



Connecticut is fortunate to have several viable options for students interested in pursuing a counseling degree that will qualify them to practice professional counseling, first under supervision as a Licensed Professional Counselor Associate (LPCA) and subsequently independently as a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC).

CT currently has 5 CACREP accredited Master of Arts (MA) or Master of Science (MS) in clinical mental health counseling programs:

- **Western CT State University**
- **Southern CT State University**
- **Central CT State University**
- **Fairfield University**
- **University of St. Joseph's**

These programs are 60 credits or more and meet the 1/1/2019 licensure requirements for LPCs. Additionally, **University of Bridgeport** has a CACREP accreditation application in process.

The **University of New Haven** offers a 60 credit licensure track MA in mental health counseling modeled after CACREP standards. **Albertus Magnus College** offers two 60 credit licensure track programs—MA in Art Therapy and Counseling and an MA in Clinical Counseling with a concentration in Clinical Mental Health or Addictions.

Post University offers an online MA in Counseling and Human Services with a concentration in clinical mental health counseling that does not meet the requirements for CT LPC licensure at only 37 credits. Developed based on student need and desire to become LPCs, they also offer a certificate in professional counseling (24 credits) that may help students wishing to pursue licensure gain additional academic requirements.

Several of these counseling programs also offer avenues for students with master's degrees with fewer than 60 credits or who are missing required coursework or fieldwork for 2019 licensure requirements to obtain additional credits in order to be eligible for the LPCA/LPC (post master's certificate, sixth year certificate, certificate of advanced graduate study).

In addition, several programs offer stand alone Master's degrees, certificate programs, or additional coursework in addictions/substance abuse counseling that adhere to the requirements for licensure as a Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor.