

Pastoral Psychotherapist

Pastoral Psychotherapists are clergy persons with graduate training enabling them to provide psychotherapy, marital, and family therapy. Some also offer group therapy and sex therapy.

Legislation

Statutes: NH RSA 330-A:17

Administrative Rules: Chapter Mhp 100 - 500

Licensure Requirements

- Hold the following degrees:
 - Baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university;
 - Master of Divinity degree, or an equivalent, from a school of theology accredited by the Association of Theological Schools; and
 - A Doctorate in pastoral psychotherapy
- Have attained the level of Fellow in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors or an equivalent organization
- Have been authorized by a denomination or faith group to exercise specific leadership and service on its behalf
- Have completed one unit of full-time clinical pastoral education or its equivalent
- Give evidence of serving at least three years as a clergy person, demonstrating growing maturity in one's identity and role as a professional religious leader
- Complete two years of not less than 1,500 hours per year of supervised experience in pastoral psychotherapy
- Of the 3,000 hours specified above, have performed at least 1,375 hours of clinical pastoral counseling while receiving at least 250 hours of interdisciplinary supervision
- Give evidence of having undergone sufficient theological and psychotherapeutic investigation of one's own intrapsychic and interpersonal processes
- Give evidence of:
 1. An understanding of the counseling or psychotherapeutic process
 2. An ability to develop the counseling or psychotherapeutic relationship
 3. An ability to perform a leadership role in the context of the religious community
 4. An ability to integrate one's professional role and personal identity
- Pass a satisfactory examination in pastoral counseling as set and defined by the Board
- New Hampshire residency is not required, but must be principally employed in New Hampshire

Regulatory Agency

New Hampshire Office of Professional Licensure and Certification

Board of Mental Health Practice
121 South Fruit Street
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

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web <www.nh.gov/mhpb/>

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Examination

Written and oral examination required

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Continuing Education

Forty hours of continuing education credits are required every two years, plus 20 hours of collaboration per year

Reciprocity

Permitted, according to the standards of other states. Must exceed or equal the New Hampshire Board’s requirements.

Active Licenses

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Related Training

Clinical Pastoral Counseling/ Patient Counseling

Fees	
Application review	\$.150.00
Second year license fee (submitted with application review fee)	\$.135.00
Biennial renewal	\$.270.00
Inactive license (one year)	\$.67.50
License reinstatement	\$.300.00
License reactivation	\$.270.00

O*Net Codes	
21-1013.00	Marriage and Family Therapists
21-2011.00	Clergy

Additional Information Sources
American Association of Pastoral Counselors (AAPC) < www.aapc.org >
Association of Theological Schools < www.ats.edu >