

# **GUIDE TO LPCC OUT-OF-STATE APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS**

## **FOR APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2016**

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The Board of Behavioral Sciences does not have reciprocity with any other state licensing board. Any applicant, whether licensed or unlicensed, will need to meet all requirements mandated by California law prior to being issued a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC) license. The information in this document is a summary and is provided only as a general guide to requirements. For more information, see the application instructions, as well as the applicable California *Statutes and Regulations* sections 4999.60, 4999.61, 4999.62 and 4999.63.

For questions about **educational** requirements, contact: [bbs.pcci@dca.ca.gov](mailto:bbs.pcci@dca.ca.gov)

For questions about supervised **experience** requirements, contact: [bbs.lpcc@dca.ca.gov](mailto:bbs.lpcc@dca.ca.gov)

The application process for an out-of-state applicant, as well as the qualifications required, may differ depending on the following:

1. Whether you are licensed in another state, and for how long.
2. The amount of supervised experience you have completed and whether it is substantially equivalent to California's requirements.
3. Your degree and other coursework you have completed.

### **Education, Supervised Experience and Examinations**

- If you are unsure whether your degree or other coursework qualifies (or is deficient), submit your intern or licensure application and fee, and we will provide you with the results of the evaluation.
- Regardless of whether you are licensed, you must meet California's supervised experience requirement of 3,000 hours gained over a minimum two-year period.
- *Credit for Time Actively Licensed:* If you hold a LPCC license in another state and need additional experience to meet California's requirements, you may count up to 100 hours for every month licensed toward the supervised experience requirement, for a maximum of 1,200 hours. These hours do not need to be verified.
- Any supervised experience in California must be gained while registered as a PCC Intern.
- You will be required to pass the LPCC California Law and Ethics examination. You may take this examination upon registration as an intern or upon approval of your licensing application. After passing the Law and Ethics exam, you will be required to pass the National Clinical Mental Health Counselor's Exam (NCMHCE). See application instructions for more information.

# BBS Guide to 2016 LPCC Out-of-State Education Requirements

