

Oregon mental health provider licensure or certification requirements, master's degree level ¹

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Licensure or certification	PMHNP <i>Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner</i>	LCSW <i>Licensed Clinical Social Worker</i>	LMFT <i>Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist</i>	LPC <i>Licensed Professional Counselor</i>
State mandates reimbursement by insurers?	Yes	Yes	No	No
Licensing or certifying body	Certification by <i>Oregon State Board of Nursing</i> (limited to holders of registered nurse license)	Licensure by <i>Board of Clinical Social Workers</i>	Licensure by <i>Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists</i>	Licensure by <i>Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists</i>
Degree type ²	MS or MA in nursing with psychiatric specialty	MS or MA in social work	MS or MA in marriage and family therapy or related degree with systemic coursework	MS or MA in counseling or graduate degree judged equivalent by the Board
Source of standards or accreditation required for degree program approval	<i>Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education or National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission</i>	<i>Council on Social Work Education</i>	<i>Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists or Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education</i>	<i>Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists or Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs or Council on Rehabilitation Education</i>
Degree program length	One year minimum	Not specified by state or accrediting bodies	72 minimum credit hours (about 2 years)	72 minimum credit hours (about 2 years)
Face-to-face client service hours (post-degree, supervised)	Not required	2000, post-degree	2000, post-degree	2400, of which up to 800 may be obtained during graduate degree program
Indirect practice hours (post-degree, supervised)	Not required	1500	Not specified ³	Not specified ³
National or state exams	Not required	Association of Social Work Boards Exam	National Marital and Family Therapy Exam	National Counselors Exam (among others approved by Board)

¹ Based on information provided obtained from the pertinent Oregon licensing/certifying boards and accrediting bodies. Compiled by Jeff Borchers, Ph.D. and Gary Woodring, LMFT for the Oregon Coalition for Consumer Mental Health Protection and Choice (www.OregonMentalHealth.info).

² These master's degrees are roughly comparable with regard to total hours spent in pre-degree practicum/internship.

³ Indirect practice hours accumulate in the course of providing face-to-face client service in roughly the same proportion as required for LCSW licensure. Includes activities such as participating in staff meetings and in-services, writing progress notes, getting supervision, returning client phone calls, etc. The respective master's degrees are roughly comparable with regard to total hours spent in pre-degree practicum/internship and hours of face-to-face client contact.