

LPC Licensure by Endorsement is always considered on a case by case basis. As long as the licensing requirements in your state, at the time you first applied for licensure, are equal to or greater than WV's current requirements then you should have no problem in gaining WV LPC licensure.

IMPORTANT: As you review the information below, please ensure you are licensed at the highest level of licensure in your state, having completed the exam and supervision requirements, and you are permitted to practice independently in your state. We suggest interested applicants review Series 1, LPC Licensing Rule (Board Rules tab), as it outlines the current education, exam, supervision and application requirements.

Ohio applicants please note, the "Ohio LPCC" is equivalent to the "LPC in WV" and may apply as an endorsement applicant. Rather, if you are licensed as an LPC in Ohio, this is equivalent to the Provisionally Licensed Counselor in WV in which the supervision requirement has not been completed. The LPC in Ohio will need to request the standard application materials for licensure as you will not be applying as an endorsement applicant. Thank you.

Additionally, effective August 15, 2016, the licensing rule now includes a provision for the applicant that has actively practiced mental health counseling as a licensed professional counselor by maintaining an ongoing caseload for at least five of the last seven years in another jurisdiction, immediately preceding application. The cited portion of Series 1, LPC Licensing Rule is provided below for your review: (For the applicant that does not meet this criteria, they may still apply for Reciprocity/Endorsement and will need to meet the licensure requirements outlined in Series 1. Once you have requested and received the Instructions/Checklist, please see Option #2 for more information.)

5.3. The Board may waive the requirements as listed in 5.2.a.2. and 5.2.a.4. should the endorsement applicant have actively practiced mental health counseling as a licensed professional counselor by maintaining an ongoing caseload for at least five of the last seven years in another jurisdiction, immediately preceding application.

5.3.a. Applicants seeking a waiver shall provide the following:

5.3.a.1. Proof of having passed the national counselor examination (NCE) or the national clinical mental health counseling examination (NCMHCE) or other certification examination in counseling approved by the board.

5.3.a.2. Proof of good standing in all jurisdictions wherein licensed, current or otherwise, with proof of no discipline in any of these jurisdictions for an act that would have constituted grounds for refusal,

suspension, or revocation of a license to practice mental health counseling in the state of West Virginia at the time the act was committed.

5.3.a.3. Verification of licensure standing from all jurisdictions where currently licensed.