



Licensure Program: The Master of Science degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling offered by Eastern Oregon University (EOU) is designed to meet the 2016 Standards of the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). However, *EOU's Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling is not currently accredited by CACREP*. The program is designed for you to be able to meet the educational and clinical experience requirements for counseling licensure in most states **(see exceptions below)**. CACREP accreditation will be applied for by the program as soon as it is eligible, which is upon graduation of the first cohort, estimated for August 2025.

EOU is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU). NWCCU is the regional accreditation agency for colleges and universities in the States of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington. NWCCU is recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education as a reliable authority on the quality of education for the institutions it accredits. NWCCU is also recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), affirming that its Standards and processes are consistent with the quality, improvement, and accountability expectations that CHEA has established. Accreditation by NWCCU is not partial but applies to the institution as a whole.

EOU, as a member of the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA), is authorized to offer distance programs in all states that participate in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA). Approval for institutional participation was granted by the State of Oregon's Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) on October 12, 2022. California is the only state that does not participate in SARA therefore Eastern Oregon University is exempt from approval from the California Bureau of Post-Secondary Education.

Although we are authorized to deliver distance education in all forty-nine SARA-participating states, some state Counseling Licensure Boards have imposed restrictions on out-of-state students completing clinical experience hours in their states. As a result, we do not offer our degree program in every state; **the exceptions are noted below**. Prospective students are strongly encouraged to check with their state Counseling Board or equivalent licensing board of the state in which they intend to obtain licensure and/or certification as requirements may be subject to change. In addition, we cannot admit international or US Territory applicants residing outside of the United States, as all clinical experience sites must be physically located in the United States to receive approved supervision.

It is through its regional accreditation by NWCCU, recognition by CHEA, and NC-SARA authorization that EOU's Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling program meets the educational requirements for counseling licensure and/or certification, in the states in which it offers the program.

See table of states licensure requirements and CMHC program alignment on the next page.

*Due to differences in professional licensure and supervision requirements, EOU MS in CMHC cannot accept international students living abroad.



Alignment of Eastern Oregon University’s Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling to Individual States’ Licensure requirements for Professional Counselors

State	Yes	No
Alabama		X
Alaska	X	
Arizona	X	
Arkansas	X	
California	X	
Colorado	X	
Connecticut	X	
Delaware	X	
Florida		X
Georgia	X	
Hawaii	X	
Idaho	X	
Illinois		X
Indiana	X	
Iowa	X	
Kansas		X
Kentucky	X	
Louisiana	X	
Maine	X	
Maryland	X	
Massachusetts	X	
Michigan	X	
Minnesota	X	
Mississippi	X	
Missouri		X
Montana	X	
Nebraska	X	
Nevada	X	
New Hampshire	X	
New Jersey		X
New Mexico	X	
New York		X
North Carolina		
North Dakota	X	
Ohio		X
Oklahoma	X	
Oregon	X	
Pennsylvania	X	
Rhode Island	X	
South Carolina	X	
South Dakota	X	



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Tennessee	X	
Texas	X	
Utah	X	
Vermont	X	
Virginia		X
Washington	X	
West Virginia	X	
Wisconsin		X
Wyoming	X	
American Samoa		X
Baker Island		X
Bajo Nuevo Bank		X
Guam		X
Howland Island		X
Jarvis Island		X
Johnston Atoll		X
Kingman Reef		X
Midway Islands		X
Navassa Island		X
Northern Mariana Islands		X
Palmyra Atoll		X
Puerto Rico		X
San Juan		X
Serranilla Bank		X
Us Virgin Islands		X
Wake Islands		X