

# LPC by Comity

Mississippi does not have agreements of reciprocity with any other state. However, individuals can apply for an LPC by Comity by meeting the following requirements (complete requirements are posted in Rule 4.3 of the Rules and Regulations):

## Pre-application Requirements for Licensure by Comity

- Valid LPC license, at the independent practice level, issued by another state.
- Out-of-state license in good standing, with no disciplinary action.
- At least 5 years of professional work experience as a counselor since the issue date of the license.

## Individuals applying for Licensure by Comity should also be prepared to submit with your application:

*\*Before creating an online Profile, please gather the items for #3 and #4. Once you begin the profile, you must enter and upload supporting documents before you can save and continue creating Profile. (Once you check the box in Part V and VII, you cannot edit the application.)*

1. **Verification of Licensure in Other Jurisdiction** ([Link to Form D](#))
2. **Copy of original licensure file which includes supervision verification forms, transcript, and national exam scores.** If the state will not forward a copy of your license file, then you must request the documentation to be sent directly to the MS LPC Board from source, as required. (i.e. Transcript from University, NCE/NCMHCE score report from NBCC)
3. **Curriculum Vitae.**
4. **Three (3) work reference names and email addresses.** When your application is submitted, the Board will send an email requesting a letter of recommendation from these individuals that will be returned directly to the Board as outlined in the instructions they will receive. The reference letter must be on letterhead (to include address and phone number) with their signature and include context of relationship and observations. The reference will also be required to complete a short evaluation of Applicant.
5. **Fingerprint Background Check.** You will order a fingerprint card from the Board when you pay your application fee at the end of the application process. The fingerprint card and instructions for processing will be mailed to you.
6. **Individuals applying for Licensure by Comity should also submit a passing score on the Mississippi Pass/Fail Jurisprudence Examination as part of your application.**  
The examination cannot be taken prior to submitting an online application and remitting the application fees. (See Instructions below for Applying for Licensed Professional Counselor by Comity for details on registering for examination.)

**NOTE: If you are not a resident of Mississippi, you must upload documentation for distance professional services provider, as pursuant to the Rules and Regulations 7.5., in order to provide telehealth/distance professional services to clients from your state to clients who are receiving services in Mississippi. You must also maintain a license where you are providing services from. Please upload the supporting documentation to the DPS section of profile. The documentation will be reviewed and if it meets the rules requirement, your profile will be updated.**

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## Information Regarding Distance Professional Services (DPS) Documentation

As pursuant to the Rules and Regulations 7.5.,

a. Board Certified-TeleMental Health (BC-TMH) credential from the Center for Credentialing and Education, Inc. (CCE), an affiliate of the National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC), or an equivalent credential as recognized by CCE.

OR

b. Professional training. The professional training must be a minimum of nine (9) clock hours.

All professional training must include:

- i. HIPAA compliance for Telemental Health
- ii. Ethical and legal issues in Telemental Health, including confidentiality/privacy issues
- iii. Crisis planning & protocols in Telemental Health
- iv. Choosing and using technology in Telemental Health
- v. Orienting clients to Telemental Health
- vi. Telemental health settings and care coordination
- vii. Appropriateness of Telemental Health

Professional training can be gained by either:

- (1) Graduate-Level Academic Training (as documented on the syllabus) or
- (2) Continuing Education training course (as documented by certificate). **This is one program in its entirety as opposed to multiple CEH from various providers. It can be a training course listed for the BC-TMH required training or other Board approved training program.**

A list of (Board approved) BC-TMH required training programs can be found [here](#).