



## LICENSURE FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH MILITARY TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

The North Carolina Board of Licensed Professional Counselors has provisions for persons that are in the military or military spouses in accordance with NC Gen Stat § 93B-15.1. Although the military does not provide military training or award a military occupational specialty license in professional counseling, if an applicant is a member of the military or military spouse, they may apply for licensure under the following requirements:

A member of the military who is seeking to become licensed as a professional counselor in North Carolina shall meet the following criteria:

- (1) Holds a current license to practice professional counseling from another jurisdiction and that jurisdiction's requirements for licensure are substantially equivalent to or exceed the requirements for licensure in North Carolina.
- (2) Has engaged in the active practice of the counseling for at least two of the five years preceding the date of the application.
- (3) Has not committed any act in any jurisdiction that would have constituted grounds for denial, suspension, or revocation of a license to practice counseling in this State at the time the act was committed, as set forth in NC Gen Stat § 90-340.
- (4) Pays any fees required by the NC Board of Licensed Professional Counselors in order to be licensed, as set forth in NC Gen Stat § 90-334(f) and 21 NCAC 53 .0501.

No later than 30 days following the applicant making application, the NC Board of Licensed Professional Counselors shall notify the applicant when the applicant's education, licensure and/or experience does not satisfy the requirements for licensure and shall specify the criteria or requirements that the board determined that the applicant failed to meet and the basis for that determination.

A military spouse who is seeking to become licensed as a professional counselor in North Carolina shall meet the following criteria:

- (1) Holds a current license to practice professional counseling from another jurisdiction, and that jurisdiction's requirements for licensure are substantially equivalent to or exceed the requirements for licensure in North Carolina.
- (2) Can demonstrate competency in the practice of counseling by having engaged in the active practice of counseling for at least two of the five years preceding the date of the application under this section.
- (3) Has not committed any act in any jurisdiction that would have constituted grounds for denial, suspension, or revocation of a license to practice counseling in North Carolina at the time the act was committed, as set forth in NC Gen Stat § 90-340.
- (4) Is in good standing and has not been disciplined by the agency which regulates the practice of counseling in any state in which he/she is currently licensed.
- (5) Pays any fees required by the NC Board of Licensed Professional Counselors in order to be licensed, as set forth in NC Gen Stat § 90-334(f) and 21 NCAC 53 .0501.

All relevant experience of a military service member in the discharge of official duties or, for a military spouse, all relevant experience, including full-time and part-time experience, regardless of whether in a paid or volunteer capacity, shall be credited in the calculation of years of practice in counseling.