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 per year

Active Licenses
1,813

Related Training
Mental Health Counseling/Counselor

Regulatory Agency
New Hampshire Board of Mental Health Practice
Office of Professional Licensure and Certification
121 South Fruit Street
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

phone (603) 271-2702
fax (603)271-6702
web <www.oplc.nh.gov/mental-health/>
contact Board Administrator
e-mail bdmhp@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>

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.