

OREGON LICENSURE AS AN LPC

The Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors & Therapists issues two different licenses - the professional counselor license (LPC) and the marriage and family therapy license (LMFT). The licenses cover the application of theories and techniques to assist individuals, families, and groups to solve mental health problems or facilitate change. The primary difference between the licenses involves the specific training and experience in the delivery of family systems theories and techniques required for the LMFT.

To be licensed as a *professional counselor*, an individual is required to meet the following qualifications:

(1) Hold a graduate degree in counseling in a program approved by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP); **or** hold a graduate degree in counseling received from a program approved by the Council on Rehabilitation Education (CORE); **or** hold a graduate degree determined by the Board to be comparable in both content and quality by meeting the academic and training program standards for graduate degrees set out in OAR 833 division 60, including:

- a. a master's degree from a regionally accredited institution;
- b. coursework set forth in OAR 833-060-0042 of at least 72 quarter/48 semester hours for degrees granted before October 1, 2014; or at least 90 quarter/60 semester hours for degrees granted after October 1, 2014; and
- c. an internship of a minimum of 600 total clock hours of applied work experience to include 240 direct client contact hours for graduate degrees granted before October 1, 2014; or a minimum of 700 total clock hours of applied work experience to include 280 direct client contact hours for graduate degrees granted after October, 2014;

or hold a graduate degree determined by the Board to meet a majority of the degree standards as defined in OAR 833 division 60 and has completed supplemental graduate training to meet the curriculum standards;

(2) has three years of supervised experience (2,400 direct contact hours with no less than 2,000 post-degree) that meets the criteria for setting, level of supervision, and credentials of the supervisor; and

(3) passes (or has passed) a Board-approved examination. Currently, the Board uses the National Counselor Examination as the state examination.

To obtain post-degree experience toward licensure, immediately upon graduation, individuals are to register as an Intern through application with the OBLPCT.

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