _____ Course Title: _____
 - (5) **Counseling methods or techniques** - the methods or techniques used to provide counseling treatment intervention including:
 - (A) **counseling individuals**; Course Number: _____ Course Title: _____
 - (B) the theory and types of **groups**, including dynamics and the methods of practice with groups;
Course Number: _____ Course Title: _____
 - (6) **Research** - the methods of research which may include the study of statistics or a thesis project in an area relevant to the practice of professional counseling.
Course Number: _____ Course Title: _____
 - (7) **Life style and Career development** - the theories of vocational choice, career choice and life style, sources of occupational and educational information, and career decision-making processes;
Course Number: _____ Course Title: _____

- (8) **Social, Cultural, and Family issues** - the studies of change, ethnic groups, gender studies, family systems, urban and rural societies, population patterns cultural patterns, and differing life styles;
Course Number: _____ Course Title: _____
- (9) **Professional orientation** - the objectives of professional organizations, codes of ethics, legal aspects of practice, standards of preparation, and the role identity of persons providing direct counseling treatment intervention; and
Course Number: _____ Course Title: _____
- (10) **Practicum (internship)** - as referred to in §681.82(c) of this title (relating to Academic Requirements)
Course Number: _____ Course Title: _____

3. Pass the National Counselor Examination and the Texas Jurisprudence Exam.
4. Three thousand (3,000) clock-hours of appropriately supervised experience in the provision of counseling services gained subsequent to completion of academic course work, awarding of the graduate degree and obtaining a temporary license from this board. Experience submitted to meet this requirement must meet board rules and cannot be obtained in independent practice. Supervised, structured volunteer work may be acceptable. (See board rules §§ 681.92-681.93 for additional requirements.) Supervised hours may not be completed in less than eighteen (18) months from issuance of the temporary license. At least 1,500 hours must be direct client contact.

Only Licensed Professional Counselors will be approved to supervise LPC-Interns.

PERSONS MUST OBTAIN A TEMPORARY LICENSE BEFORE BEGINNING TO ACCRUE SUPERVISED EXPERIENCE HOURS.

NOTE: FULFILLMENT OF THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS MUST BE DOCUMENTED ON BOARD FORMS. THE APPLICATION AND DOCUMENTATION FORMS WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE APPLICATION PACKET.

For additional information please contact

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