2021 Comparison of State Licensure Details and CTS Counseling Degrees

Please note: The following is subject to change each time any state updates its rules and regulations. This is the interpretation of the CTS Counseling Internship Director and should be used only as a guide for talking to the licensing boards in each state.

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| Alabama:   | [http://abec.alabama.gov/](http://abec.alabama.gov/) | 1) **Degree Hours:** requires a 48 hour degree in 2021, but a vote is pending to move to a 60 credit degree  
2) **Accreditation:** accepts degree if from a regionally accredited institution of higher education  
3) **Licensure:** do not see any issues of note  
4) **Classes:**  
   a) **64-credit degree:** do not see any additional classes needed at this time  
   b) **75-credit degree:** do not see any additional classes needed at this time  
5) **Practicum:** hours required = 100/40  
6) **Internship:** hours required = 600/240  
| appears that CTS 64-credit AND 75-credit degrees are a good fit, but possibly may need additional credits after 2021 |
| Alaska:    | [https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbp/ProfessionalLicensing/ProfessionalCounselors.aspx](https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbp/ProfessionalLicensing/ProfessionalCounselors.aspx) | 1) **Degree Hours:** requires masters with "at least 60 graduate semester hours in counseling during or after earning the master's degree"  
2) **Accreditation:** accepts degree if from a regionally accredited institution of higher education  
3) **Licensure:** can get licensed with CTS degrees with additional course work  
4) **Classes:** do not see any specific classes needed at this time; requires 8 of 10 core content areas; CTS meets all 10 content areas, including marriage and family, which is part of both MAC degrees  
   a) **64-credit degree:** would need 12 additional counseling credits in counseling  
   b) **75-credit degree:** would need 6 additional counseling credits  
5) **Practicum:** hours or requirements not specified  
6) **Internship:** hours or requirements not specified  
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| Arizona | https://azbbhe.us/               | 1) **Degree Hours:** "You must have a master's degree program consisting of 60 semester credit or 90 quarter credit hours with a major emphasis in counseling. The degree program must contain coursework meeting the eight core content areas required for licensure, the remainder of the hours in counseling related coursework, and include 700 hours of practicum including 240 hours of direct client contact."  
2) **Accreditation:** accepts degree if from a regionally accredited institution of higher education  
3) **Licensure:** can get licensed with CTS degrees with additional course work  
4) **Classes:**  
   a) **64-credit degree:** would need 12 additional counseling credits in counseling  
   b) **75-credit degree:** would need 6 additional counseling credits  
5) **Practicum/Internship:** Does not have separate Practicum and Internship; they call it Practicum; do require a Practicum with 700 total hours, 240 client with client | would need additional CO credits with either degree |
| Arkansas | https://abec.statesolutions.us/    | 1) **Degree Hours:** degree must be: "primarily professional counseling in content from a regionally accredited institution." Additionally: "The applicant must have received a graduate degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education that is primarily professional counseling or therapy in content and document completion of a minimum of 60 graduate semester hours in course work, counseling/therapy in content, that meet the academic and training standards established by the Board. The adopted standards for LAC and LPC are the current Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) standards and must meet Arkansas core curriculum standards."  
2) **Accreditation:** accepts degree if from a regionally accredited institution of higher education  
3) **Licensure:** can get licensed with CTS degrees with additional course work  
4) **Classes:** 12 core content areas, of which we have 11  
   a) **Grades:** Must have a "B-" grade or above for class to count  
   b) **Required Course Not Offered in CTS Degree:** Technology Assisted Counseling (1 credit)  
   c) **64-credit degree:** would need 12 additional counseling credits in counseling, including "Technology Assisted Counseling"  
   d) **75-credit degree:** would need 6 additional counseling credits, including "Technology Assisted Counseling"  
5) **Practicum:** Practicum hours required = 100/40  
6) **Internship:** Internship hours required = 600/240 in a mental health setting  
7) **Practicum & Internship:** requires a 9 credit hour minimum of Practicum and/or Internship | would need additional CO credits with either degree |
| California: [http://calpec.org/licensure-requirements](http://calpec.org/licensure-requirements) | 1) **Degree Hours:** requires a 60-credit masters where all courses must be counseling courses;  
2) **Accreditation:** accepts degree if from a regionally accredited institution of higher education  
3) **Licensure:** can get licensed with CTS degrees with additional course work; Note: applicants "are allowed to take 3 of the 13 core areas post-degree, if necessary."  
3) **Classes:**  
   a) 13 core content areas are required  
   b) Additionally to the 13 core content areas: beginning 1/20/2020, out of state applicants must show proof of several content areas; this includes 1) a) 12 hours of coursework in California law and professional ethics; 2) at least one semester unit, or 15 hours, of instruction that includes an understanding of various California cultures and the social and psychological implications of socioeconomic position; 3) a minimum of seven contact hours of training or coursework in child abuse assessment and reporting; 4) proof of completion of at least six hours of coursework or applied experience under supervision in suicide risk assessment  
   e) **Specific core classes missing in 64-credit degree:** (J) Psychopharmacology; (K) Addictions Counseling; (L) Crisis or Trauma Counseling; (M) Advanced Counseling and Psychotherapeutic Theories and Techniques  
   d) **Specific core classes missing in 75-credit degree:** (J) Psychopharmacology; (M) Advanced Counseling and Psychotherapeutic Theories and Techniques  
   e) **Classes outside core content areas:** "15 units of advanced graduate coursework is required beyond the 13 core areas, but it may be remediated while registered as an intern."  
4) **Practicum:** 280 face-to-face hours;  
5) **Internship:** no Internship (i.e.: their Practicum is our internship; our students would have 280 hours with 40 in Practicum and 240 in Internship) | would need additional CO credits with either degree |
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<td>requires a 60-credit masters with 48 credit hours specific to counseling</td>
<td>accepts degree if from a regionally accredited institution of higher education and receives an &quot;education review from the Center for Credential and Education (CCE) to determine if the education is equivalent to a CACREP-approved program&quot; which can be found at: <a href="https://www.cce-global.org/Assets/StateLicensure/CO_LPC%20_LPCC_App.pdf">https://www.cce-global.org/Assets/StateLicensure/CO_LPC%20_LPCC_App.pdf</a></td>
<td>can get licensed with CTS degrees</td>
<td>no more than 6 semester hours can be completed post degree if needed</td>
<td>700 total hours, with no direct client hours list. However, other documents say that &quot;field experiences&quot; should be inline with CACREPs requirements for Practicum (100/40) and Internship (600/240)</td>
<td>appears CTS is a good fit once degree approved by the CCE</td>
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<td>applicant shall have &quot;completed sixty graduate semester hours in or related to the discipline of counseling at a regionally accredited institution of higher education,&quot;</td>
<td>accepts degree if from a regionally accredited institution of higher education</td>
<td>can get licensed with CTS degrees with additional course work</td>
<td>CTS covers all 11 core content areas listed.</td>
<td>100 total hours</td>
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| State | Website | DC: [https://dchealth.dc.gov/node/160252](https://dchealth.dc.gov/node/160252) | Delaware: [https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/profcounselors/](https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/profcounselors/) | 1) **Degree Hours:** for the LGCP license, requires a minimum of 48-credit hours from a "graduate degree program in counseling" and lists the fields of study "related to counseling that are acceptable to the board" with a preference for CACREP-accredited degrees. For the LCP license, requires a minimum of 60-credit hours from a "graduate degree program in counseling" and lists the fields of study "related to counseling that are acceptable to the board" with a preference for CACREP-accredited degrees.  
2) **Accreditation:** accepts degree if from a regionally accredited institution of higher education  
3) **Licensure:** can get licensed with CTS degrees with additional course work; Note: reciprocity with Maryland is probable  
4) **Classes:** CTS covers all core content areas listed.  
   a) **64-credit degree:**  
      - LGCP: appear to have all classes  
      - LCP: would need 12 additional counseling credits in counseling  
   b) **75-credit degree:**  
      - LGCP: appear to have all classes  
      - LCP: would need 6 additional counseling credits in counseling  
5) **Practicum:** hours required = 100/40  
6) **Internship:** hours required = 600/240 | would need additional CO credits with either degree  
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| 1) **Degree Hours:** "Has received a master's degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education with a minimum of 60 graduate semester hours in clinical mental health counseling or received a graduate degree equivalent to clinical mental health counseling from a recognized institution as determined by the Board."  
2) **Accreditation:** accepts degree if from a regionally accredited institution of higher education  
3) **Licensure:** can get licensed with CTS degrees with additional course work  
4) **Classes:** CTS covers all 8 core content areas listed.  
   a) **64-credit degree:** would need 12 additional counseling credits in counseling  
   b) **75-credit degree:** would need 6 additional counseling credits  
5) **Practicum/Internship:** No hours specified for practicum or internship | would need additional CO credits with either degree  
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<td>&quot;Minimum of an earned master's degree from a regionally accredited program in mental health counseling or a closely related field that consists of at least 60 semester hours or 80 quarter hours and required graduate coursework listed below. Beginning July 1, 2025, an applicant must have a master's degree from a program that is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) which consists of at least 60 semester hours or 80 quarter hours to apply for licensure.&quot;</td>
<td>accepts degree if from a regionally accredited institution of higher education</td>
<td>can get licensed with CTS degrees with additional course work;</td>
<td>Until 2025, the following applies</td>
<td>The equivalent of at least 700 hours of university-sponsored supervised clinical practicum, internship, or field experience that includes at least 280 hours of direct client services as required in the standards for CACREP accredited mental health counseling programs.</td>
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<td><a href="https://sos.ga.gov/index.php/licensing/plb/43">https://sos.ga.gov/index.php/licensing/plb/43</a></td>
<td>60 credit hours where all course work &quot;must be graduate level coursework from an accredited institution to demonstrate that the degree is primarily counseling in content or a program in applied psychology&quot; and be from a &quot;recognized educational institution that is primarily counseling in content which includes a supervised internship or practicum as part of the degree program.&quot; Also of note, after Sept. of 2018 &quot;a regionally accredited program must be substantially similar in coursework and content to a CACREP or CORE accredited program.&quot;</td>
<td>accepts degree if from a regionally accredited institution of higher education</td>
<td>can get licensed with CTS degrees with additional course work;</td>
<td>CTS covers all core content areas listed.</td>
<td>&quot;After September 30, 2018, 600 practicum or internship hours will be required.&quot; Since programs should be &quot;substantially aligned&quot; with CACREP's requirements, the experience likely should fulfill CACREP's requirement for Practicum (100/40) and Internship (600/240)</td>
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### Hawaii:

1) **Degree hours:** A 48-credit hour "master's degree or doctoral degree from an accredited educational institution in counseling or in an allied field related to the practice of mental health counseling that includes or is supplemented by graduate level course work in counseling comprising a minimum of forty-eight semester hours"

2) **Accreditation:** accepts degree if from a regionally accredited institution of higher education

3) **Licensure:** can get licensed with CTS degrees with additional course work

4) **Classes:** CTS covers all 9 core content areas listed.
   a) 64-credit degree: do not see any specific classes needed at this time
   b) 75-credit degree: do not see any additional classes needed at this time

5) **Practicum/Internship:** "At least two academic terms of supervised mental health practicum intern experience for graduate credit for a total of at least six semester hours or ten quarter hours in a mental health counseling setting with three hundred hours of supervised client contact"

### Idaho:

1) **Degree Hours:** "sixty (60) semester hours which is primarily counseling in nature, six (6) semester hours of which are earned in an advanced counseling practicum."

2) **Accreditation:** accepts degree if from a regionally accredited institution of higher education

3) **Licensure:** can get licensed with CTS degrees with additional course work

4) **Classes:** CTS covers all 8 core content areas listed.
   a) 64-credit degree: would need 12 additional counseling credits in counseling
   b) 75-credit degree: would need 6 additional counseling credits

5) **Practicum/Internship:**
   a) "Complete at least two (2) semester courses of an advanced counseling practicum taken at the graduate school level, provided that the applicant completed a total of two hundred eighty hours (280) of direct client contact;"

6) **Of Note:** there are two levels of licensure. To be eligible for the first level, "Professional Counselor License," it is required that you have supervised experience of 1000 total hours with 400 client hours; **Note,** that "Supervised experience in practicum taken at the graduate level may be utilized."

   c) the clinical professional counselor license requires "Document two thousand (2,000) hours of direct client contact experience under supervision accumulated in no less than a two (2) year period after licensure or other authorization to practice in any state."

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<td><strong>1) Degree Hours:</strong></td>
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| **4) Classes:** | CTS offers all 13 core content areas listed.  
   a) 64-credit degree: need to take Addictions/Substance Abuse as elective  
   b) 75-credit degree: do not see any additional classes needed at this time  
   **Note:** Does not allow for a completely on-line degree: "The program has a one year residence. Residence requires interaction with faculty and other matriculated students. One year's residence is defined as 24 semester hours taken on a full-time or part-time basis at the institution accumulated within the time frame and course of study of the program." Also none of the content areas may be taken as an independent study |
| **5) Practicum:** | no hours specified |
| **6) Internship:** | no hours specified |
| 64-credit degree | a) need to take Addictions/Substance Abuse as elective  
  b) 75-credit degree: do not see any additional classes needed at this time  
  **Note:** Does not allow for a completely on-line degree: "The program has a one year residence. Residence requires interaction with faculty and other matriculated students. One year's residence is defined as 24 semester hours taken on a full-time or part-time basis at the institution accumulated within the time frame and course of study of the program." Also none of the content areas may be taken as an independent study |

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| **1) Degree Hours:** | Indiana has two levels of licensure. The LMHCA (first level) and the LMHC level (a higher level). Both require an applicant to complete sixty (60) semester hours of graduate course work in "mental health counseling or a related field." However there are differences between the two levels of licensure including Practicum and Internship requirements.  
   a) 64-credit degree: need to take 12 additional counseling credits in counseling, including a class that covers "Contextual dimensions of mental health counseling" (could take Clinical and Community Mental Health at CTS as elective to fulfill)  
   b) 75-credit degree: would need 6 additional counseling credits  
   **5) Practicum/Internship:** the LMHC license requires a:  
   a) Practicum: hours required = 100/40  
   b) Internship: hours required = 600/240  
   c) Advanced Internship: 300 total hours  
   **Note:** several grads have been accepted for licensure in IN when they met the total hours (1000/280) between practicum, internship and advanced internship |
| **2) Accreditation:** | accepts degree if from a regionally accredited institution of higher education |
| **3) Licensure:** | can get licensed with CTS degrees with additional course work |
| **4) Classes:** | CTS currently offers all 11 core areas listed.  
   a) 64-credit degree: would need 12 additional counseling credits in counseling, including a class that covers "Contextual dimensions of mental health counseling" (could take Clinical and Community Mental Health at CTS as elective to fulfill)  
   b) 75-credit degree: would need 6 additional counseling credits  
   **5) Practicum/Internship:** the LMHC license requires a:  
   a) Practicum: hours required = 100/40  
   b) Internship: hours required = 600/240  
   c) Advanced Internship: 300 total hours |
| 64-credit degree | a) need to take Addictions/Substance Abuse as elective  
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<td>Iowa</td>
<td><a href="http://idph.iowa.gov/Licensure/Iowa-Board-of-Behavioral-Science/Licensure">idph.iowa.gov</a></td>
<td>60 credit degree that &quot;must have an emphasis in mental health counseling&quot;; if not-CACREP accredited, needs an education review from the Center for Credential and Education (CCE) to determine if eligible</td>
<td>accepts degree if from a regionally accredited institution of higher education</td>
<td>can get licensed with CTS degrees with additional course work</td>
<td>6 core content areas listed.</td>
<td>Practicum hours required = 100/40</td>
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<td>Internship hours required = 600 with &quot;At least 240 hours of direct service with clientele, including experience leading groups&quot;</td>
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<td>Kansas</td>
<td><a href="http://ksbsrb.ks.gov/professions/professional-counselors">ksbsrb.ks.gov</a></td>
<td>thirty (60) semester hours of graduate course work in counseling with forty five (45) in counseling</td>
<td>accepts degree if from a regionally accredited institution of higher education</td>
<td>can get licensed with CTS degrees with additional course work</td>
<td>10 core content areas listed.</td>
<td>has completed a graduate level supervised clinical practicum of supervised professional experience&quot; with...</td>
<td>appears that CTS 75-credit degree is a good fit</td>
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<td>64-credit degree: would need to take &quot;Clinical and Community Health&quot; to &quot;satisfactorily complete coursework addressing treatment approaches and inter-disciplinary referral and collaboration&quot;</td>
<td>10 core content areas listed.</td>
<td>do not see any additional classes needed at this time</td>
<td>none of the core content areas can be taken as an independent study</td>
<td>Internship hours required ≥ 600 with &quot;At least 240 hours of direct service with clientele, including experience leading groups&quot;</td>
<td>the 64-credit is a fit if take Clinical and Community Mental Health as elective</td>
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Note: I have added the following links for each state's website to make it easier to access the information.
| Kentucky: | https://lpc.ky.gov/ | 1) **Degree Hours:** "Master's degree or higher in professional counseling or a related field from a regionally accredited institution, with a minimum of 60 semester hours in 9 specified content areas and a 400 hour organized practicum/internship. Any applicants who have enrolled in a program after 1/15/15 or who receive a degree after 5/31/2020 must graduate from a CACREP accredited program."  
2) **Accreditation:** An applicant shall have a degree from a program that is accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Counseling and Related Programs (CACREP) or its affiliates. This requirement shall not apply to an applicant who:  
(a) Is enrolled in a counseling or a related field program on or before January 15, 2015;  
(b) Maintains continuous enrollment; and  
(c) Receives a degree in the counseling or a related field program no later than May 31, 2020." | can not get licensed in KY with a MAC from CTS |
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| Louisiana: | http://www.lpcboard.org/ | 1) **Degree Hours:** “60 semester hour graduate degree the substance of which is professional mental health counseling from a regionally accredited university”  
2) **Accreditation:** accepts a degree from "a CACREP accredited program or its equivalent as determined by the board."  
3) **Licensure:** can get licensed with CTS degrees with additional course work  
4) **Classes:** CTS covers all 8 core content areas listed.  
   a) 64-credit degree: would need 12 additional counseling credits in counseling  
   b) 75-credit degree: would need 6 additional counseling credits  
5) **Practicum:** hours required = 100/40  
6) **Internship:** hours required = 600/240 | would need additional CO credits with either degree |
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| Maine | [Maine.gov](http://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/) | There are two licenses in Maine, each with their own requirements: 
  1) **Degree hours**: License Professional Counselor (LPC): "a minimum of 48 semester hours or quarter-hour equivalent as an organized sequence of study that includes curricular experiences and demonstrated knowledge that substantially satisfies each of the 10 core areas of study."

  Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC): "A counseling degree from a program that consisted of a minimum of 60 semester hours or quarter-hour equivalent as an organized sequence of study that includes curricular experiences and demonstrated knowledge that substantially satisfies each of the 10 core areas of study...and 9 semester hours from 8 additional areas of study."

  2) **Accreditation**: accepts degree if from a regionally accredited institution of higher education

  3) **Licensure**: can get licensed with CTS degrees

  4) **Classes**: There are two licenses in Maine with their own education requirements: 

    LPC: CTS covers all 10 core content areas listed.

    LCPC: CTS covers all 10 core content areas listed and offers classes in 5 of the 9 additional areas

    a) **64-credit degree**: do not see any additional classes needed at this time

    b) **75-credit degree**: do not see any additional classes needed at this time

  5) **Practicum/Internship**: 

    a) **LPC**: Practicum (no hours specified) and Internship (600 hours total); OR documentation of 700 total hours with 280 client hours

    b) **LCPC**: Practicum (no hours specified) and Internship (900 hours including 360 client hours total); OR documentation of 1,000 total hours with 400 client hours |
|         |         | appears that CTS 64-credit degree is a good fit for LPC |
|         |         | appears the 75-credit is a fit for the LCPC if fulfill Practicum and Internship requirements |
| Maryland | [Maryland.gov](https://health.maryland.gov/bopc/Pages/index.aspx) | "A master's degree with a minimum of 60 graduate semester credit hours" |
|         |         | accepts degree if from a regionally accredited institution of higher education |
|         |         | can get licensed with CTS degrees with additional course work |
|         |         | requires 14 core content areas

  a) **64-credit degree**: need to take Addictions as elective to fulfill content area of "Alcohol and Drug Counseling"; need a 2nd Theories class to fulfill "Psychotherapy and Treatment of Mental and Emotional Disorders"

  b) **75-credit degree**: need a 2nd Theories class to fulfill "Psychotherapy and Treatment of Mental and Emotional Disorders"

  5) **Practicum/Internship**: only mentions 125 face-to-face client hours during "experiential" |
|         |         | would need additional CO credits with either degree |
| Massachusetts: | https://www.mass.gov/orgs/board-of-registration-of-allied-mental-health-and-human-services-professions | 1) **Degree Hours:** "a Master's degree in Mental Health Counseling or a Related Field with a minimum of 60 semester credit hours"

2) **Accreditation:** accepts degree if from a regionally accredited institution of higher education

3) **Licensure:** can get licensed with CTS degrees with extra CO credits

4) **Classes:** CTS offers all 10 core content areas listed.
   a) **64-credit degree:** would need 12 additional counseling credits in counseling to cover elective content such as 1. best practices for maintaining and terminating counseling and psychotherapy; 2. consultation skills; 3. outreach and prevention strategies; 4. diagnosis and treatment issues; 5. working with special populations; 6. professional identity and practice issues, including historical perspectives; 7. mental health regulations and policy; 8. management of community mental health programs.
   b) **75-credit degree:** would need 6 additional counseling credits in counseling

5) **Practicum:** (100/40)

6) **Internship:** (600/240)

7) **Practicum/Internship Note:** "A site providing pre and post- Master's clinical field experience training that is a public or private Recognized Educational Institution or health or mental health institution regulated by the state, or other appropriate entity regulated by the state or otherwise exempt from regulation, that has integrated programs for the delivery of clinical Mental Health Counseling and has established provisions for appropriate supervision. A Clinical Field Experience Site does not include individual private practice or group private practice."

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<td>1) <strong>Degree Hours</strong>: 48 credit degree; if not-CACREP accredited needs an education review from the Center for Credential and Education (CCE) to determine if eligible; AND For applicants who entered a program on or before June 30, 2023: &quot;A program that is not accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP), must include coursework and training in the diagnosis and treatment of mental and emotional disorders and all other coursework requirements of CACREP, including practicum and internship requirements.&quot; For applicants who entered a program on or after July 1, 2023: the program must consist of not less than 60 semester hours or 90 quarter hours in a graduate-level degree granting program. The program must include graduate coursework and training in the diagnosis and treatment of mental and emotional disorders and all other coursework requirements of CACREP, including a practicum and an internship.</td>
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<td>4) <strong>Classes</strong>: CTS covers all 10 core content areas listed. a) <strong>64-credit degree</strong>: would need 12 additional counseling credits in counseling including taking Clinical and Community Mental Health as elective to cover content requirement of &quot;consultation&quot; in Psychotherapy content area b) <strong>75-credit degree</strong>: would need 6 additional counseling credits</td>
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<td>5) <strong>Practicum</strong>: (not specified)</td>
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<td>6) <strong>Internship</strong>: (600 total hours)</td>
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would need additional CO credits with either degree
## Minnesota

- **Degree Hours:** "Degree upon which license application is based must include at least 48 semester credits"
- **Accreditation:** accepts degree if from a regionally accredited institution of higher education
- **Licensure:** can get licensed with CTS degrees with additional course work
- **Classes:** there are different course requirements for the LPC license and LPCC license
  a) **LPC License:** CTS offers all 10 core content areas listed for the LPC license.
  b) **The LPCC license** requires the 10 content areas of the LPC plus 6 content areas called the “clinical counseling subjects.” These subject areas require a certain number of credits
    i) six credits in diagnostic assessment for child or adult mental disorders; normative development; and psychopathology, including developmental psychopathology; ii) three credits in clinical treatment planning, with measurable goals; iii) six credits in clinical intervention methods informed by research evidence and community standards of practice; (iv) three credits in evaluation methodologies regarding the effectiveness of interventions; **NOTE:** Courses from the Core Content may be counted towards the "clinical counseling subjects" if the courses "included clinical content."
  c) **64-credit degree:** do not see any additional classes needed at this time for the LPC; would need 12-15 more credits for the LPCC
  d) **75-credit degree:** do not see any additional classes needed at this time for the LPC; would likely need 3-6 more credits for the LPCC
- **Practicum/Internship:** “supervised field experience of NOT FEWER than 700 hours that is counseling in nature (which includes practicum and internship)”

## Mississippi

- **Degree Hours:** "the Board will only accept sixty (60) semester hours or ninety (90) quarter-hour master's degree programs. Those programs shall be either CACREP degree programs or degree programs with the word counseling in its title and meet the structure of CACREP as it specifically pertains to the twelve (12) courses specified"
- **Accreditation:** accepts degree if from a regionally accredited institution of higher education
- **Licensure:** can get licensed with CTS degrees with additional course work
- **Classes:** CTS covers all 12 core content areas listed.
  a) **64-credit degree:** would need 12 additional counseling credits in counseling
  b) **75-credit degree:** would need 6 additional counseling credits
- **Practicum/Internship:** "Supervised, planned, practical, advanced experience obtained in a clinical setting" would need additional CO credits with either degree

## Missouri

- **MAC degree of CTS is 100% compatible with this state.**

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<td>“Graduate degree with a minimum of 60 semester hours from an accredited college with a program of study that is primarily counseling in nature and includes 6 semester credits in an advanced counseling practicum. The program must include Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Program (CACREP) core courses.”</td>
<td>accepts degree if from a regionally accredited institution of higher education</td>
<td>can get licensed with CTS degrees with additional course work</td>
<td>CTS covers all 12 core content areas listed.</td>
<td>&quot;Advanced counseling practicum&quot; which must include “200 hours of service to clients”</td>
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<td>Nebraska</td>
<td><a href="https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Mental-Health-and-Social-Work-Practice.aspx">https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Mental-Health-and-Social-Work-Practice.aspx</a></td>
<td>&quot;Be at least 60 graduate semester hours in duration. If the master's degree is less than 60 semester hours, additional hours can be attained outside of the program to equal 60 semester hours. Any additional hours must be graduate hours and have a mental health focus to be considered as substantially equivalent.&quot; Also, &quot;The program must have an emphasis on mental health practice.&quot;</td>
<td>accepts degree if from a regionally accredited institution of higher education</td>
<td>can get licensed with CTS degrees</td>
<td>CTS offers all 10 core content areas listed. Beginning in 2023, applicants will need 9 credit hours of Theories and Techniques (CTS currently offers 6)</td>
<td>&quot;a minimum of 300 clock hours of supervised direct client contact; of these 300 hours, 150 clock hours are face-to-face in a work setting”</td>
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| Nevada: | http://marriage.state.nv.us/ | 1) **Degree Hours:** must have a "graduate Mental Health 60-credit degree from a program approved by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) as a program in mental health counseling or community counseling OR an acceptable degree as determined by the Board which includes the completion of a practicum and internship in mental health counseling which was taken concurrently with the degree program and was supervised by a licensed mental health professional;"  
2) **Accreditation:** accepts degree if from a regionally accredited institution of higher education  
3) **Licensure:** can get licensed with CTS degrees  
4) **Classes:** lists 16 core content areas  
   a) 64-credit degree: the listed 16 core content areas includes these classes not required in the 64-credit degree: human sexuality; family systems; crises and trauma; grief or loss; and addictions. Using the one allowed elective for one of these content areas, graduates would then need 4 additional class (12 credits) in the missing content areas  
   b) 75-credit degree: the listed 16 core content areas includes these classes not required in the 75-credit degree: human sexuality; family systems; and grief or loss. Using the one allowed elective for one of these content areas, graduates would then need 2 additional class (6 credits) in the missing content areas  
5) **Practicum/Internship:** Not outlined, but since all educational requirements seem to need to "substantially aligned" with CACREP's requirements, a Practicum and Internship experience likely should fulfill CACREP's requirement for Practicum (100/40) and Internship (600/240). | would need additional CO credits with either degree |
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| New Hampshire: | https://www.oplc.nh.gov/board-mental-health-practice-forms-and-other-documents | 1) **Degree Hours:** must "be described as a complete 60 or more credit hour program in clinical mental health counseling in catalogues and brochures" and "consist of a course of study, which encompasses a minimum of 2 academic years, 4 semesters, of full time graduate study"  
2) **Accreditation:** accepts degree if from a regionally accredited institution of higher education  
3) **Licensure:** can get licensed with CTS degrees  
4) **Classes:** The NH standards state that "The 60 semester hour degree in mental health counseling shall include coursework consisting of at least 33 semester hours from...11 (content) areas"  
   a) 64-credit degree: this degree meets the 11 content areas if take Addictions as elective; would need 12 additional counseling credits in counseling  
   b) 75-credit degree: do not see any specific classes needed at this time; would but would need 6 additional counseling credits  
5) **Practicum/Internship:** "Include at least 700 hours of supervised practicum and/or internship appropriate to mental health counseling." | would need additional CO credits with either degree |
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| New Jersey   | [http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/pc/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/pc/Pages/default.aspx) | "A master's degree from a regionally accredited institution that consists of 60 graduate semester hours," where "45 of the 60 must be in 'counseling' and satisfy eight (8) of the nine (9) categories." | accepts degree if from a regionally accredited institution of higher education | can get licensed with CTS degrees | 1) 64-credit degree: do not see any additional classes needed at this time  
2) 75-credit degree: do not see any additional classes needed at this time | must have but specifics not mentioned |
| New Mexico   | [http://www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/Counseling_and_Therapy_Practice.aspx](http://www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/Counseling_and_Therapy_Practice.aspx) | 48 credit hours; "Applicant with a counseling related field degree (61-9A-3-N; mental health-community counseling or agency counseling psychology; clinical psychology; counseling psychology, human and family studies; art therapy; and art education with an emphasis in art therapy)" | accepts degree if from a regionally accredited institution of higher education | can get licensed with CTS degrees | 1) 64-credit degree: do not see any additional classes needed at this time  
2) 75-credit degree: do not see any additional classes needed at this time | "A minimum of 9 semester or 12 quarter hours of graduate coursework in practicum and/or internship. The practicum and/or internship training shall focus on the provision of counseling services within a professional setting under the direction of a faculty member and/or on-site supervisor designated by the college or university." |
| New York     | [http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/mhp/mhclic.htm](http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/mhp/mhclic.htm) | "at least 60 semester hours, or the equivalent, of graduate study that contains (12) curricular content (areas)" | accepts degree if from a regionally accredited institution of higher education | can get licensed with CTS degrees | 1) 64-credit degree: appears would need 12 additional counseling credits in counseling  
2) 75-credit degree: appears would need 6 additional counseling credits | "include a minimum one year supervised internship or practicum in Mental Health Counseling where one year means at least 600 clock hours." |
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<td><a href="http://www.ncblpc.org">http://www.ncblpc.org</a></td>
<td>&quot;60 Semester Hours or 90 Quarter Hours Graduate Coursework in Counseling for 9 areas of study&quot;</td>
<td>requires a CACREP-accredited degree for licensure beginning in 2022</td>
<td>can not get licensed with CTS degrees after 2022</td>
<td><a href="#">64-credit degree</a> would need 12 additional counseling credits in counseling <a href="#">75-credit degree</a> would need 6 additional counseling credits</td>
<td>application form indicates 700 hours total required; explicit that 100 hours required for practicum and 600 required for internship; not client hours requested or specified</td>
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<td>North Dakota</td>
<td><a href="http://www.ndbce.org/">http://www.ndbce.org/</a></td>
<td>60 Hr. Masters in Counseling. &quot;Academic programs are programs identified specifically as Masters Degree counseling programs in the graduate bulletin of the accredited school or college. These programs include counseling, counselor education, counseling and guidance, and counseling and development...the applicant’s graduate transcript(s) must indicate a minimum of sixty semester credits (or ninety quarter hours) related to counseling&quot;</td>
<td>accepts degree if from a regionally accredited institution of higher education</td>
<td>can get licensed with CTS degrees</td>
<td><a href="#">64-credit degree</a> would need 12 additional counseling credits in counseling <a href="#">75-credit degree</a> would need 6 additional counseling credits</td>
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### North Carolina:
1. **Degree Hours:** "60 Semester Hours or 90 Quarter Hours Graduate Coursework in Counseling for 9 areas of study"
2. **Accreditation:** requires a CACREP-accredited degree for licensure beginning in 2022
3. **Licensure:** can not get licensed with CTS degrees after 2022

### North Dakota:
1. **Degree Hours:** 60 Hr. Masters in Counseling. "Academic programs are programs identified specifically as Masters Degree counseling programs in the graduate bulletin of the accredited school or college. These programs include counseling, counselor education, counseling and guidance, and counseling and development...the applicant’s graduate transcript(s) must indicate a minimum of sixty semester credits (or ninety quarter hours) related to counseling"
2. **Accreditation:** accepts degree if from a regionally accredited institution of higher education
3. **Licensure:** can get licensed with CTS degrees
4. **Classes:** CTS covers all 10 core content areas listed
   a) **64-credit degree:** would need 12 additional counseling credits in counseling
   b) **75-credit degree:** would need 6 additional counseling credits
5. **Practicum/Internship:** application form indicates 700 hours total required; explicit that 100 hours required for practicum and 600 required for internship; not client hours requested or specified

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<td>1) Degree Hours when degree is from outside Ohio: The individual must complete 1) &quot;a minimum of ninety quarter hours or sixty semester hours of graduate credit in counselor training acceptable to the committee&quot;; and have a 2) &quot;graduate degree in counseling issued by an institution in another state from a clinical mental health counseling program (that is) approved by the board.&quot;</td>
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<td>2) Accreditation: Beginning in 2018, Ohio began requiring that degrees from in-state institutions be CACREP-accredited; degrees from out of state do not have to be CACREP-accredited if they are a regionally accredited institution of higher education and meet specific course requirements</td>
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<td>3) Licensure: can get licensed with CTS degrees</td>
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<td>a) 64-credit degree: would need a minimum of 12 additional counseling credits</td>
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<td>b) 75-credit degree: would need a minimum of 6 additional counseling credits</td>
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<td>c) Notes on classes needed: We meet the 11 core content areas but only have 3 credits of an additional 20 credits they want: &quot;In addition, either as a part of the applicant's master degree or after the award of the degree, a minimum of thirty quarter hours, or twenty semester hours, of instruction acceptable to the board and represented by at least one graduate course in each of the following areas: 1) Clinical psychopathology, personality, and abnormal behavior; 2) Evaluation of mental and emotional status; 3) Diagnosis of mental and emotional disorders; 4) Methods of intervention and prevention of mental and emotional disorders; 5) Treatment of mental and emotional disorders:</td>
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| **Oklahoma:** | http://www.ok.gov/health/ProtectiveHealth/ProfessionalCounselorLicensingDivision/ | 1) **Degree Hours:** "At least sixty (60) semester credit hours or ninety (90) quarter credit hours of graduate counseling-related course work, including internship, must be earned. In order to be considered acceptable, your graduate degree(s) must follow a planned, sequenced mental health program."
2) **Accreditation:** accepts degree if from a regionally accredited institution of higher education
3) **Licensure:** can get licensed with CTS degrees
4) **Classes:** Both CTS offer cover the 7 required core content areas; however, OK also requires that an applicant have at least 5 of the 16 "knowledge areas" and 2 courses in appraisal/assessment (CTS only offers 1 course)
   a) **64-credit degree:** this CTS degree covers 4 of the 16 "knowledge areas" listed; would need to take 12 additional counseling credits including 1 more in their listed knowledge areas and a 2nd version of appraisals
   b) **75-credit degree:** this CTS degree covers 7 of the 16 "knowledge areas" listed; would need 6 additional counseling credits, including a 2nd version of appraisals
5) **Practicum/ Internship:** "at least one (1) course of an organized practicum with at least three hundred (300) clock hours in counseling with planned experiences providing classroom and field experience with clients"
   would need additional CO credits with either degree |
| **Oregon:** | https://www.oregon.gov/oblpct/Pages/index.aspx | 1) **Degree Hours:** "The graduate degree was from a college or university that was accredited by a national (CACREP, CORE, COAMFTE) or regional accrediting body, OR was one of 11 Oregon Board-approved programs OR offered a master's or doctoral degree. The program was at least 60 semester credit hours or 90 quarter credit hours for graduate degrees granted on or after October 1, 2014.
2) **Accreditation:** accepts degree if from a regionally accredited institution of higher education
3) **Licensure:** can get licensed with CTS degrees
4) **Classes:** both CTS degrees include 1 course in each of the 9 core content areas listed but need additional credits to cover required coursework in specific areas: "At least 16 semester hours or 24 quarter hours of supporting coursework for specialty areas"
   a) **64-credit degree:** would need a minimum of 12 additional counseling credits
   b) **75-credit degree:** would need a minimum of 6 additional counseling credits
5) **Practicum/ Internship:** 700 total hours and 280 client hours
   would need additional CO credits with either degree |
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| Pennsylvania | [http://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/SocialWorkersMarriageFamilyTherapistsandProfessionalCounselors/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/SocialWorkersMarriageFamilyTherapistsandProfessionalCounselors/Pages/default.aspx) | 1) **Degree Hours:** "Has successfully completed a planned program of 60 semester hours or 90 quarter hours of graduate coursework in counseling or a field determined by the board by regulation to be closely related to the practice of professional counseling"  
2) **Accreditation:** accepts degree if from a regionally accredited institution of higher education  
3) **Licensure:** can get licensed with CTS degrees  
4) **Classes:** CTS covers all 9 core content areas listed  
   a) 64-credit degree: would need a minimum of 12 additional counseling credits  
   b) 75-credit degree: would need a minimum of 6 additional counseling credits  
5) **Practicum/Internship:** Includes 100 clock hours of supervised practicum experience and 600 clock hours of supervised internship experience. The supervised internship experience shall begin after completion of the supervised practicum experience. | would need additional CO credits with either degree |
| Rhode Island | [https://health.ri.gov/licenses/detail.php?id=228](https://health.ri.gov/licenses/detail.php?id=228) | 1) **Degree Hours:** "Has completed sixty (60) semester credit hours within their graduate counseling/therapy program or post graduate program. The sixty (60) semester credit hours must be received prior to beginning post graduate experience and supervised case work hours."  
2) **Accreditation:** accepts degree if from a regionally accredited institution of higher education  
3) **Licensure:** can get licensed with CTS degrees  
4) **Classes:** An applicant needs to complete courses in each of the following eight (8) categories, in accordance with the minimum number of credits required in each category, for a total of thirty (30) credits:  
   a) 64-credit degree: would need a minimum of 12 additional counseling credits and 3 additional credits of internship  
   b) 75-credit degree: would need a minimum of 6 additional counseling credits and 3 additional credits of internship  
5) **Practicum/Internship:** Has completed: a. "the requisite CACREP expectations for internship and practicum" OR b. "Twelve (12) semester credit hours of supervised practicum and a minimum of one (1) calendar year of supervised internship consisting of twenty (20) hours per week deemed equivalent by the Board" | would need additional CO credits with either degree |
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<td>&quot;By law, all applicants must have a 48 hour master's degree or higher in counseling or in a related discipline, and the applicant must demonstrate on graduate transcript successful completion of one (1) three-hour graduate level course in each of the ten areas and completion of a 150 (client) hour counseling practicum.&quot;</td>
<td>accepts degree if from a regionally accredited institution of higher education</td>
<td>can get licensed with CTS degrees</td>
<td>CTS covers all 10 core content areas listed</td>
<td>100 total, no client hours mentioned</td>
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<td>appears that CTS 64-credit AND 75-credit degrees are a good fit</td>
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<td>South Dakota:</td>
<td><a href="https://dss.sd.gov/licensingboards/counselors/counselors.aspx">https://dss.sd.gov/licensingboards/counselors/counselors.aspx</a></td>
<td>&quot;official educational transcript from an accredited counseling program recognized by the board demonstrating a master's or doctoral degree in counseling with an emphasis in mental health consisting of at least 48 credit hours&quot; NOTE: SD has 2 tracks for licensure: LPC and LPC-MH (Mental Health). CTS meets requirements for LPC license, but it seems that additional credits would be required for LPC-MH license (additional courses focused on diagnosis/treatment of psychopathology).</td>
<td>accepts degree if from a regionally accredited institution of higher education</td>
<td>can get licensed with CTS degrees</td>
<td>LPC: CTS covers all 12 core content areas listed</td>
<td>LPC-MH: CTS offers 14 of the 17 course required; do not see any additional classes needed at this time for the LPC degree; would need 4 additional course for the LPC-MH degree (Clinical Assessment, Case Management, Pharmacology, Foundation of Mental Health (Intro is already used for another category)</td>
<td>LPC: (100/40) LPC-MH: (600/240)</td>
<td>LPC: appears that CTS 64-credit AND 75-credit degrees are a good fit LPC-MH: would need additional CO credits with either degree</td>
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<td>1) Degree Hours:</td>
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<td>a) Licensed Professional Counselor:</td>
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<td>b) Professional Counselor with Mental Health Services Provider designation:</td>
<td>We do not meet this; would need to have completed a minimum of nine (9) graduate semester hours of coursework specifically related to diagnosis, treatment, appraisal and assessment of mental disorders</td>
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<td>5) Practicum/Internship:</td>
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<td><a href="https://www.bhec.texas.gov/">https://www.bhec.texas.gov/</a></td>
<td>&quot;planned graduate program in counseling or a counseling-related field of at least 60 graduate semester hours&quot;</td>
<td>accepts a 60-credit degree if from a regionally accredited institution of higher education</td>
<td>can get licensed with CTS degrees</td>
<td>both CTS degrees cover all 10 core content areas listed however &quot;the remaining courses needed to meet the 60 graduate-hour requirement shall be counseling or related course work that are in areas directly supporting the development of an applicant's professional counseling skills and shall be courses related primarily to professional counseling.&quot; ALSO, as of August 1, 2017, the following courses must be taken in addition to the core content areas: (1) addictions counseling; (2) an additional course in counselor ethics; 3) couples, marriage, or family counseling and (4) a course in psychopathology that must include the basic knowledge of types of psychopharmacological medications. a) 64 credit degree: would need a minimum of 12 additional counseling credits including Addictions counseling, a 2nd ethics course, and a course with psychopharmacological medications b) 75 credit degree: would need a minimum of 6 additional counseling credits including a 2nd ethics course and a course with psychopharmacological medications</td>
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<td>Utah</td>
<td><a href="https://dopl.utah.gov/cmh/index.html">https://dopl.utah.gov/cmh/index.html</a></td>
<td>&quot;60 semester credit hours in clinical mental health counseling or an equivalent field&quot;</td>
<td>accepts degree if from a regionally accredited institution of higher education</td>
<td>can get licensed with CTS degrees</td>
<td>CTS offers all 10 core content areas listed a) 64 credit degree: would need a minimum of 12 additional counseling credits including Addictions counseling b) 75 credit degree: would need a minimum of 6 additional counseling credits</td>
<td>Updated in April 2021: &quot;Must include 700 documented hours of supervised clinical training from at least one practicum or internship, of which 240 hours consist of providing therapy directly to clients&quot;</td>
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| Vermont: | https://sos.vermont.gov/allied-mental-health/ | 1) **Degree Hours:** "An applicant must have completed a minimum of 60 graduate hours of coursework and received a master's degree or higher degree, in clinical mental health counseling"  
2) **Accreditation:** accepts degree if from a regionally accredited institution of higher education  
3) **Licensure:** can get licensed with CTS degrees  
4) **Classes:** both CTS degrees cover 7 core content areas listed  
a) 64-credit degree: would need a minimum of 12 additional counseling credits, including using the elective to take a class that satisfies one of these content areas: Human Sexuality for Counselors; Crisis Intervention; or Addictive Disorders  
b) 75-credit degree: would need a minimum of 6 additional counseling credits  
5) **Practicum/ Internship:** "You must have at least 700 hours of internship to be eligible for licensure. The 700 hours can include up to 100 hours of practicum. " | would need additional CO credits with either degree |
| Virginia: | https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/counseling/ | 1) **Degree Hours:** "a 60 credit graduate degree from a program that prepares individuals to practice counseling"  
2) **Accreditation:** accepts degree if from a regionally accredited institution of higher education  
3) **Licensure:** can get licensed with CTS degrees  
4) **Classes:** CTS offers all 13 core content areas listed  
a) 64-credit degree: would need a minimum of 12 additional counseling credits including Addictions counseling  
b) 75-credit degree: would need a minimum of 6 additional counseling credits  
5) **Practicum/ Internship:** "Supervised internship of at least 600 hours to include 240 hours of face-to-face client contact. Only internship hours earned after completion of 30 graduate semester hours may be counted towards residency hours." | would need additional CO credits with either degree |
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<td>&quot;Applicants must have a master's or doctoral degree in mental health counseling or a behavioral science master's or doctoral degree in a field relating to mental health counseling. It must have a core of study relating to counseling theory and counseling philosophy. It must have either a counseling practicum, or a counseling internship, or both, in the core of study.&quot;</td>
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<td>West Virginia</td>
<td><a href="http://www.wvbec.org">http://www.wvbec.org</a></td>
<td>&quot;60 hour master's degree in counseling or related field&quot;</td>
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2) Accreditation: accepts degree if from a regionally accredited institution of higher education

3) Licensure: can get licensed with CTS degrees

4) Classes: requires applicants to have at least 7 of 17 content areas listed
   a) 64-credit degree: this degree includes 10 of the 17 content areas; do not see any additional classes needed at this time
   b) 75-credit degree: this degree includes 12 of the 17 content areas; do not see any additional classes needed at this time

5) Practicum/Internship: require but can not find specified hours

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<td>1) Degree Hours: &quot;students applying for licensure with the Professional Counselor Section will need to demonstrate on their official university transcript that they have completed at least 60 semester hours or 90 quarter hours of academic credit in a field closely related to professional counseling or rehabilitation counseling.&quot;&lt;br&gt;2) Accreditation: accepts degree if from a regionally accredited institution of higher education&lt;br&gt;3) Licensure: can get licensed with CTS degrees&lt;br&gt;4) Classes: CTS offers all of the 17 core content areas listed&lt;br&gt;   a) 64-credit degree: to fulfill the 17 core content areas, will need Crises and Trauma; Clinical and Community Mental Health; and Addictions counseling. To fulfill the 60 counseling credits, will also need 3 additional counseling credits. This is a combined total of 12 additional counseling credits.&lt;br&gt;   b) 75-credit degree: To fulfill the 60 counseling credits, would need 6 additional counseling credits&lt;br&gt;5) Practicum: 100 total, 40 with clients&lt;br&gt;6) Internship: 600 total 240 with clients</td>
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<td>Wyoming</td>
<td><a href="https://mentalhealth.wyo.gov/">https://mentalhealth.wyo.gov/</a></td>
<td>1) Degree Hours: &quot;completed a minimum of sixty (60) semester hours of graduate level course work...that was substantially similar in content as required by CACREP including instructor qualifications, clinical supervision and course work.&quot;&lt;br&gt;2) Accreditation: accepts degree if from a regionally accredited institution of higher education&lt;br&gt;3) Licensure: can get licensed with CTS degrees&lt;br&gt;4) Classes: CTS covers all 9 core content areas listed&lt;br&gt;   a) 64-credit degree: would need a minimum of 12 additional counseling credits&lt;br&gt;   b) 75-credit degree: would need a minimum of 6 additional counseling credits&lt;br&gt;5) Practicum: 100/40&lt;br&gt;6) Internship: 600/240</td>
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