

Roadmap to Licensure

MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELOR

This is general information to guide you. The order of events and board requirements may differ for each applicant.

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Choose a program with the appropriate accreditation and approval. The Hazelden Betty Ford Graduate School of Addiction Studies is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, the National Addiction Studies Accreditation Commission (NASAC), and is currently pursuing accreditation through CACREP.

02

Complete coursework that matches licensure board content area requirements. Be sure to check requirements before registering for classes. Some states require more coursework and the Graduate School is here to assist in identifying which additional course(s) to take.

03

Complete clinical field experience. The Graduate School requires completion of 900 hours of practicum and internship during student's course of study. This will satisfy pre-graduation field experience hours for most boards.



Hazelden Betty Ford
Graduate School
of Addiction Studies

Academic Degree Granted

04

Pass national and/or state-specific exams. This may be done before or after graduating, depending on credential or licensure. Some boards may require registration for the exam. Check with your board for specific details.

05

Complete post-degree supervision hours. Some boards require an application before supervision can commence, others allow applications after supervision hours are completed.

Pass background check to meet state requirements

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- Accrue supervised post-degree experience (1-3 years)
- Complete additional exams (if required)
- Complete final application once post-degree hours are completed

License Granted

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Keep your license up-to-date by completing any continuing education hours and paying required fees for license renewal.

For a list of licensure board sites, visit our webpage:

<https://www.hazeldenbettyford.org/education/graduate-school-addiction-studies/about-us/licensure-state>