

LCPCs Diagnose and Treat Mental and Emotional Disorders

- Treatment by an LCPC is the preferred choice of many individuals and families for their mental health and situational problems.
- Counselors have been providing psychotherapy services in the community for decades.
- In 1998, Maryland passed a law requiring counselors to be licensed and stringently regulated by the state.
- LCPCs work in private practice. They are also employed as psychotherapists and clinical supervisors in mental health agencies, universities, hospitals, and public and private non-profit programs serving individuals with mental health needs.
- Several private and state colleges and universities in Maryland have graduate schools that offer Master's degree programs in clinical counseling.

- Psychotherapy provided by an LCPC is a covered health insurance benefit.
- LCPCs are preferred providers for managed care companies.
- The confidential communications between an LCPC and a client are privileged.
- LCPCs offer a wide range of specialty treatment services for children, adolescents, adults, couples, and families.
- LCPCs are highly qualified, experienced, and affordable psychotherapists.



Depression
Anxiety and Stress
Marital & Family Problems
Substance Abuse
Sudden Loss
Parenting Problems
Physical and Sexual Abuse
Situational Crisis

People seek counseling from LCPCs for life's most difficult and critical problems.

Qualifications

- Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors must meet stringent educational and training requirements to practice psychotherapy in Maryland.
- LCPCs must complete an approved Master's degree graduate school program and 60 graduate credits in counseling, psychology, or a related field.
- LCPCs must complete a two years of supervised post-graduate clinical training as a Licensed Graduate Professional Counselor (LGPC). An LGPC has successfully completed the graduate coursework required for the LCPC credential and passed the national examination.
- LCPCs must pass an examination on state ethics and laws regulating the counseling profession, in addition to a national examination.
- LCPCs must fulfill yearly state requirements for continuing education for license renewal.