

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS 4201 Patterson Avenue, Suite 316, Baltimore, Maryland 21215-2299

LICENSED CLINICAL PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR

(LCPC)

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

IMPORTANT This application is for other Maryland clinical license holders. Do not use this form if you currently hold a LGPC under this Board. If you hold an LGPC, please use the "LG to LC Application" form.

BEFORE submitting your application, please:

- □ Retain a copy of all documents for your records. Documents <u>will not</u> be returned once received by the Board.
- All forms must be legible, complete, signed, and dated (where applicable) or processing may be delayed.
- Include a check or money order in the amount of \$200 payable to: *Maryland Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists*. A separate license fee of \$150 will be due upon notification of eligibility from the Board. Fees are <u>non-refundable</u> and <u>non-transferable</u>.
- □ Applications <u>may not</u> be submitted via fax or email. Please mail to:

Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists Attn: LCPC Licensing Coordinator 4201 Patterson Avenue, Suite 316 Baltimore, MD 21215

<u>ELIGIBLITY/REQUIREMENTS:</u> The following is a summary only. For complete requirements and definitions, see Md. Code Ann. Health Occ., §17-101, et. seq. which may be found on the Board's website, www.dh.maryland.gov/bopc.

Education: Applicant shall:

Hold a master's degree (minimum of 60 credits) or a doctoral degree (minimum of 90 credits) in a professional counseling or related field from an accredited educational institution approved by the Board.

Documentation of graduate coursework as set forth in COMAR 10.58.01.05A(2) and B, which includes 3 semester credits <u>in each</u> of the following areas:

- Human growth and personality development;
- Social and cultural foundations of counseling;
- Counseling theory;
- Counseling techniques;
- Group dynamics, processing, and counseling;
- •Lifestyle and career development;
- Appraisal;
- •Research and evaluation;
- •Professional, legal, and ethical responsibilities;
- •Marriage and family therapy;
- •Supervised field experience;
- Alcohol and drug counseling;
- Diagnosis and psychopathology;
- •Psychotherapy and treatment of mental and emotional disorders.

Clinical Supervision Requirements:

If you hold *a master's degree*, as set forth above, you must have not less than three (3) years and a minimum of 3000 hours of supervised clinical experience in professional counseling, of which two (2) years and 2,000 hours shall have been completed after the award of the master's degree obtained under the supervision of an approved supervisor. See COMAR 10.58.01.05B(2).

If you hold a *doctoral degree*, as set forth above, you must have not less than two (2) years and a minimum of 2000 hour of supervised clinical experience in professional counseling, one year of which shall have been completed after the award of the doctoral degree and obtained under the supervision of an approved supervisor. See COMAR 10.58.01.05B(3).

Examinations. Applicant must pass the following:

- 1) The National Counselors Exam (NCE); and
- 2) Maryland Law Assessment.
- NCE: Upon review of your application, the Board will determine if you are eligible to take the NCE. Once you are deemed eligible, the Board will send you written authorization and instructions on how to register for the exam. The exam is computerized. Exam dates and locations can be found on the Board's website. If you have already passed the NCE, please include a copy of your scores with the application.

2) Maryland Law Assessment

The purpose of the assessment is to determine if a candidate is familiar with the state laws and ethical code related to safe and effective practice across several content areas. The MLA is a no-fail, no score assessment. Content areas include supervision and ethics questions based on excerpts from the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) and Md. Code Ann., Health Occupations Art., Title 17.

The MLA consists of 36 questions. You will be presented with readings and questions until all items are answered correctly. Upon successful completion, you will receive a Certificate of Completion that you will submit to the Board with your application for licensure or certification.

Prior Board approval is not required to take the MLA. However, if you take the MLA before you submit an application for licensure/certification with the Board, please note the following:

- Should you later decide not to apply for licensure/certification with the Board, the MLA fee will not be refunded.

- You are responsible for submitting the MLA Certificate of Completion to the Board with your application for licensure/certification. Do not email, fax or mail the certificate of completion separately to the Maryland Board. MLA Certificates of Completion received without a completed application will not be retained.

- MLA Certificates of Completion are valid for one year from the date of the MLA. If you do not apply for licensure/certification within one year from the date of the MLA, you will be required to re-take the MLA at your additional expense.

To take the MLA, use the following link: www.academy.cce-global.org.

If you experience any issues, please contact the assessment administrator, CCE, Monday thru Friday 8:30am – 5pm at 336.482.2856. You may also email for technical support at support@cce-global.org. Please do not contact the Board regarding technical support issues.

If you have already taken and passed the previous Maryland Law Exam, this notice does not apply to you and no further action is necessary.

Criminal History Records Check (instructions and form attached). All applicants must complete a criminal history records check (CHRC). Applicant must include a <u>copy of the receipt</u> from the CHRC with this application. This allows the Board to access the report online from the Criminal Justice Information System.

Please note: A license will not be issued unless and until the Board determines that the applicant has completed **ALL** requirements including required coursework, examinations, CHRC, and any other requirements set by the Board in accordance with Maryland law.



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Please type or print all information.

I. VETERANS AND SPOUSAL PREFERENCE

Are you an active service member or the spouse of any active service member? \Box Yes \Box No

Are you a veteran or the spouse of a veteran who was discharged from active duty under circumstances other than dishonorable within one year of filing this \Box Yes \Box No application?

II. DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

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_ Date of Birth	:		
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Gender and Ethnicity: *This information is optional and may be used for statistical purposes by authorized personnel.*

Gender:	□ Male	□ Female		
Ethnicity:	Are you of His	panic or Latino origin?	\Box Yes	□ No
	Check all that a	apply:		
	American Inc	dian or Alaska Native	□ Asian	□ White
	\Box Black or Afri	ican American	□ Native Hawa	iian or Pacific Islander

III. INFORMATION REGARDING BACKGROUND

Please answer Yes or No to each question.

YES NO

□ □ 1. Has any state licensing or disciplinary board ever taken any disciplinary action against your license or certification, including, but not limited to, charges, admonishment, reprimand, revocation, or suspension?

If yes, attach a separate page with a complete explanation of each occurrence (include date, time, location, disposition, etc.) and a copy of the disciplinary/court document from the issuing agency, if applicable.

□ □ 2. Have you pled guilty, nolo contendere, or been convicted of, received probation before judgment or had a conviction set aside for any criminal act in any state, territory, or jurisdiction (excluding minor traffic violations)?

If yes, attach a separate page with a complete explanation of each occurrence (include date, time, location, disposition, etc.) and a certified copy of the disciplinary/court document from the issuing agency.

Please note that if you do not answer this question or fail to disclose and provide the requested information your application will be administratively closed without further review. You will be required to submit a new application and pay the required fee. In addition, you may be required to appear before the Board regarding your failure to provide the required information.

□ □ 3. Are you currently on parole, probation or under any other court ordered supervision in any state, territory, or jurisdiction related to a criminal conviction? If so, you must submit official documentation indicating the terms and conditions, start and end dates, compliance and/or completion of the parole, probation or court ordered supervision with your application.

Please note that if you fail to disclose and provide the requested information your application will be administratively closed without further review. You will be required to submit a new application and pay the required fee.

□ □ 4. Are you currently licensed or certified by another *Maryland* board in mental health counseling or other health occupation? *If so*, specify license/certificate (Ex: LCSW-C, Psychologist, Registered Nurse, etc.) ______.

IV. EDUCATION: List colleges or universities attended to satisfy academic requirements for licensure or certification. Do not list degrees unrelated to counseling. Please list the most recent colleges/universities first and provide **official** transcripts. Attach additional sheets, if necessary.

Name of School	City		State
Dates attended: From (mo./yr.)		To (mo./yr.)	
Degree awarded:		Date awarded:	
Major field of study:			
Name of School	City		State
Dates attended: From (mo./yr.)		To (mo./yr.)	
Degree awarded:		Date awarded:	
Major field of study:			
Name of School	City		State
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Degree awarded:		Date awarded:	
Major field of study:			

V. QUALIFICATIONS: Complete the chart below. If the title of your course differs from those listed, you must include a catalog course description or syllabus for each course. A course applied to one topic area <u>may not</u> be used to fulfill another topic area. Official transcript(s) must be attached to this application. You may attach separate sheet(s) for additional relevant coursework.

	Course Title and Number	Credits			
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Topic Area	(Must appear on transcript)	Earned	College/Univ.	Date	Grade
Human Growth					
and					
Personality					
Development					
Social and					
Cultural					
Foundations of					
Counseling					
Counseling					
Theory					
Counseling					
Techniques					
Group Dynamics,					
Processing,					
Counseling					
Lifestyle and					
Career					
Development					
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Appraisal and					
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mental and				
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Total credits earned: _____

ADDITIONAL COURSES (ELECTIVES)

Topic Area	Course Title and Number (Must appear on transcript)	Credits Earned	College/Univ.	Date	Grade

VI. EXAMINATIONS

- A. Have you passed the NCE exam? \Box Yes \Box No If yes, please include a copy of test score.
- B. Have you passed the Maryland Law Assessment? □ Yes □ No If yes, please include a copy of test score.

VII. PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES (3): List at least 3 professional references who can attest to your counseling skills, professional standards of practice and supervised clinical work. You must include

three (3) Professional Reference assessment forms in their original sealed envelopes with the application. Forms are attached.

A. Name of Reference:	
Degree:	Certification/License:
Position:	Business Name:
Business Address:	
Business Phone:	
Will this reference be verifying some	or all of your supervised clinical experience? \Box Yes \Box No
B. Name of Reference:	
Degree:	Certification/License:
Position:	Business Name:
Business Address:Business Phone:	
Will this reference be verifying some	or all of your supervised clinical experience? \Box Yes \Box No
C. Name of Reference:	
Degree:	Certification/License:
Position:	Business Name:
Business Address:	
Business Phone:	
Will this reference be verifying some	or all of your supervised clinical experience? □ Yes □ No

VIII. SUPERVISED CLINICAL EXPERIENCE: I have:

 \Box attained no less than 3 years and 3000 hours of supervised clinical experience, two years of which was earned after the award of my master's degree OR

attained no less than 2 years and 2000 hours of supervised clinical experience, one year of which was earned after the award of my doctoral degree; as set forth below:

A. <u>Practicum/Internship</u> (up to 1000 hours may be applied toward 3000 hours required)

1. Agency/school/organization where internship was obtained:

Name and credential of supervisor:
Total number of months worked: Total number of hours per week:
Total number of hours worked during practicum/internship (No. of months x 4 x no. hours worked each week:
2. Agency/school/organization where internship was obtained:
Name and credential of supervisor:
Inclusive dates of experience: from (mo./yr.) to (mo.yr.)
Total number of months worked: Total number of hours per week:
Total number of hours worked (No. of months x 4 x no. hours worked each week:
<u>Clinical counseling experience</u> obtained <i>after</i> the award of master's or doctoral degree: 1. Agency//organization name and address:
Name and credential of supervisor: Phone:
Inclusive dates of experience: from (mo./yr.) to (mo.yr.) Applicant's job title and duties:
Total number of months worked: Total number of hours per week:
Total number of hours worked (No. of months x 4 x no. hours worked each week):
2. Agency//organization name and address:
Name and credential of supervisor: Phone:
Inclusive dates of experience: from (mo./yr.) to (mo.yr.)
Applicant's job title and duties:
Total number of months worked: Total number of hours per week:
Total number of hours worked (No. of months x 4 x no. hours worked each week):

AND

 \Box attached completed Supervised Clinical Documentation form(s) to this application.

IX. AFFIDAVIT

In making this application to the Maryland Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists (the "Board") for the issuance of a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor credential:

- □ I agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Board and to take all examinations necessary for the processing of my application;
- Upon issuance of certification, I agree to abide by the Code of Ethics as set forth in COMAR;
- I understand that the fee submitted with this application is **NON-REFUNDABLE**;
- □ I agree to hold the Board, its members, officers, agents, and examiners free from any damage or claim of damage or complaint by reason of any action taken in connection with this application, the attendant examination, the grades with respect to any examination, and/or the failure or refusal of the Board to issue me a license or certificate.

- I grant permission to the Board to seek any information or references it deems appropriate or necessary in verifying my credentials as it pertains to this application.
- □ I understand, by law, it is my responsibility to notify the Board, in writing, of any change of contact information including address, phone number, and/or email address.

I do hereby affirm that all of the statements made herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I voluntarily consent to a thorough review of the information in this application and other activities for the purpose of verifying my qualifications for certification or licensure.

Applicant's Signature	Date		ATTACH
NOTARY			APPLICANT PHOTO
State of			
City/County of			(Recent 2"x2")
I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the	his day of	, before me, a	
Notary Public of the State and C	City/County aforesaid, perso	nally appeared	
and made	oath in due form that the co	ontents of the foregoing	
Affidavit are true.			
Notary Public	Commission Ex	xpires:	·



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CLINICAL SUPERVISION VERIFICATION

<u>To Applicant</u>: You must submit this form for each counseling experience (including internships/practicum) that you intend to apply toward the hours required for licensure. Make additional copies as needed.

I hereby attest that, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief,

	obtained	total hours of clinical experience under
Applicant's Nat	ne	-
my supervision from _	to	at Name of Agency/Org.
	(mo./yr.) (mo./yr.)	Name of Agency/Org.
Address of Agency/Org.		
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receiving a license for	the independent practice of	ny reservations about the applicant f counseling? □ No
Name (printed)	Lic. Type,	Number and State of Issuance
Signature	Da	ite
Business Address:		
Phone:	Email:	
wither individual or group so ther in actual points of time	supervision or using video confer- ne. It does not include telephone s	duals involved in the supervisory relationship during encing which allows individuals to hear and see each upervision; or internet communication that does not it messaging services and social networking sites.

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCE ASSESSMENT

Applicant's Name:

The above-named individual has applied to the Maryland State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists to become a licensed professional counselor. Your assessment will help determine the applicant's eligibility for licensure. Please answer all questions to the best of your knowledge, information, and belief.

PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM TO THE APPLICANT IN A SEALED ENVELOPE.

Reference's Name:		Phone:
Business Address:		
Degree:	Title:	
Professional Certification/License:		State/Certifying Org.:
Relationship to Applicant: □ EducatorVerification form)□ Other:	U	□ Supervisor (must sign Supervision

Length of time you have known Applicant: From (mo./yr.) _____ To (mo./yr.) _____

Please rate the Applicant on the following skills/characteristics. Place a check $$ in each category. (Applicants who are counselor educators should be evaluated on the basis of their ability to train students in	Outstanding	Above Avg.	Average	Below Avg.	Poor	Cannot evaluate
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Personal integrity						
Consulting skills						
Insight to client's problems						
Ability to relate to co-workers						
Objectivity on the job						
Ethical conduct						
Concern for welfare of clients						
Sense of responsibility						
Recognition of own limits						
Supervisory ability						
Ability to keep material confidential						

Additional Comments (optional):

I recommend this Applicant for licensure as a clinical professional counselor:
yes
No

The information provided above is based on my best knowledge, information, and belief. I agree to answer additional questions regarding this evaluation if requested by the Board.

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Additional Comments (optional):

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No

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Reference's signature

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NOTICE OF CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK

Effective January 1, 2014, the Maryland Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists (the "Board") requires that all applicants for licensure, certification, and trainee status complete a criminal history records check in accordance with §§17-501 and 17-501.1 of the Health Occupations Article, Annotated Code of Maryland.

A Criminal History Records Check includes a national and state criminal history background search. The criminal history records check requires you to be fingerprinted. In order to be fingerprinted, you will need to complete and present the LiveScan Pre-Registration Form. (Attached).

You must present this form to the fingerprinting site because it provides the Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) authorization number **#1300005490** and the FBI ORI number **#MD920512Z** assigned specifically to the Board.

This allows the information to be forwarded directly to the Board. For additional information contact CJIS at 410-764-4501. For current listings of fingerprinting providers please go to http: //www.dpscs.maryland.gov/publicservs/fingerprint.shtml.

FOR FAST AND ACCURATE SERVICE

- 1. When requesting a criminal history records check for licensing purposes you must have an agency name and authorization number (Listed above).
- 2. Your background check is being sent to the Board.
- 3. You must bring a valid form of government identification. (Examples: driver's license, Certificate of Naturalization, passport, Alien Registration Card, or Military Identification).
- 4. Complete the LiveScan Pre-registration Application and bring it to any fingerprinting center/provider.
- 5. Bring payment as indicated above. The Board will receive the results from the criminal history records check directly from CJIS within 5-7 business days. The Board will contact you if it has any questions regarding the report. Please do not contact the Board to check if the report has been received.
- 6. Please do not send the LiveScan Pre-registration Application to the Board. You must present it at the fingerprint center/provider location.



STATE OF MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEMS - CENTRAL REPOSITORY

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Name: Address: City, State, Zlp code:							

CHECKLIST FOR LCPC APPLICATION

- \Box Official transcript(s) in the sealed envelope sent to you from educational institution.
- □ NCE and Maryland Law Assessment scores (if applicable).
- □ Three (3) completed Professional Reference Assessment forms in sealed envelopes to you from each professional reference.
- □ Supervised clinical experience verification (one form for each clinical experience including internship/practicum and post-degree clinical experience).
- \Box Application is signed and notarized.
- \Box Recent photo (2"x2").
- □ Copy of receipt from criminal history records check.
- □ Check or money order in the amount of \$200 payable to the Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists.
- ** Remember to make a copy of completed application and attachments for your records.