

Portability – Endorsement - Reciprocity

The Georgia Composite Board of PC, SW, MFTs offers Endorsement for those moving to Georgia.

- Application Fee \$100 (non-refundable)
- Must be licensed at the highest level in your state.
- Minimum of two (2) years of unrestricted licensure at the level of a Georgia licensed professional counselor, in good standing, from the licensure Board of every state in which the applicant is currently, or has ever been, licensed; and,
- Verification of active, unrestricted practice at the level of a Georgia licensed professional counselor for a minimum of two (2) years immediately preceding the date of application for licensure by Endorsement to the Georgia Board, and,
- Verification of passing score on the NBCC exams: NCE or NCMHCE exams; and,
- Request an official copy of your educational program transcript be sent to the Georgia Board by the issuing institution.
- The Board may request further verification of any credential submitted if deemed necessary to evaluate the application.

Opinion by Stephen “Steve” Giunta, PhD, LMHC, Clinical Supervisor

"Portability has been a pain in our side for decades. If it helps, it was AMHCA and NBCC, during the 2014 AMHCA conference in Seattle that first started the current portability effort. That effort now includes ACES & AASCB. In turn ACA has taken a crack at portability too. Here are a few points for folks to consider:

- While some state out there may require a 60 hour degree, others (including Florida) only require 60 degree hours. In my case (an MA in psychology), I had to take two classes.

- Some contiguous states offer portability between the two states via a compact. And that is a growing backdoor effort. I know of two CACREP universities that will (or are close to finalizing) accept 30 hours of related non-CACREP credits toward a 60 hour degree. That is good news for folks interested in working within CACREP only environments like the VA. Those two universities are Troy University and the University of the Cumberland's. I bet others are following.

While I'm afraid this isn't the answer you want, it does help some of us. The work continues."

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