

# How to become a Licensed Professional Counselor

**1** Complete a bachelor's degree in counseling, psychology, counseling, or social work.

**2** Complete a Masters Degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling

**\*You want to ensure it is CACREP certified.**

**3** Consult your local state licensing board for requirements regarding licensure.

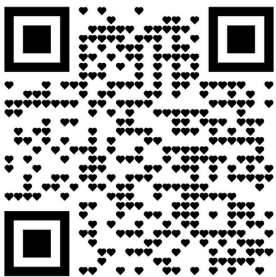
**\*\*WV: 3,000 hours with 1,500 being direct client care  
150 Supervision Hours**

**\*\*VA: 3,400 hours of experience with 2,000 being  
direct client care and 200 supervisory hours.**

**4** Complete residency requirements, supervision, and testing.

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# How to become a Licensed Independent Social Worker

- 1 Complete a bachelor's degree in counseling, psychology, counseling, or social work.
- 2 Complete a Masters Degree in Social Work  
**\*Ensure it is an accredited program.**
- 3 Consult your local state licensing board for requirements regarding licensure.  
**\*\*WV: 3,000 hours are 100 Supervision Hours**
- 4 Complete residency requirements, supervision, and testing.

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