



Master of Science in Counseling Program

Third Year Program

Pennsylvania State Licensure Application & Examination Information

Examination Application: The National Board for Certified Counselors acts as the examination administrator for the process of licensure. Each state has their own individual processes and procedures for application to the National Counselor Examination for Licensure and Certification (NCE). To learn more about the examination visit the following NBCC website: <http://www.nbcc.org/Exam>.

Pennsylvania Application Process for the NCE:

[PENNSYLVANIA REGISTRATION FORM -NCE \(National Counselor Examination\)](#)

NCE Application - <http://nbcc.org/directory/PA>

Testing Website - <http://www.pearsonvue.com/nbcc/>

*Please note, you will not be able to view the testing dates through Pearson until you have been approved to sit for the same and subsequently receive a Candidate ID which allows you to register to take the exam on a specific date.

Examination Preparation:

Information About the Exam - <http://www.nbcc.org/InnerPageLinks/ContentCoveredInTheNCE>

Potential Study Guides - <http://www.nbcc.org/Exam/StudyGuides>

Pennsylvania Application Process for Licensure: The student is encouraged to contact the State Board of social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors (717-783-1389; email:ST-SOCIALWORK@PA.GOV; Website:<http://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/SocialWorkersMarriageanFamilyTherapistsandProfessionalCounselors/Pages/default.aspx#.VN4lpS4YF2A>) for details regarding the license requirements and the application process.

Quick FAQs on Licensure

[FAQ-Application Process to Apply for Initial Licensure as a Professional Counselor](#)

Application for LPC

[Professional Counselor- Online Application for License by Examination](#)

Licensure Rules and Regulations: are found in the following section of the Pennsylvania Code: Title 49, Professional and Vocational Standards, Department of State, Chapters 47, 48 and 49, State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors. Details regarding rules and regulations for licensure of professional counselors are found in Chapter 49 and can be accessed online at the following web address: <http://www.pacode.com/secure/data/049/chapter49/chap49toc.html>. A hardcopy of this section of the Pennsylvania Code may be obtained by emailing the Board at the following address ST-SOCIALWORK@pa.gov stating something along the lines of the following:

Greetings,

I would like to request a hard copy of the rules and regulations for the State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors Licensure Information. My mailing address is as follows,

Name

Address

Thank you!