

LGPCs Are Regulated By The State Of Maryland

- Licensed Graduate Professional Counselors are authorized by the Maryland Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists to diagnose and treat mental and emotional disorders under the supervision of a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors (LCPC) or other approved supervisor.
- The Maryland General Assembly enacted the LGPC legislation in 2002 to ensure that those working toward their LCPC license would be fully regulated while working under supervision.
- Several private and state colleges and universities in Maryland and the Washington Metropolitan Region have graduate schools that offer Master's degree programs in counseling and related fields.
- Upon graduation and completion of the required coursework and internships, counselors must pass a national examination and apply for a license to practice under supervision.
- Counseling graduates must become an LGPC to obtain the required clinical experience for the LCPC independent practice credential.
- Once licensed, graduate professional counselors are authorized to work in clinical settings such as mental health agencies, hospitals, and public and private non-profit programs, and universities serving individuals with mental health needs.
- LGPCs provide a wide range of psychotherapy, diagnosis and treatment services to children, adolescents, adults, couples, families and groups.
- The confidential communications between LGPCs and their clients are privileged.
- Licensed Graduate Professional Counselors must meet stringent educational and training requirements to practice in Maryland.



LGPCs Are Qualified Mental Healthcare Professionals

- Prior to applying for a license, the counseling graduate must have a Master's degree in counseling, psychology, or related field from an approved graduate school program that consists of 60 graduate credit hours of specific courses.
- In addition, the counseling graduate must pass the National Counselor's Examination (NCE) and an additional state examination on counseling ethics and laws regulating the counseling profession in Maryland.
- The LGPC supervisor must be approved by the Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists. The supervisor may be an LCPC or other health care provider licensed under the Health Occupations Article, such as a licensed social worker, psychologist, or psychiatrist.

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

Depression

Anxiety and Stress

Marital & Family Problems

Substance Abuse

Sudden Loss

Parenting Problems

Physical and Sexual Abuse

Situational Crisis