

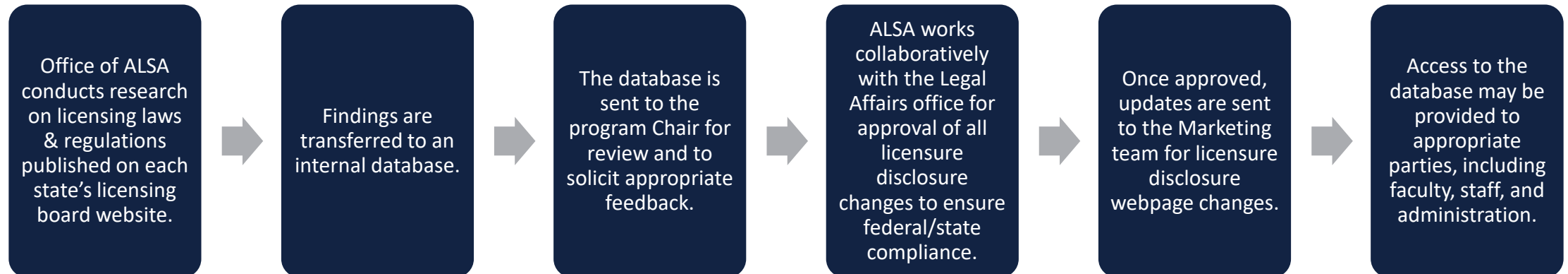
# The Licensure Story; When Obstacles & Challenges Lead to Wins

The Office of Accreditation, Licensure, & State Authorizations  
(ALSA)

# Project Description

- With the licensure disclosure requirements set forth by the federal government, the Chicago School has worked diligently to develop and publish licensure disclosures for all programs leading to professional licensure
- In 2019, the Office of Accreditation, Licensure, & State Authorizations (ALSA), established an annual audit to determine and track where the Chicago School's programs' offerings lead to professional licensure eligibility.

# The Process



STATE	PROGRAM TITLE	EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS	EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS	LICENSE TITLE	PROPOSED LEGISLATION	CACREP ACCREDITATION REQUIRED	ALSA COMMENTS	CHAIR COMMENTS-	THE CHICAGO SCHOOL PROGRAM MEETS EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE (YES/NO)
AL	M.A. Clinical Mental Health Counseling	(a) Beginning January 1, 2022, a master's degree in counseling is defined as a minimum of sixty (60) graduate semester hours or ninety (90) graduate quarter hours at a regionally accredited college or university (e.g. Southern Association of	The completion of 3,000 hours of supervised experience in professional counseling acceptable to the board. An applicant may subtract 1,000 hours of the required professional experience for every 1.5 graduate semester hours obtained	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	None at this time.	Yes			Yes
AK	M.A. Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Must successfully complete either (A) an earned doctoral degree in counseling or a related professional field from a regionally or nationally accredited institution of higher education approved by the board; or	At least 3,000 hours of supervised experience in the practice of professional counseling performed over a period of at least two years under the supervision of a supervisor approved under AS 08.29.210, with at least 1,000 hours of	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	None at this time.	No			Yes
AR	M.A. Clinical Mental Health Counseling	(a) The applicant must have received a graduate degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education that is primarily professional counseling or therapy in content and document completion of a minimum of 60 graduate semester hours in course work, counseling/therapy	(A) The applicant has three thousand (3,000) client contact hours of supervised full-time experience in professional counseling acceptable to the board. (B) Two thousand (2,000) client contact hours of	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	None at this time.	No			Yes
AZ	M.A. Clinical Mental Health Counseling	counselor shall have a master's or higher degree with a major emphasis in counseling from: 1. A program accredited by CACREP or CORE that consists of at least 60 semester or 90 quarter credit hours, including a supervised counseling practicum as prescribed	A. An applicant for professional counselor licensure shall demonstrate completion of at least 3200 hours of supervised work experience in the practice of professional counseling in no less than 24 months. The applicant shall ensure	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	None at this time.	No			Yes
CA	M.A. Clinical Mental Health Counseling	(b) To qualify for licensure or registration, applicants shall possess a master's or doctoral degree that is counseling or psychotherapy in content and that meets the requirements of this section, obtained from an accredited or approved institution, as defined in Section 4999.12. For purposes of this	(1) A minimum of 3,000 postdegree hours performed over a period of not less than two years (104 weeks). (2) Not more than 40 hours in any seven	Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC)	None at this time.	No			No
CO	M.A. Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Has completed a master's or doctoral degree in professional counseling from an accredited school or college or an equivalent program as determined by the board. The degree or program must include a practicum or internship in the principles and the practice of professional counseling.	At least two years of post-master's practice or one year of postdoctoral practice in licensed professional counseling under clinical supervision; and At least two thousand hours of practice in counseling, including at least one	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	None at this time.	No			Yes
CT	M.A. Clinical Mental Health Counseling	(A) (i) Earned a graduate degree in clinical mental health counseling as part of a program of higher learning accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs, or a successor organization, or	Three thousand hours of postgraduate experience under professional supervision, including a minimum of one hundred hours of direct professional supervision, in the practice of professional counseling, performed over a	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	None at this time.	No			Yes
DC	M.A. Clinical Mental Health Counseling	(a) That the applicant has received a master's degree or higher from an institution of higher education which was accredited, at the time the degree was conferred, by an accrediting body recognized by the	A minimum of three thousand five hundred (3,500) hours of professional counseling performed over a period of not less than two (2) years and not more than five (5) years, under the general supervision of a qualified supervisor	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	None at this time.	No			Yes
DE	M.A. Clinical Mental Health Counseling	The applicant's master's degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling shall be documented by an official transcript submitted directly to the Board by the accredited educational institution granting the degree. In cases where an applicant's master's degree required remediation by the certifying	3,200 hours of supervised professional mental health counseling acceptable to the Board obtained over a period of not less than 2 years and not more than 4 years, at least 1,600 hours of which shall be supervised clinical experience	Licensed Professional Counselor of Mental Health (LPCMH)	None at this time.	No			Yes
FL	M.A. Clinical Mental Health Counseling	health counseling program accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs that consists of at least 60 semester hours or 80 quarter hours of clinical and didactic instruction, including a course in human sexuality and a course in substance abuse.	Two (2) years of post-master's supervised experience under the supervision of a Board approved qualified supervisor. These hours must be documented on the Verification of Clinical Experience Form by the supervisor or they will	Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC)	None at this time.	No, however, beginning July 1, 2025, an applicant must have a master's degree from a CACREP accredited program.			Yes
GA	M.A. Clinical Mental Health Counseling	A master's degree in a program primarily counseling in content or in a program of applied psychology, which degree includes a supervised practicum or internship of at least 300 hours which was part of the degree program, from an institution which, at the time the degree was awarded, was	Four (4) years of post-master's directed experience under supervision [see definitions in Rule 135-5-.02(a)] in the practice of Professional Counseling in a work setting acceptable to the Board OR three (3) years of post-master's	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	None at this time.	No			Yes

# Location Disclosure Process (From the student's perspective)

- Application
- Disclose state of residence
  - Along with the state intended to seek licensure
    - Pop-up produces the most recent determination for Licensure eligibility if the program does not meet licensure criteria.
  - Change of Address
    - Similar to the admissions process, a pop-up is generated for students filing an address change.

# Licensure Disclosure Webpage

## M.A. Clinical Mental Health Counseling: Online

The *M.A. Clinical Mental Health Counseling* online program (“Program”) is designed to meet the educational requirements for **professional counseling licensure**. Determinations regarding professional licensure eligibility associated with this program are outlined below.

- The Program **meets** the educational requirements for professional counseling licensure in the following states: [Alabama](#), [Alaska](#), [Arkansas](#), [Arizona](#), [Colorado](#), [Connecticut](#), [Delaware](#), [Florida](#), [Georgia](#), [Hawaii](#), [Idaho](#), [Illinois](#), [Indiana](#), [Iowa](#), [Kentucky](#), [Louisiana](#), [Maine](#), [Maryland](#), [Massachusetts](#), [Michigan](#), [Minnesota](#), [Missouri](#), [Mississippi](#), [Montana](#), [Nebraska](#), [Nevada](#), [New Hampshire](#), [New Jersey](#), [New Mexico](#), [New York](#), [North Carolina](#), [North Dakota](#), [Ohio](#), [Oklahoma](#), [Oregon](#), [Pennsylvania](#), [Rhode Island](#), [South Carolina](#), [South Dakota](#), [Tennessee](#), [Texas](#), [Utah](#), [Vermont](#), [Virginia](#), [Washington](#), [Washington D.C.](#), [Wisconsin](#), [West Virginia](#) and [Wyoming](#).
- The Program **does not meet** the educational requirements for professional counseling licensure in the following states: [California](#) and [Kansas](#).
- A **determination has not been made** as to whether or not the Program meets the educational requirements for professional counseling licensure in the following states: American Samoa, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Marshall Islands, Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

# Questions?