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COUNSELING ACRONYMS

Examinations

	Full name	Offered by	What it is used for
NCE Visit Site: 	National Counselor Examination	National Board for Certified Counselors	It can be used to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ achieve the National Certified Counselor (NCC) certification.▪ fulfill the examination requirement for licensure in many states.
NCMHCE Visit Site: 	National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination	National Board for Certified Counselors	It can be used to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ achieve the National Certified Counselor (NCC) certification AND the Certified Clinical Mental Health Counselor (CCMHC) certification.▪ fulfill the examination requirement for licensure in many states.
CPCE Visit Site: 	Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Examination	Center for Credentialing & Education	Is used as an exit examination by many counseling programs. Although it is similar to the National Counselor Examination (NCE) in format and content, it is not used for state licensure or to fulfill the examination requirement for certification.

Certifications

	Full name <i>Click for more information</i>	Offered by	Area
NCC	<u>National Certified Counselor</u>	National Board for Certified Counselors	General counseling
NCSC	<u>National Certified School Counselor</u>	National Board for Certified Counselors	School Counseling
CCMHC	<u>Certified Clinical Mental Health Counselor</u>	National Board for Certified Counselors	Clinical Counseling
MAC	<u>Master Addictions Counselor</u>	National Board for Certified Counselors	Addictions Counseling
ACS	<u>CCE Approved Clinical Supervisor (ACS) Program</u>	Center for Credentialing & Education	Counseling Supervision
BCC	<u>Board Certified Coach</u>	Center for Credentialing & Education	Coaching
BC-TMH	<u>Board Certified-TeleMental Health Provider</u>	Center for Credentialing & Education	Telemedicine
GCDF	<u>Global Career Development Facilitator</u>	Center for Credentialing & Education	Career Development

Affiliates

<p>NBCC</p>  <p>nbcc.org</p>	 <p>NATIONAL BOARD FOR CERTIFIED COUNSELORS®</p> <p>National Board for Certified Counselors</p>	<p>is an organization that represents the profession and offers the National Certified Counselor (NCC) board certification.</p>
<p>NBCCF</p>  <p>nbccf.org</p>	 <p>nbcc FOUNDATION®</p> <p>NBCC Foundation</p>	<p>is an affiliate of NBCC that offers scholarships, fellowships, and capacity-building grants to individuals pursuing careers as professional counselors who are committed to serving high-priority populations after graduation.</p>
<p>CCE</p>  <p>cce-global.org</p>	 <p>CENTER FOR CREDENTIALING & EDUCATION™</p> <p>Center for Credentialing & Education</p>	<p>is an affiliate of NBCC that provides practitioners and organizations with assessments, business support services, and credentialing.</p>



Frequently Cited

<p>CACREP</p> <p>Visit Site: </p>		<p>Council for Accreditation of Counseling & Related Educational Programs</p>	<p>is the certifying body for counselor education programs. Beginning in January 2024, only graduates from CACREP-accredited programs will be eligible for the National Certified Counselor (NCC) credential.</p>
<p>MHF</p> <p>Visit Site: </p>		<p>Mental Health Facilitator program</p>	<p>is provided through our International Capacity Building Department and trains people outside the field of mental health in basic helping and referral skills to increase service capacity for meeting global mental health needs.</p>
<p>ACA</p> <p>Visit Site: </p>		<p>American Counseling Association</p>	<p>is a not-for-profit, professional and educational organization that is dedicated to the growth and enhancement of the counseling profession.</p>
<p>ATCB</p> <p>Visit Site: </p>		<p>Art Therapy Credentials Board</p>	<p>is a non-profit organization engaged in promoting the profession and professional practice of art therapy.</p>

This is not an exhaustive list. There are numerous others, especially involving state licensure (LPC, LCPC, LPCC, LMHC, LCMHC, etc.) The acronyms listed here are those that have a direct bearing on people interested in certification.