

**Memorandum**

March 3, 2020

From: Director of Online & Continuing Education  
To: Academic Department Chair  
Academic Dean  
Associate VPAA

Subj: PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE/CERTIFICATION DISCLOSURE


Please review the Professional Licensure/Certification requirements for Licensed Professional Counselor Associate (LPCA) in the state of South Carolina below. At the end of the document, please indicate if NSU Counseling: Clinical Mental Health Counseling (MSEd) and School Counseling (MSEd) degree/certificate program(s) meets or do not meet these pre-education requirements.

State	South Carolina
Professional Licensure/Certification Title	Licensed Professional Counselor Associate
Professional Licensure/Certification Short Title/Acronym	LPCA
PLC Agency	South Carolina Board of Examiners for Licensure of Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, Addiction Counselors and Psycho-Educational Specialists
PLC Agency Address (Address)	110 Centerview Dr
PLC Agency Address (Address2)	
PLC Agency Address (City), (State, Zip Code)	Columbia SC 29210
PLC Agency Contact Name	
PLC Agency Point of Contact Title	
PLC Agency Contact Phone	(803) 896-4658
PLC Agency Contact Email	Contact.Counselor@llr.sc.gov
PLC Agency Website URL	<a href="https://llr.sc.gov/cou/">https://llr.sc.gov/cou/</a>
Link to Rules/Regulations/Statutes	<a href="https://www.scstatehouse.gov/coderegs/Chapter%2036.pdf">https://www.scstatehouse.gov/coderegs/Chapter%2036.pdf</a>
Link to Agency Regulations	<a href="https://llr.sc.gov/cou/licensure.aspx">https://llr.sc.gov/cou/licensure.aspx</a>
Parent Agency Name	South Carolina Labor Licensing Regulation
Reciprocity Agreement?	Other
Is the PLC Agency a member of a Reciprocity or Regional/National Compact	Individual application

Does the PLC Agency require educational institutions be approved in the state where the individual will apply for PLC?	No
URL for approval process information	
Accreditation required for Degree-Granting Institutions	Yes - Regional (HLC, SACS, MSCHE, etc.) Yes - Professional/Program Accreditation (ABA, AACSB, ACBSP, CAHME, etc.)
Degree Requirements to be eligible for Professional Licensure/Certification	Master Degree
The PLC Agency requires specific type of Education Hours to be eligible for PLC	
Total Credit Hours above/Post Education Hours Required to be eligible for PLC	CACREP accredited
Specific Education Undergraduate Requirements	
Specific Education Graduate Requirements	CACREP accredited
Does the PLC Agency regulate Post-Licensure/Certification programs?	
Advanced Degree PLC Information	
URL to agency responsible for approving Post Education Licensure degree programs	
Does PLC Agency approval of a program for an advanced degree indicate eligibility to practice in that capacity	Yes

Agency Name and URL responsible for determining eligibility to practice	
What additional PLC Agency/State requirements must be met in order to practice in that capacity	
PLC Agency requires faculty/instructors to be licensed in the Licensing/Certification state to teach	
Does PLC Agency require Practicum/Internships/Field Work/Clinicals (PIFWC)?	Yes
PIFWC Required to be eligible for PLC	CACREP accredited
PIFWC Requirement Details	CACREP accredited
Does the PLC Agency or State require prior notification for PIFWC	No
Do Clinical instructors need to be licensed to supervise PIFWC?	
PIFWC hours	CACREP accredited
PIFWC setting	CACREP accredited
PIFWC period	CACREP accredited
PIFWC Supervisor requirements/qualifications	CACREP accredited
Examinations Required	Yes
1. Examination Title	National Counselor Examination (NCE) or National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination (NCMHCE)
2. Examination Title	
3. Examination Title	
4. Examination Title	
5. Examination Title	
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9. Examination Title	
10. Examination Title	
PLC Agency Requires:	

The NSU Counseling: Clinical Mental Health Counseling (MSEd) and School Counseling (MSEd) program(s).

 Meets South Carolina Licensed Professional Counselor Associate (LPCA) PLC pre-education requirements.

DOES NOT meet South Carolina Licensed Professional Counselor Associate (LPCA) PLC pre-education requirements.

Additional information is needed to make determination:

South Carolina Licensed Professional Counselor Associate (LPCA) PLC pre-education requirements reviewed by Northern State University Academics .

Department Chair Review:

**APPROVAL CHAIR 03/24/20**

Dean Review:

**APPROVAL DEAN 03/06/20**

Associate VPAA Review:

**APPROVAL GRAD/VPAA 03/27/20**

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