

POST-MASTER'S CERTIFICATION AND LICENSING INFORMATION

Louisiana School Counselor Certification

Graduates of the School Counseling Program are immediately eligible to be certified by the Louisiana Department of Education as School Counselors. To apply for certification, one of the following packets must be completed: Teacher Certification Update Packet or Ancillary Certification Application Packet.

Teacher Certification Update Packet

Graduates of the school counseling program who already hold Louisiana Teacher Certifications are required to update their certifications to include school counseling. This packet is located online at the following link:

https://www.teachlouisiana.net/pdf/applications/cert_update.pdf

Ancillary Certification Application Packet*

Graduates of the school counseling program who are NOT certified teachers must complete an Ancillary Certification Packet. This packet is located online at the following link:

<https://www.teachlouisiana.net/pdf/applications/ancillary.pdf>

National Certification

National Certified Counselor (NCC)*

Counseling program graduates (both concentrations) meet the coursework requirements for the NCC designation. Applicants must pass the National Counselor Examination (NCE). For more information, including application forms visit

<http://www.nbcc.org/>

National Certified School Counselor (NCSC)*

School Counseling Concentration graduates meet the coursework requirements for the NCSC designation. However, the NCSC also requires three academic years of full-time, post-masters, supervised school counseling experience. The applicant must also hold the NCC designation or apply for it simultaneously with the NCSC. Finally, applicants must pass the National Certified School Counselor Examination (NCSCCE). For more information, including application forms visit

<http://www.nbcc.org/Specialties/NCSC>

*Both certifications are valid for a period of 5 years, at which time documentation of continuing education is required for renewal.

Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)

Graduates of the Counseling Program (both concentrations) meet the coursework requirements to become a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) through the LPC Board of Examiners. However, licensing requirements also include a 3000 hour post-master's supervised experience working with clients, as well as a passing score on the licensing exam. For more information, including application forms, please go to the LPC Board of Examiners' website and click on "Forms/Packets":

<https://www.lpcboard.org>