

MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery

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Alabama	Associate Licensed Counselor (ALC)	<p>Capella University's MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Alabama.</p> <p>Alabama accepts completion of a 90 quarter credit master's degree in counseling that is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) and contains state-specific coursework.</p> <p>Capella's program is 90 quarter credits, contains the state-specific coursework, and is CACREP accredited.</p> <p>Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical state requirements for the counseling profession.</p>	<p>3000 hours of supervised experience</p> <p>NCE exam</p>
Alaska	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	<p>Capella University's MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Alaska.</p> <p>Alaska accepts a 90 quarter credit master's degree in counseling.</p> <p>Capella's program is 90 quarter credits.</p> <p>Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical state requirements for the counseling profession.</p>	<p>3000 hours, no less than 2 years</p> <p>NCE or NCMHCE exam</p>
American Samoa	N/A	<p>American Samoa does not currently offer a professional license as a Counselor.</p> <p>Licensure rules and regulations often change. Monitor for changes in educational requirements or creation of a license.</p>	N/A
Arizona	Licensed Associate Counselor	<p>Capella University's MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Arizona.</p> <p>Arizona accepts completion of a master's degree in counseling that is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP).</p> <p>Capella’s program is CACREP accredited.</p> <p>Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical state requirements for the counseling profession.</p>	<p>3200 hours, no less than 2 years</p> <p>NCE, NCMHCE, or CRC exam</p>

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Arkansas	Licensed Associate Counselor (LAC)	<p>Capella University's MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program alone will not meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Arkansas. Capella’s program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure if certain conditions are fulfilled.</p> <p>Arkansas accepts completion of a master's degree in counseling that is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) and contains state-specific coursework.</p> <p>Capella’s program is CACREP accredited.</p> <p>Capella students will need to add additional coursework to their program to meet state-specific coursework requirements. Please contact Enrollment Services or Academic Advising to build a suitable academic plan.</p> <p>Arkansas applicants will need to ensure they obtain a "B" grade or better in each course.</p> <p>Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical state requirements for the counseling profession.</p>	<p>3,000 hours or 3 years supervised full-time experience</p> <p>NCE exam</p>
California	Associate Professional Clinical Counselor (APCC)	<p>Capella University's MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program alone will not meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in California. Capella’s program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure if certain conditions are fulfilled.</p> <p>California accepts completion of a 90 quarter credit master's degree in counseling that contains state-specific coursework, training, and site-based learning requirements.</p> <p>Capella students can choose specific elective course(s) and add additional coursework to their program to meet the state requirements for licensure. These requirements may also be completed outside of Capella. Please contact Enrollment Services or Academic Advising to build a suitable academic plan.</p> <p>Additional training specific to California law and ethics and telehealth is required and will need to be completed outside of Capella. This additional training may be completed before or after degree conferral.</p> <p>Capella students will need to ensure they complete 280 hours of supervised face-to-face counseling experience during their site-based learning experience.</p> <p>Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical state requirements for the counseling profession.</p>	<p>3,000 hours over 2 years</p> <p>CA Law & Ethics Exam and the NCMHCE</p>

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Colorado	Licensed Professional Counselor Candidate	Capella University's MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Colorado. Colorado accepts completion of a master's degree in counseling accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). Capella’s program is CACREP accredited. Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical state requirements for the counseling profession.	2 years, at least 2000 hours NCE and CO Jurisprudence exam
Connecticut	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	Capella University's MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Connecticut. Connecticut accepts completion of a master's degree in clinical mental health counseling that is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). Capella’s program is CACREP accredited. Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical state requirements for the counseling profession.	3,000 hours, not less than one year NCE or NCMHCE exam
Delaware	Licensed Associate Counselor of Mental Health (LACMH)	Capella University's MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Delaware. Delaware accepts completion of a 90 quarter credit master's degree in clinical mental health counseling. Capella's program contains 90 quarter credits. Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical state requirements for the counseling profession.	3,200 hours between 2 and 4 years NCE or NCMHCE exam

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District of Columbia	Licensed Graduate Professional Counselor (LGPC)	<p>Capella University's MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program alone will not meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in District of Columbia. Capella’s program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure if certain conditions are fulfilled.</p> <p>The District of Columbia accepts completion of a 90 quarter credit master's degree in counseling that contains state-specific coursework.</p> <p>Capella's program contains 90 quarter credits.</p> <p>Capella students will need to choose specific elective course(s) to meet to meet the state requirements for licensure. Please contact Enrollment Services or Academic Advising to build a suitable academic plan.</p> <p>Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical state requirements for the counseling profession.</p>	<p>3,500 hours of supervised work experience</p> <p>NCE exam</p>
Florida	Registered Mental Health Counselor Intern	<p>Capella University's MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Florida.</p> <p>Florida accepts completion of a master's degree in mental health counseling that is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) and contains state-specific coursework.</p> <p>Capella’s program is CACREP accredited and contains the state-specific coursework requirements.</p> <p>Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical state requirements for the counseling profession.</p>	<p>2 years, at least 1500 hours providing psychotherapy</p> <p>NCMHCE exam</p>
Georgia	Associate Professional Counselor (APC)	<p>Capella University's MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Georgia.</p> <p>Georgia accepts completion of a master's degree in counseling that is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP).</p> <p>Capella’s program is CACREP accredited.</p> <p>Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical state requirements for the counseling profession.</p>	<p>4 years in a work setting acceptable to the Board or 3 years in a work setting acceptable to the Board and a supervised counseling practicum or internship of at least 600 hours which was part of the graduate degree program</p> <p>NCE or NCMHCE exam</p>

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Guam	Licensed Professional Counselor	<p>Capella University's MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Guam.</p> <p>Guam accepts completion of a 72 quarter credit master's degree in counseling that contains territory-specific coursework and site-based learning experiences.</p> <p>Capella's program meets the territory-specific coursework and site-based learning requirements.</p> <p>Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical state requirements for the counseling profession.</p>	N/A
Hawaii	Licensed Mental Health Counselor	<p>Capella University's MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program alone will not meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Hawaii. Capella’s program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure if certain conditions are fulfilled.</p> <p>Hawaii accepts completion of a 72 quarter credit master's degree in counseling that contains state-specific coursework and site-based learning experiences.</p> <p>Capella students will need to choose specific elective course(s) and add additional coursework to their program to meet the state requirements for licensure. Please contact Enrollment Services or Academic Advising to build a suitable academic plan.</p> <p>Hawaii requires 300 hours of client contact during internship and practicum experience. Capella students will need to ensure they complete an additional 20 hours of direct client contact during internship and practicum experience.</p> <p>Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical state requirements for the counseling profession.</p>	<p>3,000 hours between 2 and 4 years</p> <p>NCE exam</p>

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Idaho	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	Capella University's MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Idaho. Idaho accepts completion of a master's degree in counseling that is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). Capella’s program is CACREP accredited. Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical state requirements for the counseling profession.	1000 hours direct clinical experience. Can be completed in-degree. Learners can add an additional internship course to their program to fulfill the 1,000 hours NCE exam
Illinois	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	Capella University's MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Illinois. Illinois accepts completion of a master's degree in counseling that is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). Capella’s program is CACREP accredited. Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical state requirements for the counseling profession.	3,360 hours and 2 years full-time experience NCE exam

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Indiana	Mental Health Counselor Associate (LMHCA)	<p>Capella University's MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Indiana.</p> <p>Indiana accepts completion of a Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) accredited master's degree in mental health counseling that contains state-specific coursework and site-based learning experience requirements.</p> <p>Capella’s program is CACREP accredited.</p> <p>Capella's program meets the state-specific coursework requirements.</p> <p>Capella students will need to ensure they complete 40 hours of direct services with clients during their practicum and at least one fourth (1/4) of the hours were completed in group work.</p> <p>Indiana requires 66 hours of supervision during the internship experience. Capella students will need to ensure they complete 12 additional hours of supervision with their on-site supervisor during their internship.</p> <p>Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical state requirements for the counseling profession.</p>	<p>3,000 hours over 2 years</p> <p>NCMHCE exam</p>
Iowa	Temporary Licensed Mental Health Counselor	<p>Capella University's MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Iowa.</p> <p>Iowa accepts completion of a master's degree in mental health counseling accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP).</p> <p>Capella’s program is CACREP accredited.</p> <p>Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical state requirements for the counseling profession.</p>	<p>2 years and 3,000 hours</p> <p>NCE or NCMHCE exam</p>

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Kansas	Licensed Professional Counselor	<p>Capella University's MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Kansas.</p> <p>Kansas accepts completion of a master's degree in counseling that is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) and contains state-specific coursework.</p> <p>Capella’s program is CACREP accredited and contains the state-specific coursework requirements.</p> <p>Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical state requirements for the counseling profession.</p>	<p>4,000 hours</p> <p>NCE or NCMHCE exam</p>
Kentucky	Licensed Professional Counselor Associate	<p>Capella University's MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program alone will not meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Kentucky. Capella’s program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure if certain conditions are fulfilled.</p> <p>Kentucky accepts completion of a master's degree in counseling that is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) and contains state-specific coursework.</p> <p>Capella’s program is CACREP accredited.</p> <p>Capella students will need to choose specific elective course(s) and add additional coursework to their program to meet the state requirements for licensure. Please contact Enrollment Services or Academic Advising to build a suitable academic plan.</p> <p>Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical state requirements for the counseling profession.</p>	<p>4,000 hours</p> <p>NCE or NCMHCE exam</p>

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Louisiana	Provisional Licensed Professional Counselor	<p>Capella University's MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program alone will not meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Louisiana. Capella’s program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure if certain conditions are fulfilled.</p> <p>Louisiana accepts completion of a master's degree in counseling that is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) and contains state-specific coursework.</p> <p>Capella’s program is CACREP accredited.</p> <p>Capella students will need to choose specific elective course(s) and add additional coursework to their program to meet the state requirements for licensure. Please contact Enrollment Services or Academic Advising to build a suitable academic plan.</p> <p>Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical state requirements for the counseling profession.</p>	<p>3,000 hours and 2 years, no more than 6 years</p> <p>NCE or NCMHCE exam</p>
Maine	Licensed Professional Counselor	<p>Capella University's MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Maine.</p> <p>Maine accepts completion of a master's degree in mental health counseling that is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP).</p> <p>Capella’s program is CACREP accredited.</p> <p>Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical state requirements for the counseling profession.</p>	<p>2000 hours over 2 years</p> <p>NCE or NCMHCE exam</p>

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Maryland	N/A	<p>Capella University is not accepting applications into the MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program from Maryland residents.</p> <p>Eligible prospects interested in a Counselor credential should consider Capella’s MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, General program. Capella’s program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure if certain conditions are fulfilled.</p> <p>For current students, Capella University's MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, General program alone will not meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Maryland. Capella’s program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure if certain conditions are fulfilled.</p> <p>Maryland accepts completion of a 90 quarter credit master's degree in clinical professional counseling that contains state-specific coursework and site-based learning requirements.</p> <p>Capella students will need to choose specific elective course(s) and add additional coursework to their program to meet the state requirements for licensure. Please contact Enrollment Services or Academic Advising to build a suitable academic plan.</p> <p>Capella students will need to ensure they complete 125 hours of face-to-face direct client counseling during their site-based learning experience.</p> <p>Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical state requirements for the counseling profession.</p>	N/A
Massachusetts	Licensed Mental Health Counselor	<p>Capella University's MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Massachusetts.</p> <p>Massachusetts accepts completion of a 80 quarter credit master's degree in mental health counseling that contains state-specific coursework.</p> <p>Capella's program contains 90 quarter credits and contains the state-specific coursework requirements.</p> <p>Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical state requirements for the counseling profession.</p>	<p>3,360 hours between 2 and 8 years</p> <p>NCMHCE exam</p>

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Michigan	Professional Counselor	<p>Capella University's MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Michigan.</p> <p>Michigan accepts completion of a master's degree in counseling that is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP).</p> <p>Capella’s program is CACREP accredited.</p> <p>Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical state requirements for the counseling profession.</p>	<p>3,000 hours and at least 2 years</p> <p>NCE or CRCC exam</p>
Minnesota	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	<p>Capella University's MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program alone will not meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Minnesota. Capella’s program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure if certain conditions are fulfilled.</p> <p>Minnesota accepts completion of a master's degree in counseling that is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) and contains state-specific coursework.</p> <p>Capella’s program is CACREP accredited.</p> <p>Capella students will need to choose specific elective course(s) to meet to meet the state requirements for licensure. Please contact Enrollment Services or Academic Advising to build a suitable academic plan.</p> <p>Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical state requirements for the counseling profession.</p>	<p>2,000 hours</p> <p>NCE exam</p>

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Mississippi	Provisional Licensed Professional Counselor (PLPC)	<p>Capella University's MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program alone will not meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Mississippi. Capella’s program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure if certain conditions are fulfilled.</p> <p>Mississippi accepts completion of a master's degree in counseling that is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) and contains state-specific coursework.</p> <p>Capella’s program is CACREP accredited.</p> <p>Capella students will need to choose specific elective course(s) and add additional coursework to their program to meet the state requirements for licensure. Please contact Enrollment Services or Academic Advising to build a suitable academic plan.</p> <p>Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical state requirements for the counseling profession.</p>	<p>3,500 hours (approx. 2 years). Up to 1,750 hours may be obtained in-degree.</p> <p>NCMHCE exam</p>
Missouri	Counselor in Training	<p>Capella University's MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Missouri.</p> <p>Missouri accepts completion of a master's degree in counseling that is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP).</p> <p>Capella’s program is 90 quarter credits and CACREP accredited.</p> <p>Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical state requirements for the counseling profession.</p>	<p>3,000 hours and 24 months</p> <p>NCE and Jurisprudence exams</p>
Montana	Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor Candidate (PCLC)	<p>Capella University's MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Montana.</p> <p>Montana accepts completion of a 90 quarter credit master's degree in mental health counseling that is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP).</p> <p>Capella’s program is 90 quarter credits and CACREP accredited.</p> <p>Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical state requirements for the counseling profession.</p>	<p>3,000 hours, at least 1,500 post-degree</p> <p>NCE or NCMHCE exam</p>

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Nebraska	Provisionally Licensed Mental Health Practitioner (PLMHP)	<p>Capella University's MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program alone will not meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Nebraska. Capella’s program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure if certain conditions are fulfilled.</p> <p>Nebraska accepts completion of a master's degree in therapeutic mental health counseling that is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) and completion of 300 direct client contact hours.</p> <p>Capella’s program is CACREP accredited.</p> <p>Capella students will need to ensure they complete additional direct client contact hours during their site-based learning experience to meet the state requirements for licensure.</p> <p>Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical state requirements for the counseling profession.</p>	<p>3,000 hours</p> <p>NCE or NMHCE exam</p>
Nevada	Clinical Professional Counselor Intern (CPC-Intern)	<p>Capella University's MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Nevada.</p> <p>Nevada accepts completion of a master's degree in mental health counseling that is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP).</p> <p>Capella’s program is CACREP accredited.</p> <p>Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical state requirements for the counseling profession.</p>	<p>2 year and 3,000 hours</p> <p>NCMHCE exam</p>
New Hampshire	Clinical Mental Health Counselor	<p>Capella University's MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in New Hampshire.</p> <p>New Hampshire accepts completion of a master's degree in mental health counseling that is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP).</p> <p>Capella’s program is CACREP accredited.</p> <p>Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical state requirements for the counseling profession.</p>	<p>2 years with 1 year at least 1500 hours</p> <p>NCMHCE exam</p>

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New Jersey	Licensed Associate Counselor (LAC)	<p>Capella University's MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in New Jersey.</p> <p>New Jersey accepts completion of a master's degree in mental health counseling that is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP).</p> <p>Capella’s program is CACREP accredited.</p> <p>Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical state requirements for the counseling profession.</p>	<p>4,500 hours, 3 years</p> <p>NCE exam</p>
New Mexico	Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC)	<p>Capella University's MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in New Mexico.</p> <p>New Mexico accepts completion of a 72 quarter master's degree in counseling that contains the state-specific mental health clinical core curriculum.</p> <p>Capella's program is 90 quarter credits and contains the state-specific mental health clinical core curriculum.</p> <p>Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical state requirements for the counseling profession.</p>	<p>2 years and 3,000 hours</p> <p>NCE & NCMHCE exams</p>
New York	Mental Health Counselor	<p>Capella University's MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in New York.</p> <p>New York accepts completion of an out-of-state program that is determined by the New York State Education Department (the Department) to be the substantial equivalent of a program registered by the Department.</p> <p>The Department has determined that out-of-state master's in mental health counseling programs that are 90 quarter credits and are accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) are equivalent to a New York State registered program.</p> <p>Capella's program is 90 quarter credits and is accredited by CACREP.</p> <p>Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical state requirements for the counseling profession.</p>	<p>3,000 hours</p> <p>NCMHCE exam</p>

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North Carolina	Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor Associate (LCMHCA)	<p>Capella University's MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program alone will not meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in North Carolina. Capella’s program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure if certain conditions are fulfilled.</p> <p>North Carolina accepts completion of a 90 quarter credit master's degree in counseling that is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) and contains state-specific coursework.</p> <p>Capella’s program is CACREP accredited.</p> <p>Capella students will need to choose specific elective course(s) and add additional coursework to their program to meet the state requirements for licensure. Please contact Enrollment Services or Academic Advising to build a suitable academic plan.</p> <p>Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical state requirements for the counseling profession.</p>	<p>3,000 hours</p> <p>NCE, NCMHCE, or CRC exam and the NC Jurisprudence exam</p>
North Dakota	Licensed Associate Professional Counselor	<p>Capella University's MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in North Dakota.</p> <p>North Dakota accepts completion of a 90 quarter credit master's degree in counseling that contains state-specific coursework.</p> <p>Capella's program is 90 quarter credits and contains the state-specific coursework requirements.</p> <p>Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical state requirements for the counseling profession.</p>	<p>2 years, 3000 hours</p> <p>NCMHCE exam</p>

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Northern Mariana Islands	Licensed Mental Health Counselor Associate (LMHCA)	Capella University's MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in the Northern Mariana Islands. The Northern Mariana Islands accepts completion of a master's degree in counseling that is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). Capella's program is CACREP accredited. Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical state requirements for the counseling profession.	N/A
Ohio	Licensed Professional Counselor	Capella University's MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Ohio. Ohio accepts completion of a master's degree in mental health counseling that is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) that contains state-specific coursework. Capella's program is CACREP accredited and contains the state-specific coursework requirements. Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical state requirements for the counseling profession.	2 years to move from LPC to LPCC with 1,500 hours per year. NCMHCE exam
Oklahoma	Licensed Professional Counselor	Capella University's MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program alone will not meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Oklahoma. Capella's program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure if certain conditions are fulfilled. Oklahoma accepts completion of a 90 quarter credit master's degree in counseling that contains state-specific coursework. Capella students will need to choose specific elective course(s) to meet to meet the state requirements for licensure. Please contact Enrollment Services or Academic Advising to build a suitable academic plan. Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical state requirements for the counseling profession.	3 years or 3,000 hours NCE exam and the OK Legal & Ethical Responsibilities exam

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Oregon	Registered Associate	Capella University's MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Oregon. Oregon accepts completion of a master's degree in mental health counseling that is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). Capella’s program is CACREP accredited. Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical state requirements for the counseling profession.	3 year, 2400 direct client hours NCE, CCMHCE, or CRCE exam and the OR Law and Rules exam
Pennsylvania	Licensed Professional Counselor	Capella University's MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania accepts completion of a 90 quarter credit master's degree in professional counseling that contains state-specific coursework. Capella's program is 90 quarter credits and contains the state-specific coursework requirements. Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical state requirements for the counseling profession.	3000 hours NCE, CRC, ATCB, or other exam
Puerto Rico	Consejeros Profesionales	Capella University's MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program will not meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Puerto Rico. Puerto Rico accepts a master’s degree in counseling accredited by the Puerto Rico Council on Higher Education (CHE) or by another state agency whose degree is validated by CHE. Capella's program is not accredited by CHE or another state agency. Capella University is not accepting applications into the MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program from residents of Puerto Rico who intend to seek professional license or certification in Puerto Rico.	N/A

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Rhode Island	Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor Associate (LCMHCA)	Capella University's MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Rhode Island. Rhode Island accepts completion of a master's degree in mental health counseling that is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). Capella’s program is CACREP accredited. Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical state requirements for the counseling profession.	2 years, 2000 hours NCMHCE exam
South Carolina	Licensed Professional Counselor Associate	Capella University's MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in South Carolina. South Carolina accepts completion of a master's degree in mental health counseling that is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). Capella’s program is CACREP accredited. Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical state requirements for the counseling profession.	2 years, 1500 hours of supervised clinical experience NCE or NCMHCE exam
South Dakota	Licensed Professional Counselor	Capella University's MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in South Dakota. South Dakota accepts completion of a master's degree in mental health counseling that is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). Capella’s program is CACREP accredited. Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical state requirements for the counseling profession.	2000 hours, 2 years NCE exam

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Tennessee	Licensed Professional Counselor	<p>Capella University's MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program alone will not meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Tennessee. Capella’s program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure if certain conditions are fulfilled.</p> <p>Tennessee accepts completion of a master's degree in mental health counseling that is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) and contains state-specific coursework.</p> <p>Capella’s program is CACREP accredited.</p> <p>Capella students will need to choose specific elective course(s) to meet to meet the state requirements for licensure. Please contact Enrollment Services or Academic Advising to build a suitable academic plan.</p> <p>Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical state requirements for the counseling profession.</p>	<p>2 years, at least 3000 hours</p> <p>NCMHCE exam & TN Jurisprudence exam</p>
Texas	Licensed Professional Counselor Associate	<p>Capella University's MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program alone will not meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Texas. Capella’s program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure if certain conditions are fulfilled.</p> <p>Texas accepts completion of a 90 quarter credit master's degree in counseling that contains state-specific coursework.</p> <p>Capella students will need to choose specific elective course(s) to meet to meet the state requirements for licensure. Please contact Enrollment Services or Academic Advising to build a suitable academic plan.</p> <p>Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical state requirements for the counseling profession.</p>	<p>3000 hours, 18 months</p> <p>NCE or NCHMCE exam and the TX Jurisprudence exam</p>

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US Virgin Islands	Licensed Professional Counselor	Capella University's MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in US Virgin Islands. US Virgin Islands accepts completion of a 90 quarter credit master's degree in counseling that contains territory-specific coursework. Capella's program is 90 quarter credits and contains the territory-specific coursework requirements. Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical state requirements for the counseling profession.	N/A
Utah	Associate Clinical Mental Health Counselor	Capella University's MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Utah. Utah accepts completion of a master's degree in mental health counseling that is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). Capella’s program is CACREP accredited. Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical state requirements for the counseling profession.	4000 hours, 2 years NCMHCE exam
Vermont	Clinical Mental Health Counselor	Capella University's MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Vermont. Vermont accepts completion of a master's degree in mental health counseling that is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). Capella’s program is CACREP accredited. Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical state requirements for the counseling profession.	3000 hours, 2 years NCE and NCMHCE exams

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Virginia	Resident in Counseling	<p>Capella University's MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Virginia.</p> <p>Virginia accepts completion of a master's degree in mental health counseling that is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP).</p> <p>Capella’s program is CACREP accredited.</p> <p>Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical state requirements for the counseling profession.</p>	<p>3,400 hours and at least 21 months</p> <p>NCMHCE exam</p>
Washington	Mental Health Counselor Associate	<p>Capella University's MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program alone will not meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Washington. Capella’s program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure if certain conditions are fulfilled.</p> <p>Washington accepts completion of a master's degree in mental health counseling that contains state-specific coursework and is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP).</p> <p>Capella’s program is CACREP accredited.</p> <p>Capella students will need to choose specific elective course(s) to meet to meet the state requirements for licensure. Please contact Enrollment Services or Academic Advising to build a suitable academic plan.</p> <p>Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical state requirements for the counseling profession.</p>	<p>36 months or 3,000 hours</p> <p>NCE or NCMHCE exam</p>

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West Virginia	N/A	<p>Capella University is not accepting applications into the MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program from West Virginia residents.</p> <p>Eligible prospects interested in a Counselor credential should consider Capella’s MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, General program. Capella’s program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure if certain conditions are fulfilled.</p> <p>For current students, Capella University's MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program alone will not meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in West Virginia. Capella’s program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure if certain conditions are fulfilled.</p> <p>West Virginia accepts completion of a master's degree in mental health counseling that is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) and contains state-specific coursework.</p> <p>Capella’s program is CACREP accredited.</p> <p>Capella students will need to choose specific elective course(s) and add additional coursework to their program to meet the state requirements for licensure. Please contact Enrollment Services or Academic Advising to build a suitable academic plan.</p> <p>Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical state requirements for the counseling profession.</p>	N/A
Wisconsin	Professional Counselor Training License	<p>Capella University's MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Wisconsin.</p> <p>Wisconsin accepts completion of a master's degree in mental health counseling that is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP).</p> <p>Capella’s program is CACREP accredited.</p> <p>Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical state requirements for the counseling profession.</p>	<p>3,000 hours</p> <p>NCE, NCMHCE or CRCE exam</p>

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Wyoming	Professional Counselor	<p>Capella University's MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment and Recovery program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Wyoming.</p> <p>Wyoming accepts completion of a master's degree in mental health counseling that is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP).</p> <p>Capella’s program is CACREP accredited.</p> <p>Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical state requirements for the counseling profession.</p>	<p>3,000 hours</p> <p>NCE, NCMHE, or CRCC exam +A60:D60</p>