



Who are LPCCs?

Licensed Professional Clinical Counselors

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- More than 144,000 licensed professional counselors in 50 states
- Provide mental health care to millions of Americans
- Make up a large percentage of the workforce employed in mental health centers, agencies, and organizations
- Are reimbursed by managed care organizations and health plans
- The California Board of Behavioral Sciences considers LPCCs to be on par with LMFTs and LCSWs

How are LPCCs governed?

- The California Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS) regulates LPCCs, LMFTs, LCSWs, and LEPs

Where and with whom do LPCCs work?

- Individuals, families (with additional training), groups, and communities
- Active duty military personnel and their families, as well as veterans (DoDs, TRICARE, VA)
- Are employed in mental health centers, agencies, and organizations across the country
- Treat mental, behavioral, and emotional problems and disorders

Once licensed, LPCCs can provide:

- Supervision of APCCs and AMFTs (with additional training) earning the 3,000 post-degree hours
- Supervision of ASWs

Scope of Practice:

- Individual and group therapy for adults and children
- Couples and family therapy (with additional training)
- Collateral services to couples and families

Scope does NOT include:

- Projective techniques in the assessment of personality
- Individually administered IQ tests
- Neuropsychological testing
- Utilization of a battery of 3 or more tests to determine presence of psychosis, dementia, amnesia, cognitive impairment or criminal behavior (*B & P Code 4999.20*)



REQUIREMENTS TO BECOME A LPCC IN CALIFORNIA

60 semester-units, which must include:

- Methods of service delivery in recovery-oriented practice environments
- An understanding of various cultures and the social and psychological implications of socioeconomic position

Coursework in 13 core areas:

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- Advanced counseling and psychotherapeutic theories and techniques
- Counseling and psychotherapy
- Human growth and development
- Career development
- Group counseling
- Assessment
- Multicultural counseling
- Diagnostic process
- Research and evaluation
- Professional orientation
- Psychopharmacology
- Addictions counseling
- Crisis and trauma counseling

15 semester-units (22.5 quarter units) of advanced coursework to develop knowledge of specific treatment issues or special populations:

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Examples:

- School counseling
- Rehabilitation counseling
- Creative arts therapies

6 semester-units (9 quarter-units) of supervised practicum or field study in a clinical setting that provides a range of professional counseling experience:

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Must include 280 hours of face-to-face supervised clinical experience counseling individuals, families or groups

- Applied psychotherapeutic techniques
- Diagnosis
- Treatment

Supervision:

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- 3,000 post-degree hours of clinical mental health experience related to the practice of professional clinical counseling

Two Exams:

B & P Code 4999.53, BBS Regulations 1805, 1806, 1816, 1822

1. California Law & Ethics Exam for LPCCs (APCCs are required to take this exam in the first year of internship)
2. National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Exam (taken upon completion of all supervised hours, education requirements, and passage of the CA Law & Ethics Exam)



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