

## Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling (MS)

The educational requirements to obtain professional licensure as a counselor are met when a student obtains a master's degree or higher in counseling or counseling-related discipline from an accredited institution, as recognized by the DOE. Many states require that the degree program include specific content areas and often only approve those that have programmatic accreditation. In addition to [Mercer's institutional accreditation](#), and the Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling program at Mercer is accredited by the [Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs \(CACREP\)](#), 1001 North Fairfax Street, Suite 510, Alexandria, VA 22314.

Applicants must also pass national exams, such as the National Counseling Exam (NCE) or the National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Exam (NCMHCE), and complete experiential requirements. Additional licensure requirements may apply, including clinical practice experience, state-specific jurisprudence exams, applications, fees, and background checks, etc. Each state board, agency, or department has the ultimate authority and discretion to determine whether professional licensure or certification will be issued.

The table below displays states where the program meets, does not meet, or Mercer is unable to determine if it meets requirements. Please review the table closely to determine if the Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling program meets the educational requirements in the state in which you reside or intend to seek licensure.

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U.S. State or Territory	Regulatory Body	Contact	Website URL	Meets educational requirements
Alabama	Alabama Board of Examiners in Counseling	(334) 420-7229	<a href="http://abec.alabama.gov/">http://abec.alabama.gov/</a>	Yes
Alaska	Alaska Board of Professional Counselors	(907) 465-1074	<a href="https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/ProfessionalCounselors.aspx">https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/ProfessionalCounselors.aspx</a>	Yes
Arizona	Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners	(602) 542-1882	<a href="https://www.azbbhe.us/">https://www.azbbhe.us/</a>	Yes
Arkansas	Arkansas State Board of Examiners in Counseling	(501) 683-5800	<a href="https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/arkansas-state-board-of-examiners-in-counseling">https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/arkansas-state-board-of-examiners-in-counseling</a>	Yes
California	California Board of Behavioral Sciences	(916) 574-7830	<a href="http://www.bbs.ca.gov">www.bbs.ca.gov</a>	No

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Colorado	Colorado State Board of Licensed Professional Counselor Examiners	(303) 894-7800	<a href="https://dpo.colorado.gov/ProfessionalCounselor">https://dpo.colorado.gov/ProfessionalCounselor</a>	Yes
Connecticut	Connecticut Department of Public Health, Professional Counselor Licensing	(860) 509-8000	<a href="https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Practitioner-Licensing--Investigations/Professional-Counselor/Professional-Counselor-Licensing">https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Practitioner-Licensing--Investigations/Professional-Counselor/Professional-Counselor-Licensing</a>	Yes
Delaware	Delaware Board of Mental Health and Chemical Dependency Professionals	(302) 744-4500	<a href="https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/profcounselors/newlicense/">https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/profcounselors/newlicense/</a>	Yes
District of Columbia (DC)	District of Columbia Board of Professional Counseling	(877) 672-2174	<a href="https://dchealth.dc.gov/service/professional-counseling-licensing">https://dchealth.dc.gov/service/professional-counseling-licensing</a>	Yes
Florida	Florida Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling	(850) 488-0595	<a href="https://floridasmentalhealthprofessions.gov/">https://floridasmentalhealthprofessions.gov/</a>	Yes
Georgia	Georgia Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage & Family Therapists	(404) 424-9966	<a href="https://sos.ga.gov/board-professional-counselors-social-workers-and-marriage-family-therapists">https://sos.ga.gov/board-professional-counselors-social-workers-and-marriage-family-therapists</a>	Yes
Hawaii	Hawaii Mental Health Counselor Licensing Program	(808) 586-3000	<a href="https://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/programs/mental/">https://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/programs/mental/</a>	Yes
Idaho	Idaho Licensing Board of Professional Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists	(208) 334-3233	<a href="https://dopl.idaho.gov/cou/">https://dopl.idaho.gov/cou/</a>	Yes
Illinois	Illinois Professional Counselor Licensing and Disciplinary Board	(888) 473-4858	<a href="https://www.idfpr.com/profs/ProfCounselor.asp">https://www.idfpr.com/profs/ProfCounselor.asp</a>	Yes
Indiana	Indiana Professional Licensing Agency - Behavioral Health and Human Services	(317) 234-2054	<a href="https://www.in.gov/pla/social.htm">https://www.in.gov/pla/social.htm</a>	No
Iowa	Iowa Board of Behavioral Science	(515) 281-0254	<a href="https://dial.iowa.gov/licenses/medicial/mental-health/mental-behavioral/how-do-i-mental-health-counselor-permanent">https://dial.iowa.gov/licenses/medicial/mental-health/mental-behavioral/how-do-i-mental-health-counselor-permanent</a>	Yes
Kansas	Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board	(785) 296-3240	<a href="https://ksbsrb.ks.gov/">https://ksbsrb.ks.gov/</a>	Yes

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Kentucky	Kentucky Board of Licensed Professional Counselors	(502) 782-8803	<a href="https://lpc.ky.gov/">https://lpc.ky.gov/</a>	Yes
Louisiana	Louisiana State Board of Licensed Professional Counselors	(225) 295-8444	<a href="https://www.lpcboard.org/">https://www.lpcboard.org/</a>	Yes
Maine	Maine Board of Counseling Professionals Licensure	(207) 624-8674	<a href="https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/board-of-counseling-professionals-licensure">https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/board-of-counseling-professionals-licensure</a>	Yes
Maryland	Maryland Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists	(410) 764-4732	<a href="https://health.maryland.gov/bopc/Pages/index.aspx">https://health.maryland.gov/bopc/Pages/index.aspx</a>	No
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Board of Registration of Allied Mental Health and Human Services Professions	(617) 701-8683	<a href="https://www.mass.gov/orgs/board-of-registration-of-allied-mental-health-and-human-services-professions">https://www.mass.gov/orgs/board-of-registration-of-allied-mental-health-and-human-services-professions</a>	Yes
Michigan	Michigan Board of Counseling	(517) 241-0199	<a href="https://www.michigan.gov/lara/bureau-list/bpl/health/hp-lic-health-prof/counseling">https://www.michigan.gov/lara/bureau-list/bpl/health/hp-lic-health-prof/counseling</a>	Yes
Minnesota	Minnesota Board of Behavioral Health & Therapy	(651)201-2756	<a href="https://mn.gov/boards/behavioral-health/">https://mn.gov/boards/behavioral-health/</a>	No
Mississippi	Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors	(601) 359-1010	<a href="https://www.lpc.ms.gov/wplpc/">https://www.lpc.ms.gov/wplpc/</a>	No
Missouri	Missouri Committee for Professional Counselors	(573) 751-0018	<a href="https://pr.mo.gov/counselors.asp">https://pr.mo.gov/counselors.asp</a>	Yes
Montana	Montana Board of Behavioral Health	(406) 841-2300	<a href="https://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/behavioral-health/">https://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/behavioral-health/</a>	Yes
Nebraska	Nebraska Board of Mental Health Practice	(402) 471-2117	<a href="https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Mental-Health-and-Social-Work-Practice.aspx">https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Mental-Health-and-Social-Work-Practice.aspx</a>	Yes
Nevada	State of Nevada Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors	(702) 486-7388	<a href="https://marriage.nv.gov/">https://marriage.nv.gov/</a>	Yes
New Hampshire	New Hampshire Board of Mental Health Practice	(603) 271-2152	<a href="https://www.oplc.nh.gov/board-mental-health-practice">https://www.oplc.nh.gov/board-mental-health-practice</a>	Yes
New Jersey	New Jersey Professional Counselor Examiners Committee	(973) 504-6582	<a href="https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/lpc">https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/lpc</a>	Yes

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New Mexico	New Mexico Counseling and Therapy Practice Board	(505) 476-4622	<a href="https://www.rld.nm.gov/boards-and-commissions/individual-boards-and-commissions/counseling-and-therapy-practice/">https://www.rld.nm.gov/boards-and-commissions/individual-boards-and-commissions/counseling-and-therapy-practice/</a>	No
New York	New York State Board for Mental Health Practitioners	(518) 474-3817	<a href="https://www.op.nysed.gov/mental-health-counselors">https://www.op.nysed.gov/mental-health-counselors</a>	Yes
North Carolina	North Carolina Board of Licensed Professional Counselors	(336) 217-6007	<a href="https://www.ncblcmhc.org/">https://www.ncblcmhc.org/</a>	Yes
North Dakota	North Dakota Board of Counselor Examiners	(701) 667-5969	<a href="http://www.ndbce.org/licensing.shtml">http://www.ndbce.org/licensing.shtml</a>	Yes
Ohio	Ohio Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapist Board	(614) 466-0912	<a href="https://cswmft.ohio.gov/">https://cswmft.ohio.gov/</a>	Yes
Oklahoma	Oklahoma State Board of Behavioral Health	(405) 522-3696	<a href="https://oklahoma.gov/behavioralhealth.html">https://oklahoma.gov/behavioralhealth.html</a>	Yes
Oregon	Oregon State Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists	(503) 378-5499	<a href="https://www.oregon.gov/OBLPCT/pages/index.aspx">https://www.oregon.gov/OBLPCT/pages/index.aspx</a>	Yes
Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Professional Counselors	(717) 783-1389	<a href="https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/SocialWorkersMarriageandFamilyTherapistsandProfessionalCounselors/Pages/default.aspx">https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/SocialWorkersMarriageandFamilyTherapistsandProfessionalCounselors/Pages/default.aspx</a>	Yes
Rhode Island	Rhode Island Board of Mental Health Counselors and Marriage & Family Therapists	(401) 222-5960	<a href="https://health.ri.gov/licenses/detail.php?id=228">https://health.ri.gov/licenses/detail.php?id=228</a>	Yes
South Carolina	South Carolina Board of Examiners for Licensure of Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, Addiction Counselors, and Psycho-Educational Specialists	(803) 896-4658	<a href="https://llr.sc.gov/cou/">https://llr.sc.gov/cou/</a>	Yes
South Dakota	South Dakota Board of Examiners for Counselors & Marriage and Family Therapists	(605) 224-1721	<a href="https://dss.sd.gov/licensingboards/counselors/counselors.aspx">https://dss.sd.gov/licensingboards/counselors/counselors.aspx</a>	Yes

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Tennessee	Tennessee Board of Licensed Professional Counselors, Licensed Marital and Family Therapists and Licensed Clinical Pastoral Therapists	(615) 532-4384	<a href="https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/pcmft-board.html">https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/pcmft-board.html</a>	Yes
Texas	Texas Board of Examiners of Professional Councilors	(512) 834-6658	<a href="https://www.bhec.texas.gov/texas-state-board-of-examiners-of-professional-counselors/index.html">https://www.bhec.texas.gov/texas-state-board-of-examiners-of-professional-counselors/index.html</a>	Yes
Utah	Utah Clinical Mental Health Counselor Licensing Board	(801) 530-6628	<a href="https://dopl.utah.gov/clinical-mental-health-counseling/">https://dopl.utah.gov/clinical-mental-health-counseling/</a>	Yes
Vermont	Vermont Board of Allied Mental Health	(802) 828-1505	<a href="https://sos.vermont.gov/allied-mental-health/">https://sos.vermont.gov/allied-mental-health/</a>	Yes
Virginia	Virginia Board of Counseling	(804) 367-4610	<a href="https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/counseling/">https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/counseling/</a>	No
Washington	Washington Certified Counselors and Hypnotherapists Advisory Committee	(360) 236-4700	<a href="https://doh.wa.gov/licenses-permits-and-certificates/professions-new-renew-or-update/mental-health-counselor">https://doh.wa.gov/licenses-permits-and-certificates/professions-new-renew-or-update/mental-health-counselor</a>	Yes
West Virginia	West Virginia Board Examiners in Counseling	(800) 520-3852	<a href="https://wvbec.org">https://wvbec.org</a>	No
Wisconsin	Wisconsin Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling, and Social Work Examining Board	(608) 266-2112	<a href="https://dsps.wi.gov/Pages/Professions/LPC/Default.aspx">https://dsps.wi.gov/Pages/Professions/LPC/Default.aspx</a>	Yes
Wyoming	Wyoming Mental Health Professions Licensing Board	(307) 777-3628	<a href="https://mentalhealth.wyo.gov/home">https://mentalhealth.wyo.gov/home</a>	Yes
American Samoa	American Samoa Department of Human and Social Services	(684) 633-7506	<a href="http://dhss.as/">http://dhss.as/</a>	No -unable to determine
Federated States of Micronesia	State of Pohnpei Behavioral Health and Wellness Advisory (BHW) Council	(691) 320-2619	<a href="https://hsa.gov.fm/behavioral-health/">https://hsa.gov.fm/behavioral-health/</a>	No -unable to determine
Guam	Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners	(671) 735-7407	<a href="https://guamhplo.org/gbahe">https://guamhplo.org/gbahe</a>	Yes
Marshall Islands	Unknown			No -unable to determine

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Northern Mariana Islands	CNMI Healthcare Professions Licensing Board	(670) 664-4808	<a href="https://www.cnmilicensing.gov.mp/health-care-professions-licensing-board/">https://www.cnmilicensing.gov.mp/health-care-professions-licensing-board/</a>	No -unable to determine
Palau	Palau Bureau of Health Administration & Support Services	(680) 488-2552	<a href="https://www.palau.gov.pw/executive-branch/ministries/health/bureau-of-health-administration-support-services-bhass/">https://www.palau.gov.pw/executive-branch/ministries/health/bureau-of-health-administration-support-services-bhass/</a>	No -unable to determine
Puerto Rico	Puerto Rico Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors	(787) 765-2929	<a href="http://www.salud.gov.pr/Pages/Home.aspx">http://www.salud.gov.pr/Pages/Home.aspx</a>	No -unable to determine
US Virgin Islands	USVI Board of Licensed Counselors and Examiners	St Croix: (340) 713-3522 St Thomas: (340) 714-3522	<a href="https://dlca.vi.gov/boardcertification/steps/counselorrequirements/">https://dlca.vi.gov/boardcertification/steps/counselorrequirements/</a>	Yes

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