

# 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**

