

Mental Health Counselor, Clinical

Counsel and aid individuals and families with problems that may arise during or following the recovery from physical or mental illness by providing support services designed to help persons understand, accept, and follow medical recommendations.

Legislation

Statute: NH RSA 330-A:19

Administrative Rules: Chapter Mhp 100 - 500

Licensure Requirements

- Sixty credit Master's degree or Doctoral degree in clinical mental health counseling, including a 700-hour practicum or internship appropriate to mental health counseling
- Must pass the National Clinical Mental Health Counselor exam
- Complete a minimum of two years of paid, post-Master's experience in a mental health setting including a minimum of 3,000 hours of post-master's supervised clinical experience and a minimum of 100 hours of face-to-face supervision
- Must complete a criminal background check

Examination

Written examination required — National Clinical Mental Health Counseling exam

Continuing Education

40 hours of continuing education units (CEUs) every two years, and 40 hours of collaboration every two years

Active Licenses

1,167

Related Training

Mental Health Counseling/Counselor

Regulatory Agency

New Hampshire Board of Mental Health Practice

Office of Professional Licensure and Certification

7 Eagle Square

Concord, New Hampshire 03301

phone (603) 271-2152

web <www.oplc.nh.gov/board-mental-health-practice>

contact Board Administrator

e-mail mentalhealth@oplc.nh.gov

Fees

License application review	\$150.00
Approved license application fee	\$135.00
Biennial renewal	\$270.00
Inactive license (one year)	\$67.50
License reinstatement	\$300.00

O*Net Codes

21-1014.00 Mental Health Counselors

Additional Information Sources

National Board for Certified Counselors

<www.nbcc.org/certification>

Reciprocity

While the Board does not offer reciprocity licenses, a license can be obtained through "portability," or Fast Track Licensing, allowing someone licensed in another state for five or more years to obtain a license in New Hampshire.