

Licensure Information for Students and Applicants



Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling with specializations in Holistic Studies, School and Community Counseling, and Trauma Studies (60-credits)

Depending on your professional goals, where you intend to seek licensure or plan to practice, and the licensure requirements that exist within that state, several pathways to licensure may be available to graduates of Lesley's Master's in Clinical Mental Health Counseling programs. Applicants and students are encouraged to discuss program offerings with our admissions counselors and advisors to ensure that they pursue the degree that most closely aligns with their professional goals. **If you have any questions after reviewing the information below, please contact us at cert_off@lesley.edu.**

I. State Professional Mental Health Counseling Licensure

Massachusetts Licensed Mental Health Counselor

- Lesley University's 60-credit Master's in Clinical Mental Health Counseling degree program, including specializations in Holistic Studies, School and Community Counseling, and Trauma Studies, **meets** the current educational requirements for Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC) licensure in Massachusetts.

Out-of-State Professional Mental Health Counseling Licenses

Professional mental health counseling licensure requirements vary from state to state, are a matter of individual state legislation, and are outside of the control of educational institutions. State licensing boards make determinations as to whether an applicant's program of study meets the educational requirements for a license at the time of licensure application.

To research the requirements for professional mental health counseling licensure for the state in which you intend to seek licensure or plan to practice, visit the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC) website at <https://www.nbcc.org/search/stateboarddirectory> or the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA) website at <https://www.nc-sara.org/resource-directories-and-guides> for contact information and website links. We advise you to become familiar with and understand the state requirements for professional mental health counseling licensure for the state in which you intend to seek licensure or plan to practice.

Provided below is Lesley University's determination, as of the date of this disclosure, whether Lesley's 60-credit Master's in Clinical Mental Health Counseling degree program meets or does not meet the educational requirements to apply for licensure in professional mental health counseling in each U.S. state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. States and territories for which Lesley University has not yet made a determination are identified as such below.

→ Check Your State ←

State-by-State Listing: Professional Mental Health Counseling Licensure

- A. Lesley's University's 60-credit Master's in Clinical Mental Health Counseling degree program, including specializations in Holistic Studies, School and Community Counseling, and Trauma Studies, **meets** the current educational requirements to apply for licensure in professional mental health counseling in the following state: Massachusetts
- B. Per an internal review process by Lesley University, our 60-credit Master's in Clinical Mental Health Counseling degree program, including specializations in Holistic Studies, School and Community Counseling, and Trauma Studies, also **meets** the current educational requirements to apply for licensure in professional mental health counseling in the following states: Alabama, Alaska, Colorado, Delaware, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Louisiana, Maine, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming, and in Puerto Rico.
- C. Lesley's University's 60-credit Master's in Clinical Mental Health Counseling degree program, including specializations in Holistic Studies, School and Community Counseling, and Trauma Studies, **does not meet** the current educational requirements to apply for licensure in professional mental health counseling in the following states, but graduates may be eligible to apply with supplemental course work or additional field training experiences: Arizona, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Hampshire, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, the District of Columbia, and West Virginia.
- Individuals who intend to pursue professional mental health counseling licensure in one of the states listed in category C are strongly encouraged to request guidance from state licensing boards as to whether supplemental coursework, field training, or other actions would be necessary to make them eligible to apply for professional mental health counseling licensure in that state.*
- D. Lesley's University's 60-credit Master's in Clinical Mental Health Counseling degree program, including specializations in Holistic Studies, School and Community Counseling, and Trauma Studies, **does not meet** the current educational requirements to apply for licensure in professional mental health counseling in the following states and graduates of our Clinical Mental Health Counseling programs are **ineligible for professional mental health counseling licensure** in the following states: Arkansas, Florida, Kansas, Kentucky, and North Carolina.

II. Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) Initial Licensure

Massachusetts School Social Worker/School Adjustment Counselor (All Levels) and School Counselor (All Levels) Licenses

- Lesley University's 60-credit Master's in Clinical Mental Health Counseling: School and Community Counseling specialization meets the current educational requirements to apply for the School Social Worker/School Adjustment Counselor (All Levels) Initial License in Massachusetts or the School Counselor (All Levels) Initial License in Massachusetts upon degree completion. This Massachusetts-based program requires an internship/practicum in Massachusetts.

Out-of-State School Social Worker/School Adjustment Counselor (All Levels) Licenses

The School Social Worker/School Adjustment Counselor (All Levels) license is unique to Massachusetts and not transferable to other states.

Out-of-State School Counselor (All Levels) Licenses

Professional school counseling licensure requirements vary from state to state, are a matter of individual state legislation, and are outside of the control of educational institutions. State licensing boards make determinations as to whether an applicant's program of study meets the educational requirements for a license at the time of licensure application.

To research the requirements for School Counselor licensure for the state in which you intend to seek licensure or plan to practice, visit the American School Counselor Association website at <https://www.schoolcounselor.org/About-School-Counseling/Careers-in-School-Counseling/State-Requirements-Programs> for contact information and website links. We advise you to become familiar with and understand the state requirements for School Counseling licensure for the state in which you intend to seek licensure or plan to practice.

Provided below is Lesley University's determination, as of the date of this disclosure, whether its 60-credit Masters in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, School and Community specialization degree program meets or does not meet, the educational requirements to apply for School Adjustment Counselor licensure, School Counselor licensure, or comparable licenses in each U.S. state, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. States and territories for which Lesley University has not yet made a determination are identified as such below.

→ Check Your State ←

State-by-State Listing: School Counselor (All Levels)

- A. Lesley's 60-credit Master's in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, School and Community specialization, School Counselor option **meets** the current educational requirements to apply for the School Counselor (All Levels) Initial License in the following state: Massachusetts.
- B. Lesley University **has not made a determination** whether our 60-credit Master's in Clinical Mental Health Counseling: School and Community specialization, School Counselor option meets the current educational requirements to apply for the School Counselor license, or a comparable license, in the following states: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

State-by-State Listing: School Social Worker/School Adjustment Counselor, All Levels

- A. Lesley's 60-credit Master's in Clinical Mental Health Counseling: School and Community specialization, School Adjustment Counselor option **meets** the current educational requirements to apply for the School Social Worker/School Adjustment Counselor (All Levels) Initial License in the following state: Massachusetts.
- B. Lesley University has made the determination that our 60-credit Master's in Clinical Mental Health Counseling: School and Community Counseling specialization, School Adjustment Counselor option **does not meet** the educational requirements for School Social Worker/School Adjustment Counselor (All Levels) licensure in any state except Massachusetts.

Student Location

A determination of a student's location is made at the time of the student's application for admission. For students who apply to Lesley University's on-campus programs, Massachusetts will be their location. For students who apply to Lesley University's online and low-residency programs, the local address entered by students in their applications for admission will be their location. If students applying to online or low-residency programs do not enter a local address, the permanent address entered by students in their applications for admission will be their location.

Periodic Review of Licensure Regulations and Moving to a New State

It is important for all applicants and students to understand the specific requirements of the state in which they intend to apply for licensure and plan to practice, and to periodically review the requirements in order to be aware of any future changes to those requirements. If a student's plans for where they intend to seek initial licensure or plan to practice change, they must become aware of the requirements for licensure for the new state.

Throughout the Program, students are required to keep the University informed of any changes in their location (state) via the Address Change Form available on the [Lesley Support Hub's webpage](#).

Accreditation

Lesley University's Master's in Clinical Mental Health Counseling programs and Master's in Counseling Psychology programs are encompassed by Lesley University's accreditation by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE). These programs are not accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling & Related Educational Programs (CACREP), and we cannot guarantee CACREP equivalency or a finding by a state licensing agency of CACREP equivalency.

Lesley University has attempted to ensure the accuracy and reliability of the information provided at the time this guide was created and updated. Please be aware that state licensure is a matter of individual state legislation and is outside of the control of educational institutions; therefore, the information presented in this guide is subject to change.