



Counselor, Social Worker & Marriage and Family Therapist Board

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What Are Licensed Counselors?

Licensed Professional Counselors (PCs, PCCs, PCC-Ss) are mental health professionals with a master's or doctoral degree, licensed by the State of Ohio, who are trained to help individuals, families, and organizations to optimize healthy functioning and prevent or remediate mental, emotional, or behavioral problems. Trained in the application of principles of normal and abnormal human development, Licensed Professional Counselors help consumers make the most of life, heighten joy in living, identify and deal with mental and emotional problems (or disorders), and resolve conflicts in relationships at home, in school, at work, and in the community.

What Qualifications Do Licensed Counselors Have? Licensed Professional Counselors (PC, PCC, PCC-S) have specialized knowledge, education, and training in the fields of human behavior, counseling principles, counseling methods and problem solving. To become a licensed Professional Counselor (PC), an applicant must earn a Master's Degree in Counseling and pass the required examination. A PC may upgrade to a Professional Clinical Counselor (PCC), after completing two years of training experience under the supervision of a PCC-S, which includes the diagnosis and treatment of mental & emotional disorders. To become a Supervising Counselor (PCC-S), an applicant must have at least one year of post PCC experience and additional academic work or continuing education hours in clinical supervision. Licensed Professional Counselors must complete 30 hours of continuing education every two year renewal period.