

COMPARISON OF LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS  
Prepared by the New York Mental Health Counselors Association (NYMHCA)

	FIRST LEVEL		ADVANCED LEVEL	
MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS	MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELOR - LIMITED PERMIT	LICENSED MASTER SOCIAL WORKER	LICENSED MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELOR	LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER
<b>EDUCATION</b>	<p>Minimum of a 60-credit hour Master's in SED-approved counseling program with <b>specified content areas including assessment, psychopathology, counseling theory and practice, group dynamics</b></p> <p>Minimum of 600 clock hours of supervised internship</p>	<p>Masters of Social Work – 60 credit Hours.</p> <p><b>No required clinical education.</b></p> <p>900 clock hours of supervised internship</p>	<p>Minimum of a <b>60-credit hour</b> Master's in SED-approved counseling program with specified content areas including assessment, psychopathology, counseling theory and practice, group dynamics. <b>Almost entire 60 hours are in clinical education and preparation.</b></p> <p>Minimum of 600 clock hours of supervised internship</p>	<p>Masters of Social Work with at least <b>12 hours of clinical coursework</b> including diagnosis and assessment and social work treatment and practice.</p> <p>900 clock hours of supervised internship</p>
<b>EXPERIENCE</b>	<p>Permit granted only to persons who have met all but experience and exam requirements of LMHC</p> <p>To obtain permit, must have appropriate work site that is approved by OP</p>	<p>No experience necessary</p>	<p><b>3,000 clock hours</b> (not including internship hours) supervised experience in an SED--approved setting. Supervision by a licensed mental health professional, including: LMHC, LCSW, psychologist, psychiatrist, physician's assistant, psychiatric nurse.</p>	<p>2,000 client contact hours over 3 years of supervised experience in SED-approved setting. Supervision by LCSW, licensed psychologist, psychiatrist</p>
<b>EXAMINATION</b>	<p>Must pass LMHC exam</p>	<p>Must pass exam</p>	<p>Must pass LMHC exam</p>	<p>Must pass LCSW exam</p>
<b>ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT</b>	<p>Child Abuse Reporting Training</p>	<p>Child Abuse Reporting Training</p>	<p>Child Abuse Reporting Training</p>	<p>Child Abuse Reporting Training</p>

To view these requirements on the New York State Education Department's website go to: [www.OP.NYSED.GOV](http://www.OP.NYSED.GOV).