LICENSED CLINICAL PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR

* Out of State Applicants*

This form should be completed if you are **currently licensed** as a **clinical professional counselor** in a jurisdiction outside the State of Maryland.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

** IMPORTANT **

BEFORE submitting your application, please:

- Retain a copy of all documents for your records. Documents **will not** be returned once received by the Board.
- □ Within 30 days after receipt of the application, the Board will determine if the application is complete.

PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE BOARD REGARDING THE STATUS OF YOUR APPLICATION **LESS THAN 30 DAYS** FROM THE DATE IT WAS SUBMITTED. DUE TO THE VOLUME OF APPLICATIONS RECIVED BY THE BOARD, SUCH REQUESTS CANNOT BE ANSWERED.

If the application is not complete, the Board will notify you, in writing, and you will have 90 days from the date of the notice to provide the requested documentation. If you do not provide the required information within 90 days, your application will be closed and all documents will be discarded. The Board does not retain incomplete applications. You will be required to submit a new application and pay the required application fee.

- 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 \$250 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 **non-refundable** and **non-transferable**.
- Applications **may not** be submitted via fax, email or in-person. Please mail to:

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

ELIGIBLITY/REQUIREMENTS: The following is a summary only. For complete requirements and definitions, see Md. Code Ann. Health Occ., §17-101, et. seq. and COMAR 10.58.01.10, which may be found on the Board's website, www.health.maryland.gov/bopc.

Verification of Out of State License: Applicant must include a copy of the license currently held in another jurisdiction. Applicant must also complete the Verification of Out of State License form (attached to this application) and send the form to the appropriate State licensing authority for completion. The licensing authority must forward the completed form <u>directly</u> to the Board.
If you are currently licensed as a clinical professional counselor in another jurisdiction that has requirements that are equivalent to or exceed the requirements in Health Occ. Article, Md. Ann. Code §17-304, you may complete this application and upon review by the Board, may be entitled to licensure as a clinical professional counselor. You must provide your jurisdiction's requirements for clinical licensure for comparison with Maryland's requirements.
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If your jurisdiction's requirements for clinical licensure are **not equivalent** to Maryland's requirements, the Board may waive the educational and/or experiential requirements in certain circumstances, as set forth in COMAR 10.58.01.10 and summarized below:

□ **Equivalent Educational Requirements:** Applicant shall:

Provide <u>official</u> transcripts confirming completion of a master's or doctoral degree in a professional counseling from an accredited educational institution approved by the Board.

Documentation of graduate coursework as set forth in COMAR 10.58.01.10, which includes 3 semester credits in each of the following areas:

- •Professional, legal, and ethical responsibilities;
- •Diagnosis and psychopathology; and
- •Psychotherapy and treatment of mental and emotional disorders.

Equivalent Experience Requirements:

If the applicant holds *a master's degree* and has a minimum of 60 graduate credit hours, the applicant must provide documentation satisfactory to the Board, of not less than 3 years with a minimum of 3,000 hours of supervised clinical experience in professional counseling, 2 years of which shall have been completed after the award of the master's degree;

If the applicant holds *a master's degree* consisting of less than 60 graduate credit hours, the applicant must provide documentation satisfactory to the Board, of not less than 3 years' experience practicing as a licensed clinical professional counselor, with a minimum of 3,000 hours of clinical professional counseling experience; <u>or</u>

If the applicant holds a *doctoral degree*, the applicant must provide documentation satisfactory to the Board, of not less 2 years practicing as a clinical professional counselor, or a minimum of 2000 hours of clinical professional counseling experience.

Please use the Professional Experience Verification form attached to this application. You may copy and submit additional forms, if necessary.

National Credentials Registry (NCR) of the American Association of State Counseling Boards (AASCB): if the applicant is registered with NCR or its successor as meeting the out of State applicant requirements for Maryland, the Board may issue a license upon the applicant's achieving a passing score on the Maryland law exam.

- **Examinations.** Applicant must pass the following:
 - 1) The National Counselors Exam (NCE); and
 - 2) Maryland Law Assessment
 - 1) NCE (or NCMHCE): Please include a copy of your score with the application.
 - 2) Maryland law exam:

Maryland Law Assessment (MLA):

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 All applicants must complete a criminal history records check (CHRC).

If you are located in Maryland at the time of your application, please use the attached form for the CHRC.

If you will obtain a CHRC in another state, you must contact the Board to receive the required form. The form attached to this application WILL NOT be accepted outside of Maryland.

Applicant must include a copy of the receipt 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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OUT OF STATE – APPLICATION

Please type or print all information.

II.

I. VETERANS AND SPOUSAL PREFERENCE

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Are you an active service member or the spouse of any active service mem	nber? □ Yes □ 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 trapplication?	

Name: ____ Last First MIMaiden SSN: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____ Home Phone: Work: Cell: Email: Home Address: Street City State ZipPrior address: (If less than 3 years at current address) Street City State ZipMailing Address: (If different than above) Street City State Zip Business: ____ Street Name City State Zip Gender and Ethnicity: This information is optional and may be used for statistical purposes by authorized personnel. Gender: □ Male □ Female Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin? □ Yes Ethnicity: □ No *Check all that apply:* ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native □ Asian □ White □ Black or African American □ Native Hawaiian 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.

colleges/universities first and provide official transcripts. Attach additional sheets, if necessary. A. Name of School Citv State To (mo./yr.) _____ Date awarded: _____ Dates attended: From (mo./yr.) Degree awarded: Major field of study: B. Name of School City State To (mo./yr.) _____ Dates attended: From (mo./yr.) Date awarded: Degree awarded: Major field of study: C. Name of School City State Dates attended: From (mo./yr.) To (mo./yr.) _____ Date awarded: _____ Degree awarded: Major field of study:

licensure or certification. Do not list degrees unrelated to counseling. Please list the most recent

IV. EDUCATION:

List colleges or universities attended to satisfy academic requirements for

V. COURSES: 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 **may not** be used to fulfill another topic area. Each course must be 3 semester or 5 quarter credit hours. Official transcript(s) must be attached to this application. You may attach separate sheet(s) for additional relevant coursework.

Topic Area	Course Title and Number (Must appear on transcript)	Credits Earned	College/Univ.	Date	Grade
Prof., Legal, Ethical Resp.					
Diagnosis and Psychopathology					
Psychotherapy/ treatment of mental and emotional disorders					

VI. EXAMINATIONS

- A. Have you passed the NCE OR NCMHCE? □ Yes □ No If yes, please include a copy of test score.
- B. Have you passed the Maryland law exam? □ 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	of Reference:
Degree:	Certification/License:
Position:	Business Name:
Business Addre	ss:
Business Phone	:
Will this referen	nce be verifying some or all of your supervised clinical experience? Yes No
B. Name o	of Reference:
Degree:	Certification/License:

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Degree	:Certification/License:
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X. AF	FIDAVIT
	ing this application to the Maryland Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists (the ") 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 D	Date	ATTACH
NOTARY State of		APPLICANT PHOTO
City/County of		(Recent 2"x2")
I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this	_day of, before me, a	
Notary Public of the State and City/Count	y aforesaid, personally appeared	and
made oath in due form that the contents of	the foregoing Affidavit are true.	
Notary Public	Commission Expires:	

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCE ASSESSMENT

Applicant's Name:		_				
The above-named individual has ap Therapists to become a licensed pro applicant's eligibility for licensure. information, and belief.	fessional cou	nselor. Your	assessment v	vill help de	termine th	
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Business Address:						
Degree:	Title:					
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Length of time you have known Ap	plicant: From	(mo./yr.)	To (r	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 counseling skill areas).	Outstanding	Above Avg.	Average	Below Avg.	Poor	Cannot evaluate
Individual counseling skills						
Appropriate referral making skills						
Group counseling skills						
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):			1		1	

I recommend this Applicant for licensur	e as a clinical professional counselo	r:□Yes □ No
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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.				
Reference's signature	Date			



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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE VERIFICATION

The applicant listed below has applied to the Maryland State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists to be licensed as a clinical professional counselor.

Please complete this form and return to the applicant in a sealed envelope with your signature across the

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This is to verify that	(A	(Applicant) holds:		
	nd has a minimum of 60 gradua of supervised clinical experience ard of the master's degree;			
9	onsisting of less than 60 gradua censed clinical professional cou- ing experience; or			
_	nd not less 2 years practicing as clinical professional counseling		ional counselor, or a	
I attest that the above is true	and accurate to the best of my l	knowledge, inform	nation, and belief.	
Name (Printed)	Signature		Date	
Business Address				
Daytime Phone	Email			
Lic. Title	Lic. # Sta	ate of Issuance	Exp. Date	

STATE VERIFICATION OF LICENSE

To be completed by A	<u>pplicant:</u>	
Name:		D.O.B.:
Address:		
SSN:	Lic. Title & Nu	umber:
Graduate School:		Degree:
Date Awarded: Yrs. experience practi	Total Graduat	te Credits Earned:
I authorize the inform Counselors and Thera		e provided to the Maryland Board of Professional
Applicant's Signature		Date
Please do not return Issuing State:	to the Applicant.	Date of Orig. Issuance:
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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 befingerprinted. 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, AlienRegistration 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

LIVE	SCAN PRE-REGI	STRATIO	N APPLICATI	ON
	APPLICANT	INFORMAT	TON (PLEUE YES OR	PRINT CLEARLY)
Name:				
Date of birth:	SSN:	Gender: Male Female (Please check)		
Height: ft. inches Weight	ibs.	Eye Color:		Hair Color:
Race: Black White	☐ Asian/Pacific Islan	der 🗆 🗅 🗈	lative American	Other (Please check)
Place of Birth: Citizenship:				
Current address:				
City:		State:		ZIP Code: -
Daytime Phone:	Evening Phone:		Driver's License	
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Agency Authorization #: 130000549	0			
ORI # (if required): MD920512Z		Reason fingerprinted? License/Cert.		
Position Applied for: N/A				
Request Type: (Choose one ONLY) Adult Dependent Care Attorney/Client Child care Criminal Justice Gold Seal/ Adoption Gold Seal/Letter/VISA Government Employment		Government Licensing or Certification Immigration/VISA Individual Challenge Individual Review MSP Licensing Private Party Petition Public Housing		
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Name: Address:				
City, State, Zlp code:			arr more	

CHECKLIST FOR Out of State LCPC APPLICATION

	Official transcript(s) in the sealed envelope sent to you from educational institution.
	NCE and Maryland Law Assessment exam scores (if applicable).
	Three (3) completed Professional Reference Assessment forms in sealed envelopes to you from each professional reference.
	Copy of NCR registration (if applicable).
	Professional Experience Verification(s).
	Application is signed and notarized.
	Recent photo (2"x2").
	Copy of receipt from criminal history records check.
	Check or money order in the amount of \$250 payable to the Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists.
**	Remember to make a copy of completed application and attachments for your records.