

Licensure Information for Students and Applicants



Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology with a specialization in School Counseling (48-credits)

Lesley University's 48-credit Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology program with a specialization in School Counseling is approved by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and meets current educational requirements for School Counselor (All Levels) Initial License in Massachusetts. This Massachusetts-based program requires an internship/practicum in Massachusetts. Lesley University is accredited by the New England Commission for Higher Education (NECHE). **If you have any questions after reviewing the information below, please contact us at cert_off@lesley.edu.**

Provided below is Lesley University's determination, as of the date of this disclosure, whether Lesley's **Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology program with a specialization in School Counseling** degree program meets or does not meet the educational requirements for graduates to apply for the respective initial Masters-degree level license 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.

Program Approved for School Counselor (All Levels) Initial Licensure by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Lesley University has determined that the program specified below **meets** the current educational requirements for School Counselor (All Levels) in the following state: Massachusetts

- Lesley University's 48-credit Master's in Counseling Psychology: School Counseling specialization **meets** the current educational requirements to apply for the School Counselor (All Levels) Initial License in Massachusetts upon degree completion.

Please note: Lesley University's 48-credit Masters in Counseling Psychology: School Counseling specialization **does not meet** the licensure requirements for the School Adjustment Counselor (All Levels) Initial License in Massachusetts or in any other state. In addition, Lesley's 48-credit Masters in Counseling Psychology: School Counseling specialization **does not meet** licensure requirements for professional counselor licensure in Massachusetts or any other state.

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

Lesley University **has not determined** if the 48-credit Master's in Counseling Psychology: School Counseling specialization program meets the current educational requirements for licensure in any state other than Massachusetts.

- Individuals who intend to pursue school counseling licensure in any state other than Massachusetts 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 school counseling licensure in that state.

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 Counselor licensure for the state in which you intend to seek licensure or plan to practice.

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 Counseling Psychology program is encompassed by Lesley University's accreditation by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE). This program is 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.