

Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)



Job Description: Licensed professional counselors (also known as mental health therapists or clinicians) help individuals, couples, families, and groups address mental health challenges through the use of counseling and psychotherapy.

Average Salary (South Carolina): \$61,041

Average Salary (National): \$76,086

Educational/Experiential/Training Requirements

1. **Bachelor's Degree** (*Psychology or related field*)
2. **Master's degree from CACREP-accredited program** (*Counseling*)
3. **≥1,500 hours of supervised fieldwork**

Licensure/Certification Requirement(s)

1. **National certification**, *National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC)*
2. **State licensure, Professional Counselor Associate (LPC-A)**, *South Carolina Board of Examiners for Licensure of Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, Addiction Counselors and Psycho-Educational Specialists*
3. **State licensure, Professional Counselor (LPC)**, *South Carolina Board of Examiners for Licensure of Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, Addiction Counselors and Psycho-Educational Specialists*

Continuing Education Renewal Requirement(s)

- **40 hours of continuing education units (CEUs) every 2 years**

