

The clinical mental health counseling Master of Arts program at Indiana Wesleyan University seeks to prepare the program graduate for licensure and service in the clinical mental health counseling profession. Licensure procedures vary by state. The procedure in the state of Indiana is to register to take the National Counselor Examination, pass the examination, complete the application for licensure as a mental health counselor associate, and be approved by the Behavioral Health and Human Services Licensing Board.

Following successful program completion, the program graduate will have obtained requisite graduate coursework to apply for a mental health counselor associate license upon earning a passing score on the National Counselor Examination. Applicants also need to clear a criminal history check.

States for which the IWU curriculum meets the State educational requirements for licensure or certification

- Alabama
- Alaska (Three hours of “Marriage and family counseling or therapy” should be taken as an elective. IWU offers an online “Foundations of Marriage Family Therapy” course.)
- Arizona
- Colorado
- Connecticut (Three hours of “Trauma and crisis counseling” should be taken as an elective. IWU offers an online “Trauma and Grief Counseling” course.)
- Delaware
- District of Columbia
- Florida (Three hours of Human Sexuality and three hours of substance abuse)
- Hawaii
- Indiana
- Idaho
- Iowa
- Kentucky
- Maine
- Michigan
- Minnesota (Three hours of “Family Counseling and Therapy” should be taken as an elective. IWU offers an online “Foundations of Marriage Family Therapy” course.)

- Missouri
- Montana
- Nebraska
- New Hampshire
- New Jersey
- New Mexico
- New York
- North Carolina
- North Dakota
- Ohio
- Oklahoma (Give attention to elective credits.)
- Oregon
- Pennsylvania
- Rhode Island
- South Carolina
- South Dakota (Must take “Psychopharmacology” as an elective.)
- Texas (Three hours of “couples, marriage, or family counseling” should be taken as an elective. IWU offers an online “Foundations of Marriage Family Therapy” course.)
- Utah (Must take “CNS-554A, Advanced Internship” as an elective.)
- Vermont (Give attention to elective credits.)
- Virginia (Three hours of “marriage and family systems theory” should be taken as an elective. IWU offers an online “Foundations of Marriage Family Therapy” course.)
- Washington
- Wyoming

States for which the IWU curriculum does not meet the State educational requirements for licensure or certification

- Arkansas (Need one hour of “Use of Technology in Counseling/Therapy” course & MFT course)
- California (Specialized)
- Georgia (3 hours in theories & 3 hours in techniques)
- Illinois (3 hours in theories & 3 hours in techniques)
- Kansas (3 hours helping relationship & 3 hours in counseling theory/practice)
- Louisiana (3 hours counseling/psychotherapy theories of personality)
- Massachusetts (3 hours of theories & 3 hours of clinical skills)
- Maryland (3 hours in theories & 3 hours in techniques)
- Mississippi (3 hours in theories & 3 hours in techniques)
- Nevada (3 hours in theories & 3 hours in techniques)

- Tennessee (3 hours in theories of human behavior, learning, and personality; 3 hours of counseling techniques; 3 hours use of the diagnostic and statistical manual; 3 hours in treatment and treatment planning)
- West Virginia (3 hours in theories & 3 hours in techniques)
- Wisconsin (3 hours of helping relationship & 3 hours of theory)

States for which it has not yet been determined whether the IWU curriculum meets the State educational requirements for licensure or certification

- Guam

Please view this link from the American Counseling Association for specific links to your state's licensing agency rules and regulations: [State by state licensing regulations](#)