

Steps to become a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) in Texas

Successfully complete the 48-hour Master's degree in Counseling

Successfully pass the National Counselor Exam (NCE) - offered at UTSA twice a year in the fall and spring to current, eligible students. Graduates from the previous 12 months of the exam date are eligible to take the NCE through UTSA. Graduates may also take the NCE through NBCC, visit <http://www.nbcc.org/> for more information

Successfully pass the online Texas Jurisprudence Exam

Apply for the LPC-Intern license (called a "temporary license")

Submit an official transcript that indicates your degree was granted

Have the Practicum/Graduate Internship Documentation form (available on the Board's website) signed by the Department of Counseling

Complete a 3,000 hour supervised internship (must be under a Licensed Professional Counselor Supervisor; LPC-S). Of those 3,000 hours, 1,500 are direct client (group and individual) hours. The remaining 1,500 are indirect hours (staffing, consulting, writing up case notes, etc).

Once the 3,000 hours are completed, you apply to move from an LPC-Intern to a Licensed Professional Counselor.

The 3,000 hours CANNOT be completed in less than 18 months.

Website: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/counselor/>

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