

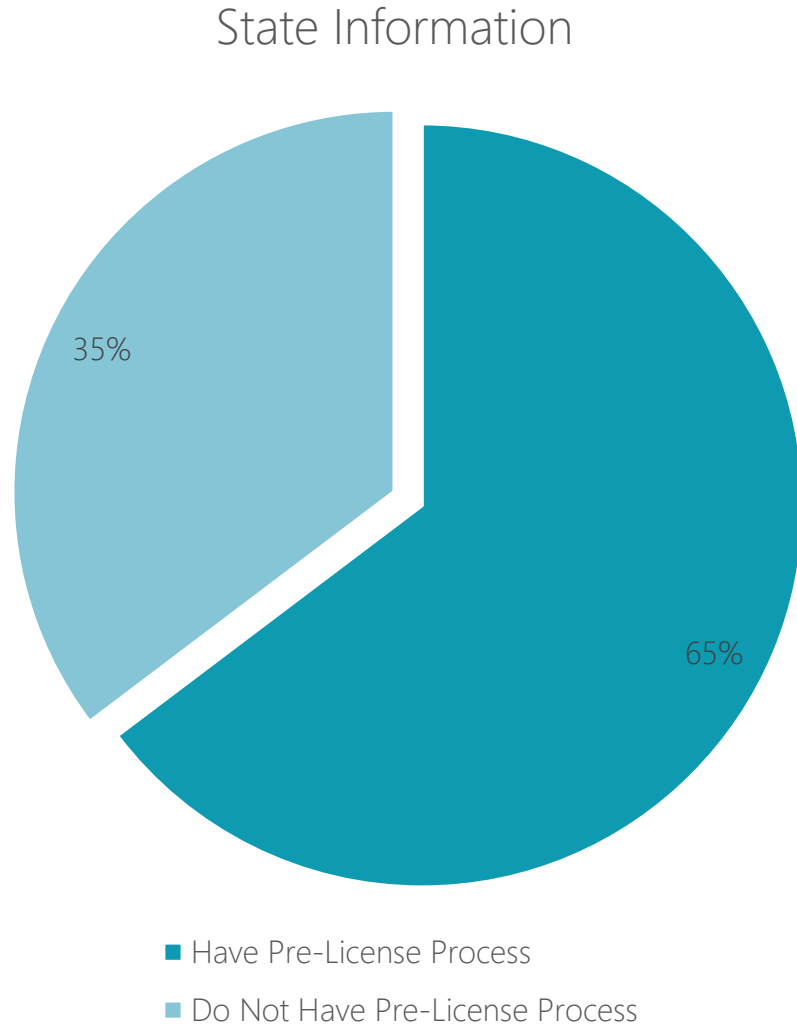


Associate Counselor License

House Bill 126 & Senate Bill 116

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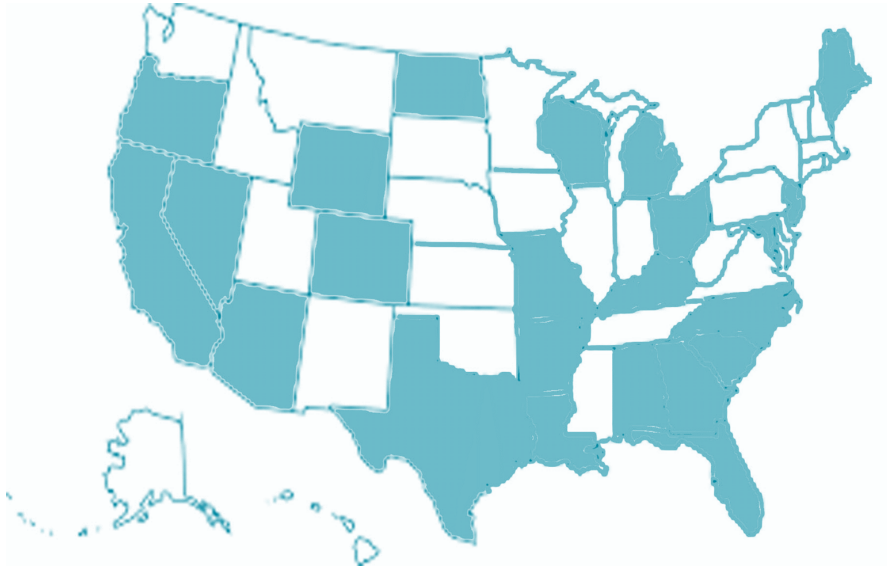
National Trends



More states are regulating the process for becoming fully licensed through a transparent “pre-licensing” status.

Titles may include associate, trainee, provisional, intern, and conditional.

Pre-Licensure is a Beneficial Trend



Current States with
Pre-Licensure designation

Practicing professional counseling under a license is good for Alaska because:

- Ensures professional trained and supervised counselors are assisting the needs of Alaska residents.
- Creates standard of practice for the state.
- Maintains national standards.
- Provides guidance and accountability for new counselors.

Titles by State

Alaska
Has Chosen
The Title

Associate
Counselor

Provisional Licensed Professional Counselor – Colorado, Missouri, Puerto Rico, Wyoming

Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor Intern – Nevada, Texas

Licensed Professional Counselor Associate – Kentucky, North Carolina

Licensed Associate Counselor – New Jersey, North Dakota

Associate Licensed Counselor – Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas

Licensed Graduate Professional Counselor – Maryland

Limited Licensed Professional Counselor – Michigan

Licensed Professional Counselor Trainee – Wisconsin

Licensed Mental Health Counselor Intern - Florida

Associate Professional Counselor – Georgia

Counselor Intern – Louisiana, South Carolina

Clinical Resident – Ohio

Conditional LPC – Maine

Clinical Counselor Intern- California

Registered Intern - Oregon

Associate Counselor License Requirements

Supporting Mental Health in Alaska

All documents must be submitted for approval to become an Associate Counselor:

- Two letters of recommendation from professional counselors
- Must be at least 18 years old
- Is not under investigation in any jurisdiction
- No previous license suspended, revoked, surrendered in lieu of discipline
- Completed all education requirements
 - Doctoral degree in counseling or related professional field
 - Masters degree in counseling or related professional field

Streamline Process

Support & Guidance To Complete Licensure

Once the following has been completed, the Associate Counselor may apply for a full Professional Counselor License:

- Pass the NCE or NCMHCE and submit scores
- 3,000 hours of supervised experience
 - 1,000 hours of these must be direct counseling
 - 100 hours face-to-face supervision by approved supervisor
 - Submit letter of reference from approved supervisor and documentation of hours

Benefits for Alaska

- Professional Streamlined Process
- Clear Guidelines
- Regular Reporting Measures
- Support with Supervisor Changes (important for Military)
- State Recognized Level of Care
- Enhanced Professionalism
- Maintaining National Standards
- Better Care for All Alaskans

Thank you for supporting
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