Post Master’s Certificate Program – A 15-credit program that students complete in order to prepare for licensure. Usually graduates of the School Counseling program enroll in the PMC program in order to prepare for licensure. Once they complete the JHU program, graduates will need to complete the following courses: Couple and Family Counseling, Ethics, and Addictions in order to satisfy licensure requirements for Maryland.

Students who are enrolling in our program from another degree program are advised to have their graduate transcripts evaluated for a $25 fee by the Maryland Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists (http://dhmh.maryland.gov/bopc/). Having transcript evaluated prevents students from taking courses that won’t count towards licensure. The BOPC will provide you with a list of courses you need to complete. JHU typically uses this evaluation as the basis for developing a program plan.

Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study (CAGS) – A 30-credit program that students complete in order to develop proficiency in counseling. If students need more than 30 hours to satisfy licensure requirements, JHU recommends that they complete our master’s program. Sometimes students enroll in the CAGS program in order to develop counseling strategies and interventions that may be useful in other disciplines or professions.

Licensure

Maryland:
LGPC – Licensed Graduate Professional Counselor
http://dhmh.maryland.gov/bopc/SitePages/gradprofessional.aspx

LCPC - Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor
http://dhmh.maryland.gov/bopc/SitePages/profcounselor.aspx

Steps to Licensure

1. Complete Application
2. Pay $75.00 Fee
3. Submit Transcripts, application, and fee to the Board
4. Satisfy Educational Requirements
5. Pass the NCE and the Maryland Law Test (administered at the Board’s office twice monthly)
6. Become a Graduate Professional Counselor
7. Submit a renewal application if necessary