

# Application

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State Legislative District \_\_\_\_\_

**License:**  LCPC  LGPC  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Work Setting:**  Private Practice  Public Agency

Hospital  University  School  Non-profit

Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership:

**LCPC Membership:** \$105

**LGPC/Retiree Membership:** \$85

**Student Membership:** \$25

*To qualify for the student fee, you must be enrolled at least half-time in a graduate program. Retired means you are not working as an LCPC.*

**Website Listing:** If you wish to be on the LCPCM **Find a Therapist** referral list, enter three practice areas below:

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**Please check to volunteer:**  Membership

Legislation  Ethics  Professional Development

LGPC/student liaison  Website

**Mail Application and check made out to LCPCM to:**

**LCPCM, PO Box 482, Garrett Park, MD 20896**

**301.545.0554 or go to [www.lcpcm.org](http://www.lcpcm.org)**

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## Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors of Maryland

**Dedicated to the well being  
of our clients and the  
professionalism of our members**

Regulated by the Maryland Board of  
Professional Counselors & Therapists



## History

LCPCM has represented mental health counselors since 1979, first as a division of the Maryland Counseling Association and then as a separate non-profit association specifically for Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors. With the advent of licensure in 1998, LCPCs established their own association with a clear clinical identity, and a mission to ensure that LCPCs would grow to become the recognized and respected mental health providers that they are today.

Initially, comprised of all volunteers, LCPCM now supports professional lobbying and administrative support services. LCPCM is the only association to exclusively represent Maryland's LCPCs and LGPC's in the Maryland General Assembly and is a state chapter of the American Mental Health Counselors Association.

## Mission

LCPCM advocates for Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors by:

- offering opportunities for growth and clinical competency;
- holding members to high ethical standards;
- working for legislative equity, professional parity; and client access to quality clinical mental health treatment services.

## Accomplishments

- 1998: LCPCM raised money and successfully lobbied the Maryland General Assembly to amend The Professional Counselors Act, establishing a new clinical credential, the "LCPC", and expanding the professional counselors' scope of practice to include the authority to diagnose and treat mental and emotional disorders. As a result, health insurance companies must reimburse clients for the psychotherapy services provided by an LCPC.
- 1999: LCPCM facilitated the passage of a LCPC privileged communication statute to protect the confidentiality of our clients in court.
- 2000: LCPCM was successful in getting LCPCs included as special preferred providers under the BCBS Federal Employee Program Plans. FEP plans now include LCPCs as eligible providers.

- 2001: LCPCM initiated legislation that added LCPCs to the list of clinical professionals authorized to sign and have implemented an Petition for Emergency Evaluation.
- 2002: LCPCM initiated legislation that established the Licensed Graduate Professional Counselor (LGPC) credential. This credential allows our counseling graduates to be competitive with other professionals seeking employment.
- 2003: LCPCM initiated legislation to amend the state Insurance Code. It broadened the scope of mandatory reimbursement coverage to include clients who live or work in Maryland —even if the client's insurance plan originated in a state without mandatory coverage for LCPCs.
- 2008: After years of work, testing legislation initiated by LCPCM passed in the Maryland General Assembly, authorizing qualified LCPCs in Maryland to conduct psychological assessments independently.
- 2010: The state of Maryland Department of Personnel established a job classification for LCPCs with a corresponding career track.
- 2010-Present: LCPCM testifies in the Maryland General Assembly every year regarding proposed legislation that could affect LCPC practice and the well-being of our clients.

## Membership Benefit

**Affordable CEUs.** Fall and Spring Conferences offer members the chance to meet other LCPCs from across the state, to explore issues effecting LCPC practice, and to access affordable and discounted clinical training.

**Lobbying.** LCPCM advocates for our members on state and federal issues that impact the LCPC profession.

**Supervisor Training Program.** LCPCM provides an 18 hour CEU program for LCPCs who wish to become Approved Counselor Supervisors.

**Membership Directory.** The directory includes important phone numbers and email addresses to facilitate LCPC networking with colleagues.

**Website ([www.lcpcm.org](http://www.lcpcm.org)).** Members stay informed about conferences, membership information, legislative initiatives, office availability and job vacancies, "Find a Therapist" referral listing is available on the LCPCM website as a membership benefit by name and zip codes.

**Professional Liability Insurance.** LCPCM endorses a discounted professional liability insurance program through CPH & Associates.

**Leadership Opportunities.** Members may serve on the LCPCM Board of Directors, chair committees, offer training.

**Networking Opportunities.** Members have the opportunity to attend conferences twice a year and participate in monthly membership meetings.

**Professional Counselor Network Service (PCSN):** This service matches LGPCs with LCPCs who are Approved Clinical Supervisors (ACS) credentialed by the Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists.

**Advertising.** LCPCM publishes LCPC and LGPC pamphlets for employers and clients that explain the scope of practice and qualifications of our members.

**Community Involvement:** An LCPCM representative attends Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists meetings in Baltimore. LCPCM also participates with various community groups that are working for the benefit of our clients.