

Licensing and Certification

The Master's in Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling program will prepare graduates for the Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) credential in Virginia as well as the Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC) national credential.

General Certified Rehabilitation Counselor Information

The CRC Credential <https://www.crccertification.com/about-crc-certification>

- The CRC is the premier credential designed specifically for rehabilitation counselors. CRCC developed its credentialing process in an effort to enhance the quality of services delivered to individuals with disabilities.
- Rehabilitation Counselors who earn the designation of CRC must meet stringent eligibility requirements, including advanced education and work experience specific to serving individuals with disabilities. They must also pass the CRC Examination.
- Students are eligible to sit for the CRCC examination after they have completed 75% of the courses in their master's degree program. Upon passage of the exam and graduation from the program, they are immediately qualified as a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor.

Please take time to read the FAQ's and the differing Categories that would apply:

<https://www.crccertification.com/crc-certification-general-faqs>

Virginia Licensed Professional Counselor

- For LPC in Virginia, students must complete 3,400 hours of supervised practice after the completion of their accredited 60 hour degree. While in their program, they will complete coursework required for licensure, as well as 600 hours of relevant supervised clinical experiences to be eligible to apply for licensure.
- There is an examination **National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination (NCMHCE)** that is required as part of the licensure process. You are able to take the exam the last semester of your coursework or at any time during your residency.
- Distance learning students as well as in-state students may be interested in eventually becoming licensed in other states besides Virginia. The Department cannot guarantee that the current curriculum meets the individual licensure standards of every state.
- Students who may seek professional licensure in other states will work together with their advisors to determine requirements so that students will be informed of additional coursework they may need to be eligible for licensure in their preferred state. Ultimately, the student and the state board to which they are applying are determinants of whether requirements are fulfilled.

LPC in Virginia <https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/counseling/>

LPC Residency Application (**New 2020**)

https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/forms/counseling/LPC/Resident_Counseling_Application.pdf

Board of Counseling (LPC) handbook

https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/Forms/counseling/LPC/LPC_Licensure_Process_Handbook.pdf

All state board licensing information can be found here: <http://www.nbcc.org/Search/StateBoardDirectory>