



Board of  
Behavioral  
Sciences

1625 North Market Blvd., Suite S-200, Sacramento, CA 95834  
(916) 574-7830, (800) 326-2297 TTY, (916) 574-8625 Fax  
[www.bbs.ca.gov](http://www.bbs.ca.gov)



Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr.  
State of California  
State and Consumer Services Agency  
Department of Consumer Affairs

October 21, 2011

Robert A. Williams, Ph.D., Department Chair  
Department of Counseling  
San Francisco State University  
Burk Hall 524  
1600 Holloway Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94132-4161

Dear Dr. Williams:

After reviewing the information provided, the Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS) has determined that San Francisco State University's Masters degree in Counseling (with specializations in Career; College; Gerontological; Marriage, Family, and Child; Rehabilitation; and School Counseling) includes coursework that meets the statutory requirements for Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC) Licensure under Business and Professions Code section (BPC) 4999.32. Therefore, many of your students that begin graduate study before August 1, 2012 and complete that study on or before December 31, 2018, may be eligible for LPCC licensure.

A list of schools with degrees that are counseling or psychotherapy in content will be available on the BBS Web site to assist potential applicants in auditing their education to determine eligibility for the LPCC license. Please continue to check the BBS Web site at [www.bbs.ca.gov](http://www.bbs.ca.gov) for LPCC updates and information.

If you have any questions about the BBS' evaluation, please contact Elisabeth Liles at (916) 574-7843 or [Elisabeth.Liles@dca.ca.gov](mailto:Elisabeth.Liles@dca.ca.gov). If you have questions about the LPCC license, please visit the BBS Web site or contact Rosanne Helms at (916) 574-7897 or [Rosanne.Helms@dca.ca.gov](mailto:Rosanne.Helms@dca.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

Kim Madsen  
Executive Officer  
Board of Behavioral Sciences



**After reviewing the information provided, the Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS) has determined that the following coursework meets the statutory requirements for Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC) licensure under Business and Professions Code section (BPC) 4999.32.**

**Core Content Areas**

**Counseling and Psychotherapeutic Theories and Techniques**

- COUN 700 – Theories of Counseling

**Human Growth and Development across the Lifespan**

- COUN 702 – Developmental Foundations for Counselors

**Career Development Theories and Techniques**

- COUN 720 – Career Counseling or COUN 778 – Occupational Information, Dynamics, and Placement in Rehabilitation Counseling

**Group Counseling Theories and Techniques**

- COUN 811 – Group Counseling Process

**Assessment, Appraisal, and Testing of Individuals**

- COUN 715 – Assessment in Counseling

**Multicultural Counseling Theories and Techniques**

- COUN 833 – Social and Cultural Foundations in Counseling

**Principles of the Diagnostic Process**

- COUN 703 – Psychological Foundations for Counselors

**Research and Evaluation**

- COUN 794 – Seminar in Research

**Professional Orientation, Ethics, and Law in Counseling**

- COUN 857 – Law and Ethics for Counselors

**Additional Coursework**

**Alcoholism and Other Chemical Substance Dependency**

- COUN 738 – Alcohol and Substance Abuse

**Human Sexuality**

- COUN 859 – Counseling Aspects of Sexuality

**Psychopharmacology**

- COUN 877 – Psychopharmacology in Counseling or COUN 737 – Psychopharmacology in Counseling

**Spousal or Partner Abuse**

- COUN 858 – Couples & Family Counseling I, COUN 860 – Couples & Family Counseling II (must have both courses)

**Child Abuse Assessment and Reporting**

- COUN 859 – Counseling Aspects of Sexuality

**California Law and Professional Ethics**

- COUN 857 – Law and Ethics for Counselors

**Aging and Long-term Care**

- COUN 702 – Developmental Foundations for Counselors

**Crisis or Trauma Counseling**

- No coursework satisfies this requirement