



LMU School Psychology Program: Licensed Educational Psychologist (LEP) Eligible

This document outlines the definitions from the [CA Business and Professions Code](#) (BPC) regarding Licensed Educational Psychologists (LEP) and Licensed Professional Clinical Counselors (LPCC).

Licensed Educational Psychologist (LEP)

Scope of Practice [4989.10. - 4989.18.]: The practice of educational psychology is the performance of any of the following professional functions pertaining to academic learning processes or the educational system or both:

- Educational evaluation.
- Diagnosis of psychological disorders related to academic learning processes.
- Administration of diagnostic tests related to academic learning processes including tests of academic ability, learning patterns, achievement, motivation, and personality factors.
- Interpretation of diagnostic tests related to academic learning processes including tests of academic ability, learning patterns, achievement, motivation, and personality factors.
- Providing psychological counseling for individuals, groups, and families.
- Consultation with other educators and parents on issues of social development and behavioral and academic difficulties.
- Conducting psychoeducational assessments for the purposes of identifying special needs.
- Developing treatment programs and strategies to address problems of adjustment.
- Coordinating intervention strategies for management of individual crises.

Obtaining Licensure [4989.20. – 4989.28.]: The board may issue a license as an educational psychologist if the applicant satisfies, with proof satisfactory to the board, the following requirements:

- Possession of, at minimum, a master's degree in psychology, educational psychology, school psychology, counseling and guidance, or a degree deemed equivalent by the board. This degree shall be obtained from an educational institution approved by the board according to the regulations adopted under this chapter.
- Be 18 years of age or older.
- Is not subject to denial of licensure pursuant to Section 480.
- Successful completion of 60 semester hours of postgraduate work in pupil personnel services.
- Two years of full-time, or the equivalent to full-time, experience as a credentialed school psychologist in the public schools. The applicant shall not be credited with experience obtained more than six years prior to filing the application for licensure.
- One of the following:
 - One year of supervised professional experience in an accredited school psychology program.
 - In addition to the requirements of item (5), one year of full-time, or the equivalent to full-time, experience as a credentialed school psychologist in the public schools obtained under the direction of a licensed educational psychologist or a licensed psychologist.
- Passage of an examination specified by the board.

Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC)

Scope of Practice [4999.20. - 4999.27.]: Professional clinical counseling is focused exclusively on the application of counseling interventions and psychotherapeutic techniques for the purposes of improving mental health, and is not intended to capture other, nonclinical forms of counseling. Professional clinical counseling means the application of counseling interventions and psychotherapeutic techniques to identify and remediate cognitive, mental, and emotional issues, including personal growth, adjustment to disability, crisis intervention, and psychosocial and environmental problems, and the use, application, and integration of the coursework and training.

Professional clinical counseling includes conducting assessments for the purpose of:

- Establishing counseling goals and objectives to empower individuals to deal adequately with life situations
- Reduce stress
- Experience growth
- Change behavior
- Make well-informed, rational decisions.

Obtaining Licensure [4999.30. – 4999.66.]: The board may issue a professional clinical counselor license to any person who meets all of the following requirements:

- He or she has received a master's or doctoral degree.
- He or she has completed at least 3,000 hours of supervised experience in the practice of professional clinical counseling.
- He or she provides evidence of a passing score, as determined by the board, on the examinations.
- Has not been convicted of a crime in this or another state or in a territory of the United States that involves sexual abuse of children or who is required to register pursuant to Section 290 of the Penal Code or the equivalent in another state or territory.
- Have successfully passed a state and federal level criminal offender record information search conducted through the Department of Justice by submitting fingerprint images and other information to the Department of Justice for the purpose of obtaining records of state and federal convictions and arrests. The board shall request the subsequent arrest notification service on all applicants, pursuant to Section 11105.2 of the Penal Code.

Note: This document is intended for information purposes only. Codes and licensing regulations may change, and it is the individual's responsibility to stay up to date on requirements.