Thank you for your interest in Thomas University!

The Master of Science in Counseling program is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) and includes required synchronous online coursework designed to promote interactive learning, professional engagement, and counselor development.

Students pursuing professional counseling credentials may be eligible to complete national examinations, including the National Counselor Examination (NCE), National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE), and Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC) Examination, depending on their program of study, academic progress, and the eligibility requirements established by the respective credentialing organizations.

The NCE and NCMHCE are administered by the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC) through authorized testing arrangements. Examination appointments may be available throughout the year, depending on the candidate's eligibility, registration pathway, and applicable testing authorization. Students are encouraged to consult NBCC for current examination registration and scheduling information. Eligible candidates are typically recommended by Thomas University for applicable professional examinations during their final semesters of enrollment, generally while completing supervised fieldwork, based on academic progress, professional development, counselor-in-training readiness, and examination eligibility requirements. Eligible students may begin the application process for National Certified Counselor (NCC) certification before graduation and may complete the required national examination while enrolled in the program. However, passing an examination does not automatically confer national certification or professional licensure. Students must successfully complete their degree and satisfy all applicable certification requirements before receiving the NCC credential.

The CRC Examination is administered three times annually during designated testing windows. Eligibility is determined by the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification (CRCC), based on applicable educational and professional requirements. Students interested in pursuing this credential should review the requirements and examination schedule directly through CRCC. Students pursuing CRC certification must meet all eligibility and certification requirements established by CRCC.

Students are responsible for reviewing and understanding the specific examination, educational, supervised experience, and licensure requirements established by the state in which they intend to practice. Requirements vary by state and professional credentials. Additional information is available through the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification (CRCC), and applicable state professional licensing boards.

Students pursuing addiction counseling credentials must satisfy the educational, clinical training, examination, and supervised experience requirements established by the applicable state licensing board or credentialing organization.
Students seeking professional certification as school counselors in Georgia must meet the requirements established by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC), including any applicable certification assessments and educator preparation requirements. Students seeking school counseling certification outside of Georgia are responsible for consulting their respective state's Department of Education or appropriate educator certification agency to determine specific certification, examination, and licensure requirements.

Completion of the Master of Science in Counseling program does not automatically result in professional licensure as a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC), Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC), or equivalent state credential. Graduates must satisfy the applicable state's licensure requirements, which may include passing designated examinations, completing post-degree supervised clinical experience, and meeting additional educational or administrative requirements. Thomas University encourages students to begin researching their intended state's licensure requirements early in their academic program to support appropriate educational and professional planning.

See the attached state licensure list and agency contact for the Thomas University MSC program.



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Professional Counselor Licensure Disclosure

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Institutional determination. Thomas University has determined that its 60-credit, CACREP-accredited Master of Science in Counseling meets the educational requirements for professional counselor licensure in every jurisdiction listed below, including required clinical fieldwork hours. CACREP accreditation for the program and its four specializations extends through July 2032.

Important limitation. "Meets educational requirements" does not mean that a graduate is licensed or guaranteed licensure. Each jurisdiction may separately require examinations, post-graduate supervised experience, jurisprudence or state-specific coursework or workshops, background checks, fees, documentation, residency, or other conditions. Requirements can change. Students must consult the licensing authority for the jurisdiction where they intend to practice before enrollment, relocation, fieldwork placement, and application.

Scope. This disclosure concerns professional counselor credentials such as LPC, LPCC, LCPC, or LMHC. School counseling certification and stand-alone addiction counseling credentials may be governed by different agencies and requirements.

Jurisdiction	TU educational determination	Licensing authority	Current licensing information
Alabama	**YES***	Alabama Board of Examiners in Counseling	NBCC board profile
Alaska	**YES***	Alaska Board of Professional Counselors	NBCC board profile
Arizona	**YES***	Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners	NBCC board profile
Arkansas	**YES***	Arkansas Board of Examiners in Counseling	NBCC board profile
California	**YES***	California Board of Behavioral Sciences	NBCC board profile
Colorado	**YES***	Colorado State Board of Licensed Professional Counselor Examiners	NBCC board profile
Connecticut	**YES***	Connecticut Department of Public Health Professional Counselor Licensure	NBCC board profile
Delaware	**YES***	Delaware Board of Mental Health and Chemical Dependency Professionals	NBCC board profile
District of Columbia	**YES***	District of Columbia Board of Professional Counseling	NBCC board profile
Florida	**YES***	Florida Board of Clinical Social Work Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling	NBCC board profile
Georgia	**YES***	Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists	NBCC board profile
Guam	**YES***	Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners	Official agency page

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Hawaii	**YES***	Hawaii Professional and Vocational Licensing Division Mental Health Counselor Program	NBCC board profile
Idaho	**YES***	Idaho Licensing Board of Professional Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists	NBCC board profile
Illinois	**YES***	Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation Professional Counselor Licensing	NBCC board profile
Indiana	**YES***	Indiana Behavioral Health and Human Services Licensing Board	NBCC board profile
Iowa	**YES***	Iowa Board of Behavioral Health Professionals	NBCC board profile
Kansas	**YES***	Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board	NBCC board profile
Kentucky	**YES***	Kentucky Board of Licensed Professional Counselors	NBCC board profile
Louisiana	**YES***	Louisiana Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners	NBCC board profile
Maine	**YES***	Maine Board of Counseling Professionals Licensure	NBCC board profile
Maryland	**YES***	Maryland Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists	NBCC board profile
Massachusetts	**YES***	Massachusetts Board of Registration of Allied Mental Health and Human Services Professions	NBCC board profile
Michigan	**YES***	Michigan Board of Counseling	NBCC board profile
Minnesota	**YES***	Minnesota Board of Behavioral Health and Therapy	NBCC board profile
Mississippi	**YES***	Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors	NBCC board profile
Missouri	**YES***	Missouri Committee for Professional Counselors	NBCC board profile

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Montana	**YES***	Montana Board of Behavioral Health	NBCC board profile
Nebraska	**YES***	Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Mental Health Practice	NBCC board profile
Nevada	**YES***	Nevada Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors	NBCC board profile
New Hampshire	**YES***	New Hampshire Board of Mental Health Practice	NBCC board profile
New Jersey	**YES***	New Jersey Professional Counselor Examiners Committee	NBCC board profile
New Mexico	**YES***	New Mexico Counseling and Therapy Practice Board	NBCC board profile
New York	**YES***	New York State Education Department Office of the Professions Mental Health Practitioners	NBCC board profile
North Carolina	**YES***	North Carolina Board of Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselors	NBCC board profile
North Dakota	**YES***	North Dakota Board of Counselor Examiners	NBCC board profile
Ohio	**YES***	Ohio Counselor Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapist Board	NBCC board profile
Oklahoma	**YES***	Oklahoma State Board of Behavioral Health Licensure	NBCC board profile
Oregon	**YES***	Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists	NBCC board profile
Pennsylvania	**YES***	Pennsylvania State Board of Social Workers Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors	NBCC board profile
Puerto Rico	**YES***	Puerto Rico Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors	NBCC board profile
Rhode Island	**YES***	Rhode Island Board of Mental Health Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists	NBCC board profile

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South Carolina	**YES***	South Carolina Board of Examiners for Licensure of Professional Counselors Marriage and Family Therapists Addiction Counselors and Psycho Educational Specialists	NBCC board profile
South Dakota	**YES***	South Dakota Board of Examiners for Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists	NBCC board profile
Tennessee	**YES***	Tennessee Board for Licensed Professional Counselors Licensed Marital and Family Therapists and Licensed Clinical Pastoral Therapists	NBCC board profile
Texas	**YES***	Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors	NBCC board profile
Utah	**YES***	Utah Division of Professional Licensing Clinical Mental Health Counselor Licensing	NBCC board profile
Vermont	**YES***	Vermont Board of Allied Mental Health Practitioners	NBCC board profile
U.S. Virgin Islands	**YES***	Virgin Islands Board of Licensed Counselors and Examiners	Official agency page
Virginia	**YES***	Virginia Board of Counseling	NBCC board profile
Washington	**YES***	Washington State Department of Health Mental Health Counselor Licensing	NBCC board profile
West Virginia	**YES***	West Virginia Board of Examiners in Counseling	NBCC board profile
Wisconsin	**YES***	Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services Professional Counselor Section	NBCC board profile
Wyoming	**YES***	Wyoming Mental Health Professions Licensing Board	NBCC board profile

*** Determination basis:** Thomas University's published program information states that the M.S. in Counseling meets educational requirements in all states, including clinical fieldwork hours. The licensing authority makes the final eligibility determination for each applicant.

Authoritative sources reviewed: Thomas University M.S. in Counseling; NBCC State Board Directory; individual licensing authority pages linked above.

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