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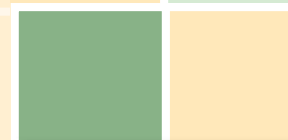


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# Board Certified Professional Counselor, BCPC<sup>SM</sup>

# The Board Certified Professional Counselor, BCPC, Program



## The Mission

The mission of the **American Board of Professional Counselors<sup>SM</sup> (ABPC)** is to be the nation's leading advocate for counselors. We will work with you to protect your right to practice, increase parity for your profession, and provide you with the recognition, validation, and fairness that you so richly deserve. ABPC will champion counselors' right to practice.

The prestigious **Board Certified Professional Counselor<sup>SM</sup>** credential will set you apart as being an accomplished, competent, and dedicated professional in the counseling profession.

By joining the American Psychotherapy Association<sup>®</sup> as a Board Certified Professional Counselor<sup>SM</sup>, you are joining more than an association. You become a member of a community of counselors dedicated to working together not only to better serve your clients but also to support each other in your own professional development.



## How will this help my career?

By earning this credential, you demonstrated specialized skills and knowledge that complement your work and set you apart from others in the field. The BCPC credential recognizes exceptional professionals who have dedicated and committed their lives to helping others.

Becoming a Board Certified Professional Counselor and a member of the American Psychotherapy Association will provide you with resources, continuing education opportunities, and a forum to network with your fellow professional counselors.

*"Certifications or licensures as a therapist demonstrate meeting basic requirements to enter the therapeutic professions. The Board Certified Professional Counselor credential demonstrates dedication to continued growth and excellence in the field. Board Certified Professional Counselor credentialing benefits the client as much and perhaps more than the professional."*

—Robby Giunta, MS, CASAC, MISA II, DAPA



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## How do I earn the credential?

Candidates must meet the following requirements to qualify for the BCPC designation.

- Have a Master's or Doctoral degree in counseling, psychology, social work, marriage and family therapy, psychiatry, medicine, or a related area from an accredited educational institution or foreign equivalent\*
- Have at least 5 years of post-graduate experience working in the field of mental health, counseling, and/or social work
- Have passed the state's licensing criteria for licensure in the state where the counselor practices
- Have passed the national exam for their specialty area (LPC, LMFT, LCSW, ICRC/AODA etc.) where applicable, such as the NCE or the NMHCE exam
- Pass the Ethics module prepared and sanctioned by the American Psychotherapy Association

\*Applicants who have obtained their education outside of the United States and its territories must have their highest academic degree(s) validated as equivalent to a Master's or Doctoral degree conferred by an accredited college or university in the United States.



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