

Professional Counselor Licensure (LPC)

If a School Counseling or Clinical Mental Health Counseling student is seeking to become a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC), the student must submit a completed application packet to The Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors: (<https://www.bhec.texas.gov/texas-state-board-of-examiners-of-professional-counselors/index.html> (<https://www.bhec.texas.gov/texas-state-board-of-examiners-of-professional-counselors/>)), 333 Guadalupe St., Tower 3, Room 900, Austin, Texas 78701, (512)305-7700. The state currently requires the completion of a 60 semester hour program of graduate study and 3,000 hours of supervised counseling experience after completion of the graduate program. Students who completed the School Counseling degree requirements need to meet the 60 semester hour program of graduate study. Of those 60 hours of graduate work, courses must include COUN 540/Diagnosis and Treatment Planning and one course selected from one of the marriage and family courses (COUN 513, COUN 564, or COUN 611) to satisfy the LPC requirement. In addition, Texas requires a passing score on the state licensure examination (the National Counseling Examination, NCE), prior to applying for licensure.