

Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)

Associated Industries: Human Services | Business, Management & Administration | Education & Training

 **Prerequisite Education:** Advanced degree

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Description and Labor Market Information

A Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) or Licensed Mental Health Counselor helps clients address mental health conditions through counselling. LPCs may work in schools, hospitals, prisons, or in private practice.

This credential was associated with 22 occupations that were identified as well-paying and in demand. Overall, those occupations represent 58,089 positions with 5,343 annual openings within the state with median hourly earnings of \$34.53.

Associated Occupations

Educational, Guidance, and Career Counselors and Advisors

Median Hourly Earnings: \$29.93
Typical Entry Level Education Requirement: Master's degree
Total Positions: 2,422 | Annual Job Openings: 234

Counselors, All Other

Median Hourly Earnings: \$25.54
Typical Entry Level Education Requirement: Master's degree
Total Positions: 353 | Annual Job Openings: 36

Substance Abuse, Behavioral Disorder, and Mental Health Counselors

Median Hourly Earnings: \$25.69
Typical Entry Level Education Requirement: Bachelor's degree
Total Positions: 1,430 | Annual Job Openings: 152

Certifying Entity Information

DCCA Mental Health Counselor Licensing Program

Website: cca.hawaii.gov/pvl

Phone: (808) 586-2693

Length of Certification Validity: Renew every triennium.

Associated Costs: \$60 application fee, \$275 exam fee, and \$256-444 for state licensure depending on year of triennium.

Age Requirement: 18

Exam Details and Preparation

Coursework and Enrollment Requirements:

Hold master's or doctoral degree in counseling, obtain 3,000 hours of post-graduate experience in mental health counseling, and pass National Counselor Examination (NCE).

Local Training/Education Availability:

Chaminade University of Honolulu or University of Hawai'i Hilo.

Local Exam Site: Pearson VUE (O'ahu).

Exam Time: 3 hours 45 minutes. 200 questions.

Exam Pass Rate: N/A

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This project has been led by Hawai'i P-20 Partnerships for Education and supported by strategic leadership from the Hawaii Department of Education, University of Hawai'i Community Colleges, Hawaii Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Chamber of Commerce Hawaii, and Kamehameha Schools.

Students in Hawai'i can earn hundreds of industry-recognized credentials right now. Thousands of students are investing time and resources to achieve these credentials with the hope they will lead to a career that enables them to live and thrive in Hawai'i. But how effective are these programs at preparing Hawai'i students for future careers and long-term success?

The 2023 Promising Credentials in Hawai'i report, an updated analysis for our state, identifies the credentials students can earn that actually matter in the real world to local employers.

Through intensive labor market analysis and outreach to local Hawai'i postsecondary institutions, this project has identified **69 Promising Credentials** that are associated with in-demand, living wage occupations throughout the state. The process began with identifying **284 Promising Occupations** that met wage and demand thresholds. A list of corresponding credentials for the 284 occupations was then compiled using job postings data. Finally, Hawai'i postsecondary education administrators from across the state completed a survey to validate the credential offerings at their institutions.

The resulting Promising Credentials were identified as relevant in hiring and promotional decisions for multiple in demand and well-paying occupations within the state. A detailed one-page summary of each of these Promising Credentials has been organized for student, school, and community use.

The comprehensive report and associated data can be found at:
www.hawaiip20.org/resource/promisingcredentials/