

MINNESOTA LICENSURE OPTIONS IN MENTAL HEALTH SPRING 2005

BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND THERAPY

Licensed as **Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)** which allows for independent practice.

Requires 700 hour field experience and 48 credit MA program. After passing the counselor licensure exam, you must also complete 12 additional graduate credits and 2000 supervised hours of experience by your first license renewal (2 years).

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

Licensed as **Licensed Psychologist (LP)** which allows for independent practice. New licensees allowed only at the doctoral level.

Licensure at the masters' level is Licensed Psychological Practitioner (LPP) which requires continued supervision by an LP. There is currently a proposal in the MN Legislature to stop accepting applications to LPP as of 12/31/05 and convert all existing LPP's to LP's. There would be no more LPP licensure after that.

BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY

Licensed as **Licensed Marriage and Family Therapy (LMFT)** which allows for independent practice.

Requires 500 hours of direct client contact supervised practice as part of pre-licensure training. Also requires some post-degree supervised practice before you are allowed to practice independently. You will need 5 additional marriage and family courses after you complete the Bethel MA in Counseling Psychology program.

BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

Licensed as **Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW)** which allows for independent practice. Not usually a route pursued by those with degrees in psychology because of the specialized social work courses required.

